

**City of Houston Lake**  
**Unofficial Minutes of the Council Meeting**  
**January 9, 2012**

The Council of the City of Houston Lake met in regular session on January 9, 2012 at City Hall. The following members were present: Aldermen Phil Otte, Rick Cowan, Perry Davis and Dan Coronado.

**Opening Session**

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

**Public Discussion**

Mr. Rick Cowan, a former Law Enforcement Officer and currently with a lobbying group, Coalition Against Big Trucks. He told the Council that there is a strong effort in congress to push legislation through to increase the allowable weights of trucks from 80,000 lbs to 100,000 lbs. This change would certainly raise a grave safety issue as well as a detriment to our infrastructure through out the nation. He asked the Council to consider joining other cities in passing a Resolution to oppose this bill.

**Minutes December 12, 2011**

The minutes were approved by general consent.

**Building Permit**

The Council approved, by general consent, a building permit for a storage shed at 5464 NW Venetian Drive.

**Treasurers Report**

Alderman Cowan moved to approve the 1-9-12 treasurers report, seconded by Alderman Coronado. Motion passed.

**Resolution 01-09-12 (paybills)**

Alderman Davis moved that we accept Resolution 01-09-12, seconded by Alderman Otte. Motion passed

**Collectors Report**

City Collector, Joyce Kullman gave her monthly report to the Council. Total deposits for the City of \$64,852.31 were made for the period ending 12-31-11.

**Code Enforcement/Sheriff's Report**

A report from 12-1-11 to 12-31-11 was submitted to the Council from the Platte County Sheriff's Department.

Codes Enforcement Officer Mitch Kelly submitted report for December, 2011 to the Council.

### **Emergency Management**

No report

### **Reports from Aldermen**

**Alderman Cowan** – No report

**Alderman Otte** –Alderman reported that he found an old fishing boat hidden in the woods. He will report any serial numbers to the Sheriff's Department in hopes of locating the owner.

**Alderman Coronado** – No report

**Alderman Davis** – No report

### **Old Business**

None

### **New Business**

Mayor Hallauer gave the Council a copy of a Park Grant to be submitted for a water fountain at the City Park. A copy of a cost proposal from Anderson Backhoe showed the total cost at \$8,663.00. After much discussion, the Council voted unanimously to move forward with the Grant but with zero matching funds.

A formal resolution, approving and endorsing the application for the grant was passed by general consent.

### **Mayors Report**

a. KCPL sent a notice to Mayor Hallauer that they will be trimming trees in Houston Lake.

b. City Clerk, Marsha Duncan, submitted to the Council bid proposals for 3 copy machines from the Copier Shop. The Council requested a bid from another company. This will be presented and discussed with the Homes Association.

c. Mayor Hallauer told the Council that he spoke with the City of Riverside and the contract price for fire protection will remain the same for the next four years. The new contract will be renewed in July.

d. Mayor Hallauer has issued a warning to residents of Houston Lake on raccoons that seem ill. The City of Riverside has reported 11 raccoons and Houston Lake 4 raccoons with distemper. Please take caution and report this to Mitch Kelly as soon as possible. This distemper can be passed on to your pets through outside feeding bowls.

e. All officials that receive requests for city information, must do so through a written request by mail or e-mail. This will be answered in the appropriate time.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm