

City of Houston Lake
Official Minutes of the Council Meeting
September 8, 2014

The Council of the City of Houston Lake met in regular session on September 8, 2014 at City Hall. The following members were present: Aldermen Phil Otte, Dan Coronado, Rick Cowan and Jean Anderson.

Opening Session

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

Public Discussion

The legality of gravel parking pads was discussed. Parking pads are not prohibited and changing that status could affect many residents around the lake that depend on parking space.

A concern was discussed about water seeping over Houston Drive. That area is not part of the City. The City cannot arbitrarily or legally repair or alter property that is not in their jurisdiction. The Mayor has contacted MODOT on this issue. Chuck Stone added that “their water is going into our lake”.

Minutes August 11, 2014

The August, 2014 minutes were approved by general consent.

Building Permit

A permit for a fence at 5363 NW Wagon Trail was approved by the Council. A second permit for a fence at 5418 NW Venetian Drive was approved by the Council with the proviso that there is an agreement between the neighbors for the placement of the fence prior to the construction.

Treasurers Report

The treasurers’ report was approved by the Council.

The Treasurers report shows a grand total balance of \$272,662.69.

Resolution 09-08-14 (paybills)

The City Council approved Resolution 09-08-14 unanimously.

Collectors Report

City Collector Joyce Kullman reported deposits of \$8,963.92 for the months of July and August, 2014.

Code Enforcement/Sheriff’s Report

The Platte County Sheriff’ Department submitted reports for the months of July and August, 2014.

Codes Enforcement Officer Mitch Kelly submitted a report for July/August 2014.

Emergency Management

Emergency Management Director Dan Coronado reported he’s looking into getting some Emergency Response equipment through donations from Target, K-Mart and Walmart. He also attended a Damage Assessment and Crowd Control class.

Old Business

- a. Greg Sager, the Director of Platte County Public Works, spoke to the Council about the MODOT spillway bridge inspection report. Mr. Sager explained the report in detail and said that if we kept up with the maintenance of the bridge that it should last. He also talked about the different financial options the City would have in replacing the bridge. 80% of the cost would be covered by federal and county funds and 20% would be the cities responsibility. He did mention, however, there could be technical challenges over a spillway. It was noted that the bridge rails do not meet any safety standard. All maintenance and repair costs are solely on the city.
- b. Mayor Hallauer submitted to the Council a proposal from Modern Paving Systems for repair of the roads. The Council voted unanimously to accept the proposal.

New Business

- a. Two proposals for a salt spreader were submitted to the Council. One proposal from American Equipment Company is for \$3,990.00 and the other from Knapheid Truck Equipment for \$5,880.00. The Council voted unanimously for the American Equipment proposal.

Reports from Aldermen

Alderman Cowan – Alderman Cowan asked if everyone got their notice from Google Fiber regarding the reversal on their decision to not lay cable.

Alderman Otte – Alderman Otte reminded everyone to keep their dogs on leashes.

Alderman Coronado – No report

Alderman Anderson – Alderman Anderson reported that SEMA has accepted our application for the National Flood Insurance Program and it will be finalized soon. She also said that the Arts Council will have a pot luck and Pumpkin Fest on Wednesday October 29. All residents are invited to join the festivities.

Mayors Report

- a. Mayor Hallauer told the Council that they started on a Grant for widening the corner on Jeffrey Lane. This grant is through the Platte County Stormwater grant program.
- b. The school bus company has a new safety director. The director will review spillway bridge safety concerns with their drivers.
- c. The City received a “thank you” card from Janice Henson, the wife of Charlie Henson, Mayor of Lake Waukomis, who passed a few months ago. She wrote that after seeing Houston Lakes Community Garden, Charlie was inspired and created a community garden for Lake Waukomis.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.