

City of Houston Lake

Unofficial Minutes of the Council Meeting

June 13, 2011

The Council of the City of Houston Lake met in regular session on June 13, 2011 at City Hall. The following members were present: Aldermen Phil Otte, Perry Davis, Dan Coronado and Rick Cowan.

Opening Session

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Mayor Hallauer presided.

Public Discussion the

Resident Joe Chepren told the Council that while he was cleaning out some culverts he noticed that on several utility poles, there were some very loose and sagging guide wires that could be potentially dangerous. Joe said that he would provide the pole identification numbers and the Mayor will contact KCPL.

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The minutes were approved by general consent.

Building Permit

Treasurers Report

Alderman Davis moved that we accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Alderman Coronado. Motion passed.

Resolution 6-13-11 (paybills)

Alderman Cowan moved that we accept Resolution 6-13-11, seconded by Alderman Davis.

Motion passed.

Emergency Management

Director of Houston Lake Emergency Management, Alderman Cowan told the Council that he would be resigning as Director. He recommended Alderman Dan Coronado take the position as Director. The Council thanked Mr. Cowan for taking Emergency Management to a greater level. The Council agreed by general consent to appoint Alderman Coronado as Director of the Houston Lake Emergency Management Director Alderman Cowan also introduced resident Bob Bailey a licensed ham radio operator. Mr. Bailey had expressed his willingness to help Emergency Management in case of a disaster. He demonstrated to the Council, with his computer and GPS system, how this could be a great advantage in a search and rescue situation. The Council agreed.

Code Enforcement/Sheriff's Report

Codes Enforcement Officer Mitch Kelly submitted to the Council a Codes report for the months of May and June. A Platte County Sheriff's report was also submitted for the months of April and May.

Reports from Aldermen

Alderman Cowan – Alderman Cowan asked the Mayor about the Certificate of Insurance for the fireworks display. The Mayor said that it was in the works. Mr. Cowan also brought up the fact that with the new trash containers the Council may want to consider amending the restriction on leaving the containers closer to the street as this could be an issue with some of our older residents. He also pointed out that it's already an issue with him as he has to bring his containers up a flight of stairs to get it to the curb. The Council agreed to look into this.

Alderman Otte – Alderman Otte reported that he fixed the plank on the bridge and he also took care of the nails that had loosened. He also asked if the old recycle tubs needed to be returned. Mayor Hallauer said to keep them and use for something else or return them to City Hall. The Mayor suggested using it for glass recycle. If it is returned, Allied Waste cleans them up and donates them to schools.

Alderman Coronado – Alderman Coronado reported that the Census Bureau has the current statistics for our city online and Houston Lake was above the average for the return of information. He said that that the city has a total population of 235 with 40 people from the ages of 40 to 65. The average number of children per family is 2.7. To find more information on Houston Lake go to the US Census.

Alderman Davis – Alderman Davis reported that Cub Scout Pack 330 had their annual fishing derby at Houston Lake. There were 19 scouts that attended and 87 fish were caught and released. They all had a great time.

Old Business

a. Mayor Hallauer told the Council that the new trash carts from Allied Waste have been delivered. He noted that there are smaller 39 gallon carts available by request. The automated truck will not be used for a while until everyone gets used to the new carts.

New Business

a. Mayor Hallauer informed the Council that the City Attorney is still working on the language or rewording of the Property Maintenance Code.

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Mayors Report

a. Mayor Hallauer gave the Council a copy of the budget to review for a discussion and vote at next months Budget Hearing at the City Council Meeting.

b. Mayor Hallauer reported that 2 dumpsters were filled on the Lake Clean-Up Day compared to 3 filled last year.

c. Mayor Hallauer informed the Council that the Celebration of the 4th is coming soon and many people's effort goes into making this a great day for all.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm