

City of Houston Lake
Official Minutes of the Council Meeting
October 8, 2012

The Council of the City of Houston Lake met in regular session on October 8, 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

Mrs. Halterman asked the Council if she could raise chickens in her back yard. Mayor Hallauer informed her that there is a City Ordinance and a Venetian Garden restriction agreement that prohibits keeping such animals in the City limits. Another resident asked about building a shed on a concrete slab. Mayor Hallauer informed him he needed to fill out an application for a building permit. He could go online and download a copy at our website **Houstonlake.net** or a copy of the application can be delivered.

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The minutes were approved by general consent.

Building Permit

Building permits for an electrical upgrade at 5448 NW Venetian, a fence and deck at 5424 NW Venetian and a replacement for electrical, plumbing, HVAC, roof, foundation repair and detached garage at 3409 NW Edgewater Trail were all approved by the City Council.

Treasurers Report

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

Resolution 09-10-12 (paybills)

Alderman Cowan moved that we accept Resolution 10-08-12, seconded by Alderman Otte. Motion passed

Collectors Report

City Collector Joyce Kullman reported deposits for month of September, 2012 at \$5,263.62.

Code Enforcement/Sheriff's Report

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

Emergency Management

Emergency Management Director Dan Corondo said that he and Nick Jackalone attended the Johnson County seminar on Animals in Disaster. He also will be attending a 3 day class on ICS 300 Command testing. And all members of the Houston Lake Cert Team as well as Cert teams from all over the city will attend a Cert Team Rodeo for specialized training.

Old Business

None

New Business

a. Mayor Hallauer had a resident ask to revisit Chapter 205 on Animal regulations regarding the Pitt Bull breed. The resident feels that this section should be amended, as it is singling out a breed of dog. After much discussion it was determined by the Council not to pursue this issue until there is more public support to amend this chapter.

Reports from Aldermen

Alderman Cowan – No report.

Alderman Otte – Alderman Otte said that he had received a call from a resident stating that they had heard gun fire the night before. Alderman Otte emphasized anyone that hears gunfire should immediately call the Platte County Sheriff's Department and NOT their Alderman.

Alderman Coronado – Alderman Coronado said that Bill Dooley of the KCMO Sewer Department has re-seeded the areas that were disturbed from the construction.

Alderman Anderson – Alderman Anderson said that the directory is near completion and she is still working with FEMA for more information on the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

Mayors Report

a. Mayor Hallauer told the Council that he is starting to get more “Open Burn” applications for fire pits. A discussion on manufactured pits and “constructed” pits took place. It was determined that pits that require construction should have a permit as they would require the Fire Marshall's approval and would be a permanent structure.

b. Mayor Hallauer said the Bridge and Spillway project is underway.

c. Mayor told the Council that “Unofficial Minutes” would no longer be published in the Houston Laker. No other City distributes unofficial minutes. The Official Minutes of each City meeting will be posted on the website AFTER the Council approves them.

d. Mayor Hallauer thanked the Council for their diligence in the analysis of the many building permits they have reviewed thus moving the City forward.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 pm