

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

The Council of the City of Houston Lake met in regular session on December 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

None

Minutes November 10, 2014

The November, 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 \$271,659.00

Resolution12-08-14 (paybills)

The City Council approved Resolution12-08-14 unanimously.

Collectors Report

No report

Code Enforcement/Sheriff's Report

The Platte County Sheriff's Department submitted reports for the month of November, 2014.

Codes Enforcement Officer Mitch Kelly submitted a report to the Council for October/ November 2014.

Emergency Management

Emergency Management Director Dan Coronado told the Council that he met with other Emergency Management Managers at the Platte County Resource Center. They went over the WEB EOC Mitigation Plan which the City of Houston Lake is a part of.

Reports from Aldermen

Alderman Cowan – Alderman Cowan did some research on city minutes and found that the law does not say specifically state that a city council must “approve” their minutes but must provide minutes to the public upon request. He went on to say that it just seems prudent that the Council approve the minutes as it was proved today, mistakes and typos are sometimes made. Some cities post their minutes online but most do not publish in papers or newsletters. Mayor Hallauer noted that some cities are 6 and 7 months behind on completing minutes, noting that the State does allow cities to make their own administrative decisions.

Alderman Otte – Alderman Otte wished everyone a safe and happy holiday season.

Alderman Coronado – Alderman Coronado expressed his appreciation on the clean-up of the vacant cabins on Houston Drive. He also said that locks will be placed on the gates, weather permitting.

Alderman Anderson – Alderman Anderson told the Council that she will place in the next Houston Laker a document for updating phone numbers for the City phone directory. She also encouraged anyone who has a new neighbor who is not in the phone directory, to fill out the form provided. Also the Art’s Council will be requesting artwork from the residents. This artwork will possibly be placed in the City Hall. The theme will be “Looking out my Backdoor”. These can be picture or sculptures. This coming Sunday, at 2 pm there will be caroling around the Lake. At residents request, they will sing on their porches.

Mayors Report

- a. The renovation of City Hall was complimented.
- b. Mayor Hallauer noted that we’ve had interesting discussions this year with complaints, concerns and ideas. In all, it was a healthy process.
- c. Mayor Hallauer also challenges everyone to “One Random Act of Kindness”

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.