

City of Houston Lake
Official Minutes of the Council Meeting
February 9, 2015

The Council of the City of Houston Lake met in regular session on February 9, 2015 at City Hall. The following members were present: Aldermen Dan Coronado, Phil Otte, Rick Cowan and Jean Anderson.

Opening Session

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

Public Discussion

Resident Chuck Stone asked the Council to consider passing an Ordinance to inhibit the noise caused on I-29 by truckers using their “Jake brakes”. Mayor Hallauer would consult with the City Attorney.

Resident Charlie Burgess wanted to know why the Council chose to spend \$1600.00 on a cement pad and can’t take \$50.00 to fill in the pot holes. He also complained that his neighbor has made a salvage yard out of his property, a house on Houston Lake looks like a “parking lot” and houses with “unlicensed vehicles”. Mayor Hallauer told him that the issue of multiple cars were being addressed.

Evadene Judge also complained of pot hole by her house. Mayor Hallauer said that as soon as the weather breaks, these will be addressed.

Mr. Burgess and Mr. Stone also asked why the person who was voted to be the City’s “Maintenance Manager” was not working. Mayor Hallauer explained to them that this person did not accept the position. Alderman Coronado pointed out to Mr. Stone that without knowing the facts, Mr. Stone has been spreading false information.

Minutes December 8, 2014

The December 8, 2014 minutes were approved by general consent.

Building Permit

A building permit at 5303 NW Edgewood Trail for a porch was approved by the Council.

Treasurers Report

The treasurers’ report was approved by the Council.

The Treasurers report shows a grand total balance of \$376,840.68.

Resolution 02-09-15 (paybills)

The City Council approved Resolution 02-09-15 unanimously.

New Business

a. Mayor Hallauer presented the Council with two proposals for removing and replacing the bridge timbers on the spillway bridge. One from Dyllan Construction for \$6,920.53 and the other from Mac General Contracting for \$11,055.00. Mr. Stone asked if the City was going to use the timbers the city had in the garage. Mayor Hallauer explained to him that timbers are “special order” and if needed in an emergency, they could take 4 to 8 weeks from the saw mill. That would mean the bridge could be closed for that length of time. After more discussion the Council approved the proposal from Dyllan Construction.

b. Mayor Hallauer presented the Council with Bill No. 020915-1, a bill repealing the Municipal Code 410 (Flood Hazard Prevention) and adoption thereof.

After discussion Alderman Coronado made a motion to place this bill on its first read by title only, seconded by Alderman Cowan.

The City Clerk read Bill.No. 020915-1 by title only.

Alderman Cowan made a motion to place this bill on its second reading by title only, seconded by Alderman Anderson.

The City Clerk read Bill No. 020915 by title only.

Alderman Cowan made a motion to place Bill No. 020915 on its final passage, seconded by Alderman Otte.

Roll call:

Coronado – Aye

Otte – Aye

Anderson – Aye

Cowan – Aye

Bill No. 020915-1, Ordinance No. 345 was passed.

Code Enforcement/Sheriff's Report

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

Codes Enforcement Officer Mitch Kelly submitted a report to the Council for January/ 2015.

Emergency Management

Emergency Management Director Dan Coronado told the Council that he has finished the Hazardous Mitigation Plan and that he is meeting with Captain Avery on the Hazardous Assistance Plan for Houston Lake.

Reports from Aldermen

Alderman Cowan – Alderman Cowan reported on the situation of illegally parked cars. He brought with him a copy of an Ordinance from Weatherby Lake pertaining to this issue. He also said that this could possibly be inserted into our Nuisance code. Mayor Hallauer will look into this with the City Attorney. Mr. Cowan also mentioned mailings from the Water Company regarding insurance for water lines and this may be something to consider since the lines from your house to the meter is the homeowner's responsibility and could be very costly. This insurance is not very expensive.

Alderman Otte – Alderman Otte thanked everyone for their “get well” cards.

Alderman Coronado – Alderman Coronado said that he found an injured goose but it had passed before he could call for help.

Alderman Anderson – Alderman Anderson wanted to remind everyone of the City's Directory update. She has not received many but will run one more reminder in the Houston Laker.

Mayors Report

a. Mayor Hallauer reminded everyone of the Time Warner upgrade. This upgrade is very necessary as you may lose all your channel access.

b. The interior of City Hall will be started next week. This will take 5 to 7 days to complete.

Closed Session

Mayor Hallauer made a motion to go into a closed session pursuant to RSMo 610.021(1) for discussion of Legal Issues, seconded by Alderman Cowan.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.