

City of Houston Lake
Official Minutes of the Council Meeting
October 13, 2014

The Council of the City of Houston Lake met in regular session on October 13, 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

Resident Bob King had many concerns. 1. He asked when the pot holes were going to be fixed. Mayor Hallauer said we went with another company and they will start “weather permitting. 2. Mr. King thanked Dan Coronado and Phil Otte for their help on the ditch issue. 3. Mr. King asked about the new guard “rails” on the spillway bridge. Mayor Hallauer informed him that there was only one rail that needed repair that was damaged by a truck. 4. Mr. King asked why the Council voted to hire Todd LaGessie as maintenance supervisor and was never formally hired. 5. Mr. King asked about going into a closed session to talk about bids when only 3 reasons were allowed. Mayor Hallauer informed him that under state law there are multiple reasons that a Council may go into a closed session. 6. Mr. King asked about financial statements being disclosed. Mayor Hallauer said that at each meeting the Council presents to the public its expenditures and income statements and every 6 months a financial statement is published in the Houston Laker. 7. Mr. King asked why the minutes of City meetings were not published in the Laker right after the meeting. Alderman Cowan informed him that we would not publish the minutes until they were approved by the Council. 8. Mr. King questioned the authenticity of the City Clerk living outside the city limits. Mayor Hallauer informed him that the State Law allows 4th class cities to appoint a city clerk by the Councils vote.

Resident Chuck Stone asked if the City will notify the residents prior to the closing of the spillway bridge. Alderman Cowan stated that the residents will be informed in a timely manner.

Minutes September 8, 2014

The September, 2014 minutes were approved by general consent.

Building Permit

Permits for recreational burning were approved by the Council for 5411 NW Edgewood Trail and 3520 NW Edgewater Trail.

Treasurers Report

The treasurers’ report was approved by the Council.

The Treasurers report shows a grand total balance of \$285,211.85.

Resolution10-13-14 (paybills)

The City Council approved Resolution10-13-14 unanimously.

Collectors Report

City Collector Joyce Kullman reported deposits of \$7,214.40 for the month of September, 2014.

Code Enforcement/Sheriff's Report

The Platte County Sheriff's Department submitted reports for the month of September, 2014. Codes Enforcement Officer Mitch Kelly submitted a report for August/September 2014.

Emergency Management

Emergency Management Director Dan Coronado said that he is now been recertified for 3 years. He said that Houston Lake is now connected to the State system on reporting emergencies. He also attended a Emergency Managers meeting.

Old Business

a. Mayor Hallauer told the Council that after hearing Mr. Sager speak on the options we have on the spillway bridge, the Council will have to decide on what direction to take. Either repair or pursue a brand new bridge. Mayor Hallauer noted that we are at the point where all of the wood on the bridge needs to be replaced. The costs to the City will have to be researched either way.

New Business

a. A proposal to paint the inside of City Hall was submitted to the Council. Another bid will be submitted at the next City meeting.

Reports from Aldermen

Alderman Cowan – Alderman Cowan said that the Kramers, next to City Hall had some concerns regarding the prolific growing of the Rose of Sharon growing next to city hall. It is now growing into their yard. They would like them cut down or removed.

Alderman Otte – No report

Alderman Coronado – Alderman Coronado reported that the drainage ditch at 5413 NW Venetian has been opened up and water is no longer running down the side of the road.

Alderman Anderson – Alderman Anderson wanted to remind everyone of the Arts Council's Pumpkin Fest and Pot Luck on Wednesday the 29th. All residents are invited to attend.

Mayors Report

a. Mayor Hallauer reminded everyone of the Annual Brush Pick-up next week and the Homes Association's Membership Meeting on Wednesday.

b. Mayor Hallauer received a letter from FEMA. The Deputy of Homeland Security said that Houston Lake has been approved to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.