

**City of Houston Lake**  
**Official Minutes of the Council Meeting**  
**July 14, 2014**

The Council of the City of Houston Lake met in regular session on July 14, 2014 at City Hall. The following members were present: Aldermen Phil Otte, Dan Coronado and Rick Cowan. Alderman Jean Anderson was excused.

**Opening Session**

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

**Public Discussion**

Many residents were present to discuss their concerns and/or opposition to the closing of the spillway bridge. Many ideas were presented regarding the current traffic and speeding problems on the dam such as “more speed bumps”, “more police presence” or “Cert team monitors”. Resident Terri Deister will present a petition at the next City meeting in opposition to the closing.

Resident Evadene Judge requested help in a clogged up drainage ditch in her neighbor’s driveway that results in water rushing down her driveway and into her garage. Residents offered to help and to approach the neighbor in question to resolve the problem.

A resident reported that there have been many reports of someone shooting wildlife on the lake. Geese and turtles have been shot. Canada Geese are protected under law with a \$10,000 fine and jail time. If anyone sees an incident like this, please contact the Platte County Sheriff’s Department.

**Minutes April 14, 2014**

The June, 2014 minutes were approved by general consent.

**Building Permit**

No permits

**Treasurers Report**

The treasurers’ report was approved by the Council.

The Treasurers report shows a grand total balance of \$303,266.69.

**Resolution 07-14-14 (paybills)**

The City Council approved Resolution 07-14-14 unanimously.

**Collectors Report**

City Collector, Joyce Kullman submitted a report of an June collection of \$12,024.35.

**Code Enforcement/Sheriff’s Repo**

A report was submitted from the Platte County Sheriff’s Department for the month of June, 2014.

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

**Emergency Management** Emergency Management Director Dan Coronado said that the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks went well without any real serious incidents. He encountered one resident that resisted the “road closed” sign on the dam but he explained to the resident this was for public safety.

Houston Lake Emergency Management was accepted as a formal member of the MARC Metropolitan Emergency Managers Committee.

The Office of the Houston Lake Emergency Management was also accepted as a NOAA Weather Ready Nation Ambassador partner committed to improving the community and nation’s readiness against extreme weather, water and climate events.

Dan Coronado will also be attending the Platte County Managers meeting at the Platte County Resource Center.

### **Old Business**

a. Mayor Hallauer opened the discussion regarding the closure of the spillway bridge. He said that this has been an issue for a long time. Many residents have voiced their concern of the danger they have experienced with the heavy and speeding traffic. The Council voted to close the bridge but the question has been over the permanence of the closure. In case of emergencies such as heavy snow storms or blocked streets from extreme storms, a better idea would be to have gates that could be opened if needed. Another major concern for the City is the damage that the bridge is incurring because of the heavier traffic. This bridge was not made to sustain the added traffic. The issue remains that this is a matter of convenience or safety. This will be a matter of discussion at the next City meeting.

### **New Business**

a. Mayor Hallauer opened the 2014-2015 Budget Hearing. He presented the Council with the 2014-2015 Budget. Alderman Cowan made a motion to accept the new budget, A seconded by Alderman Otte. All were in favor. The new 2014-2015 budget was passed.

b. A Resolution was introduced by Mayor Hallauer to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program. A motion was made to accept the resolution by Alderman Coronado, seconded by Alderman Otte. Motion passed

c. A Resolution to honor the late Mayor Charlie Hinson of the City of Lake Waukomis was read by the City Clerk. Alderman Cowan made a motion to accept the Resolution, seconded by Alderman Coronado. Motion passed.

### **Reports from Aldermen**

**Alderman Cowan** – Alderman Cowan expressed his thanks to the VGHA for allowing the use of the peninsula for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks display. He also thanked the City for the funding and the Emergency Management Team.

**Alderman Otte** – Alderman Otte said the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks display was wonderful and the best ever.

**Alderman Coronado** – Alderman Coronado said that he witnessed a resident shooting bottle rockets at geese and the killing of a goose by a pellet gun. He reported this to the Missouri Department of Conservation as well as the U.S. Department of Agriculture Wildlife Services. The resident was also cited by the Platte County Sheriff’s Department for the firing a bottle rockets within the city limits. Any resident witnessed hitting a goose by car, killing or maiming it will be reported to the Missouri Department of Conservation. Again, this is against the law, Migratory Bird Treaty and does have a \$10,000 fine and jail time.

**Alderman Anderson** - Excused

### **Mayors Report**

Mayor Hallauer said that the 4<sup>th</sup> Of July Celebration was a huge success.

**Closed Session**

Alderman Phil Otte made a motion to enter in a closed session under RSMo 610.021(3) for personnel issues, all were in favor.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.