

City of Houston Lake
Unofficial Minutes of the Council Meeting
March 12, 2012

The Council of the City of Houston Lake met in regular session on March 12, 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

Nick Jackalone asks the Council for a clarification for a proposed shed. He wants to connect an existing shed to a new shed, which would make it a 15x12 structure. Mayor Hallauer told him that the proposed shed would be over the limits for what code allows but a variance could be granted by the Council. Mr. Jackalone will submit his application for a permit.

Larry Haines suggested to the Council installing a few more speed limit signs around the lake since we have a lot of walkers and cyclers with an increase in traffic. The Council will take this up for discussion.

A spokesman from State Representative Ron Schieber's office addressed the Council. He wanted to let the Council know that they may contact Mr. Schieber's office if they have any questions on legislative matters.

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The minutes were approved by general consent.

Building Permit

None

Treasurers Report

Alderman Davis moved to approve the 3-12-12 treasurers report, seconded by Alderman Otte. Motion passed.

Resolution 03-12-12 (paybills)

Alderman Cowan moved that we accept Resolution 03-12-12, 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 \$4524.40 were made for the period ending 2-29-12.

Code Enforcement/Sheriff's Report

A report from 2-1-12 to 2-29-12 was submitted to the Council from the Platte County Sheriff's Department.

Codes Enforcement Officer, Mitch Kelly, submitted his report to the Council for the months of January and February, 2012

Emergency Management

Emergency Management Director, Dan Coronado told the Council he spoke with Emergency Management Director Jennifer Fales regarding emergency management training classes or CERT classes that will start March 15th. This would be (3) 8 hours of free classes. If training took place, Houston Lake would be affiliated with the KCMO EMT. KCMO would provide all equipment needed. This training would be an added benefit as if Houston Lake needed more than the Houston Lake team in an emergency, KCMO would assist in any search/ rescue situation. Mayor Hallauer asked Mr. Coronado to check with other directors after the March 15th class for recommendations to join KCMO CERT classes or pay for classes in Platte County.

Old Business

a. The Council approved, by general consent, the Copier Shop's proposal on the purchase of a new copy machine as the current machine is starting to malfunction do to its age.

New Business

- a. A request for a street light to be installed at 5380 NW Edgewood Trail was approved by the Council.
- b. Another request for a street light at Wagon Trail Circle was tabled for further discussion. A petition in favor of the street light, with the signatures of 4 residents was presented to the Council. Resident Marlene Reynolds objected to the proposal stating there was plenty of light in that area with the lights from surrounding homes. This will be discussed at the next City meeting.
- c. The Council approved to raise the budgeted amount for the fiscal year by \$10,000 because of the many unforeseen expenses incurred this year.
- d. The Council voted in favor to take \$15,000 from the General Fund and place it in a Mill/Overlay CD for future use.

Reports from Aldermen

Alderman Cowan – No report

Alderman Otte – Alderman Otte told the Council that he and Alderman Coronado pulled the boat that they found out of the creek. Anyone that is missing a boat should contact the City Council for identification. He also reminded everyone of the up coming election.

Alderman Coronado – No report

Alderman Davis – Alderman Davis wanted to remind people that because of the nice weather there will be people using the lake that are not residents. Asking them to leave, using civility, should be the norm.

Mayors Report

a. Mayor Hallauer gave the Council a breakdown of the Platte County Roads Sales Tax. Houston lake received over the last 10 years a distribution of \$100,000 for the maintenance and repair of its roads. The Platte County Commission will have to decide to put this on the ballot to extend this sales tax for another 10 years. It's not to add any new tax but just to extend the existing tax.

b. Mayor Hallauer told the Council that he and Alderman Davis moved to Houston Lake at about the same time. They both served on the Homes Association Board and the City. This will be Alderman Davis's last City Council meeting as he will be moving. He greatly thanked Alderman Davis's service to the community.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 pm