

City of Houston Lake
Official Minutes of the Council Meeting
June 9, 2014

The Council of the City of Houston Lake met in regular session on June 9, 2014 at City Hall. The following members were present: Aldermen Phil Otte, Dan Coronado and Jean Anderson. Alderman Rick Cowan was excused.

Opening Session

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

Public Discussion

No public discussion

Minutes April 14, 2014

The April, 2014 minutes were approved by general consent.

Building Permit

A recreational burning permit for 5359 NW Edgewood Trail was approved by the Council.

Mayor Hallauer submitted to the Council a request for a permit from the Venetian Garden Homes Association (VGHA) for a concrete pad on the peninsula to set the storage unit for the fireworks. Because of a change in safety regulations at the ATF, the storage unit must sit on a rock bed or concrete pad at least 150 feet away from an occupied building.

The City proposed to the VGHA a gravel pad that could be removed after use. This was not acceptable to the VGHA and insisted on a concrete pad at the City's expense. A gravel pad would have been approximately \$300.00 and the concrete pad at \$1500.00.

The Council's concerns were many. The permit contained no language to who could have access to this pad in the future. And as a Councilman pointed out "I am disappointed in raising the cost of what we are in need of." "The VGHA could have considered less expensive ways to meet this requirement."

The Council also voiced their opinions on the motive of the VGHA. "We do know why the VGHA insist on a concrete pad, and it's not because of weed control.....it's a ploy". "There's a faction within the VGHA that do not want the fireworks".

Because the City does not bring this community together that often for celebration, one Councilman stated "The Council is above this pettiness" and needs to ignore the politics "We have to take the high road" and approve this pad. Another Councilman said "Since the majority of the VGHA voted in favor of the fireworks display.....I signed up for the City Council to help this community"

The permit was approved unanimously.

Treasurers Report

The treasurers' report was approved by the Council.

The Treasurers report shows a grand total balance of \$305,932.49.

Resolution 06-09-14 (paybills)

The City Council approved Resolution 06-09-14 unanimously.

Collectors Report

City Collector submitted a report of an April collection of \$23,540.62 and May collection of \$12,024.35.

Code Enforcement/Sheriff's Repo

Reports were submitted from the Platte County Sheriff's Department for the months of April and May, 2014.

Codes Enforcement Officer, Mitch Kelly presented the Council with a June, 2014 report.

Emergency Management

Houston Lake CERT team members attended the Tornado Table Top exercise presented by the KCMO Emergency Management office on June 20th along with CERT teams from the Kansas City metro area.

Emergency Management Director Dan Coronado attended the 2 day FEMA Command Staff Liaison Officer training at the KCMO Emergency Operations Center.

Houston Lake Emergency Management will close the bridge and travel access across the dam during the 4th of July Firework show for the safety of the residents and guests that want to view the show from the dam. Houston Lake Drive will be closed at Venetian Drive and Edgewater Trail will be closed at Jeffery Lane. We will continue to do this every year we have a firework show.

Law enforcement, fire, and EMS have been notified and postings will be sent out by Textcaster and on Facebook page this year and posted in the Houston Laker HOA paper and the Houston Lake web site for the next firework show.

Emergency management and CERT will have a tent at the 4th of July bbq and potluck distributing preparedness information, Vials of Life, hand sanitizers, coloring books for kids and donating 2 weather radios for the picnic bingo!

EM Director Dan Coronado was notified that Houston Lake Emergency Management is now part of the metro wide MARC Emergency Management Committee voted on by members of the various metro Emergency Management Offices throughout the Kansas City area.

Old Business

Mayor Hallauer told the Council that the spillway bridge has been damaged again. It is assumed that it was a large truck that hit the bridge as a boulder was moved also. The Mayor also brought up the discussion of closing the bridge indefinitely starting from July 4th. He noted that this would be an inconvenience to some that may have to use Jeffrey Lane as an exit from Houston Lake but with a grant, Jeffrey Lane could be fixed to accommodate this traffic. The Mayor added that this was between inconvenience or safety. Alderman Otte made a motion to close the spillway bridge, seconded by Alderman Coronado. All were in favor.

New Business

Mayor Hallauer presented the Council 2 proposals to reroof City Hall and the garage. The first proposal was from VanPelt Contracting. The total to reroof City Hall was \$6,631.53 and the garage was \$4,674.97. The second proposal was from All Season Roofing with a total for City hall at \$7,645.00 and the garage at \$5,795.00. The proposals will be discussed in a closed session.

Reports from Aldermen

Alderman Cowan – Excused

Alderman Otte – No report

Alderman Coronado – No report

Alderman Anderson – Alderman Anderson noted that there was no meeting for the Arts Council in May but the next meeting would be June 21st at 10:00 am.

Mayors Report

a. Mayor Hallauer said that the City Clean up Day went very well and 2 dumpsters were filled. He thanked everyone that helped.

b. Mayor Hallauer said that Emergency Management Director, Dan Coronado will organize his CERT Team in closing of roads and directing traffic for the 4th of July Celebration.

Closed Session

Mayor Hallauer asked the Council for a motion to go into a closed session. Alderman Coronado made said motion, seconded by Alderman Otte. All were in favor.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m.