

City of Houston Lake
Official Minutes of the Council Meeting
September 10, 2012

The Council of the City of Houston Lake met in regular session on September 10, 2012 at City Hall. The following members were present: Aldermen Phil Otte, Dan Coronado, Jean Anderson, and Rick Cowan.

Opening Session

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

Public Discussion

None

Minutes August 13, 2012

The minutes were approved by general consent.

Building Permit

A building permit at 5336 NW Wagon Trail for a deck was approved by general consent. A permit for demolition at 5519 NW Adrian was approved by general consent. Alderman Phil Otte recused himself.

Treasurers Report

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

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Resolution 09-10-12 (paybills)

Alderman Otte moved that we accept Resolution 09-10-12, seconded by Alderman Coronado. Motion passed

Collectors Report

City Collector Joyce Kullman reported deposits for month of August, 2012 at \$2,415.44.

Code Enforcement/Sheriff's Report

Codes Enforcement Officer, Mitch Kelly submitted his report for the months of August/September, 2012.

Emergency Management

Emergency Management Director Dan Coronado is holding a meeting with his Houston Lake CERT team on September 11 to go over the different aspects of participation with the Northland CERT team. He also will be attending a meeting at the Johnson County Fair grounds for "Animals in Disaster".

Old Business

- a. Mayor Hallauer informed the Council that the City's "Notice to Condemn" at 5426 NW Venetian had reached the 30 day period from the last public notice. The Mayor then introduced the owner of the property, Sheila Hallacy. She assured the Council that she has begun to secure and repair the property for either selling or renting. Codes Enforcement Officer, Mitch Kelly agreed to give a 30 day extension.
- b. Bill 081312-2, a bill that would raise the grinder pump maintenance fee and also included an "opt out" option was discussed by the Council. It was decided by the Council that the "opt out" option should not be included thus halting the bill from advancement.

New Business

a. The City Council was presented Bill No. 091012-1, Grinder Pump Maintenance Fee increase from \$120.00 per year to \$240.00 per year. Alderman Otte moved that we place Bill No. 091012-1 on its first reading by title only, seconded by Alderman Coronado.

The City Clerk read Bill No. 091012-1 by title only.

Alderman Cowan moved that we place Bill No. 091012-1 on its second reading by title only, seconded by Alderman Otte.

The City Clerk read Bill No. 091012-1 by title only.

Alderman Coronado moved that we place Bill No. 091012-1 on its final passage, seconded by Alderman Otte.

Roll call:

Cowan – Aye

Anderson - Aye

Otte – Aye

Coronado - Aye

Bill No. 091012-1, Ordinance No. 338 was passed.

Reports from Aldermen

Alderman Cowan – No report.

Alderman Otte – No report

Alderman Coronado – Alderman Coronado again called Bill Dooley of the Sewer Department regarding replacing the grass that was disturbed from the construction.

Alderman Anderson – Alderman Anderson reported that the final draft has been made for the new City directory. She also learned from her research on the National Flood Insurance Program through FEMA that Houston Lake was not in a high risk area. FEMA would provide assistance even if we do not participate in the program. If we decide to participate, a resident would be able to purchase Flood insurance at a much lower cost.

Mayors Report

a. Mayor Hallauer told the Council that the Annual Brush Clean-up would take place on October 15th. A notice will be put in the Houston Laker.

b. Mayor Hallauer received a letter from the Mayor of St. Louis regarding Proposition A. Prop A will be on the November Ballot. This letter will be published in the Houston Laker.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm