

**City of Houston Lake**  
**Official Minutes of the Council Meeting**  
**April 13, 2015**

The Council of the City of Houston Lake met in regular session on April 13, 2015 at City Hall. The following members were present: Alderman Dan Coronado , Rick Cowan and Jean Anderson. Alderman Phil Otte was excused

**Opening Session**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Mayor Hallauer presided. Oaths of Office were given to Mayor Hallauer and Alderman Rick Cowen. Alderman Phil Otte's Oath of Office will be tabled for the next City meeting.

**Public Discussion**

Resident Chuck Stone said that the Sunshine request he made, a copy of the tape of the February meeting, did not contain the statement that he thought was there and he wanted the \$22.00 that he paid for said request refunded to him. Mayor Hallauer asked Mr. Stone if the Sunshine request was answered. Mr. Stone said yes, but he said that it was clearly "edited". Mayor Hallauer asked Mr. Stone if the \$22.00 was reasonable. Mr. Stone said yes. Alderman Cowan told Mr. Stone that to accuse anyone from the City of editing a tape was a "drastic" statement to make and if Mr. Stone thought that to be true he should hire an attorney or make a public apology to the City. Alderman Coronado told Mr. Stone that he himself had made the copy of the tape and that he recorded one to one the tape and the blank. He said he pushed the record button and that was it. Mayor Hallauer said that the City will consider the refund request.

Janette Boehm told the Council that another episode of an unleashed dog attacking her dogs as she walked them happened again. She also thanked the City for their attention on this matter. Mayor Hallauer and Mitch Kelly and Alderman Cowan agreed that the dog leash law needs to be revisited.

**Minutes March 9, 2015**

The March, 2015 minutes were approved by general consent.

**Building Permit**

A recreational burning permit was approved by the Council for 3409 NW Edgewater Trail.

**Treasurers Report**

The treasurers' report was approved by the Council.  
The Treasurers report shows a grand total balance of \$336,562.67.

**Resolution 04-13-15 (paybills)**

The City Council approved Resolution 04-13-15 unanimously.

**New Business**

a. Mayor Hallauer suggested that Bill No. 030915-1, Amending Section 215.010 of the Houston Lake City Code, be removed from the floor for further research and review. A unanimous vote removed this bill.

b. Mayor Hallauer submitted a copy of a Maintenance Agreement issued by the Copier Shop for \$710.00. The Council approved the agreement.

### **Code Enforcement/Sheriff's Report**

The Platte County Sheriff's Department submitted a report for the months of February and March, 2015. Codes Enforcement Officer Mitch Kelly submitted a report of activity for the months of March and April, 2015.

### **Emergency Management**

Emergency Management Director Dan Coronado told the Council that he attended the National Weather Warning through a social media seminar, attended a 2 day Advanced Weather Warning Coordination class in Warrensburg, attended a 3 day National Incident Management All Hazards Strike team at the Johnson County EOC and a Natural Gas Pipeline Safety class. He also accepted an invitation to take the Homeland Security Community IED training.

### **Reports from Aldermen**

**Alderman Cowan** – Alderman Cowan praised the author of the article on Richard Connell that was in the Houston Laker. He also contacted MODOT and because I-29 does not pass through the city limits, the city has no authority involving “Jake Brake” signs. However, he said that Kansas City does have an Ordinance regarding the use of jake brakes, but so far he has found none. Mr. Cowan also presented a I-29 map for bridge improvements and lane closures that will be starting soon.

**Alderman Otte** –Excused

**Alderman Coronado** – Alderman Coronado told the Council that he observed some election signs on 2 vacant properties. He contacted the owners and was told that they did not authorize the placement of these signs. He removed these signs and returned them to their owner explaining that this was a state election violation of the Missouri Ethics Commission.

**Alderman Anderson** – Alderman Anderson wanted to remind everyone that the Art's Council will meet on Saturday, 10:00 am at City Hall. On Sunday the Art's Council will host an Open House at 2:00 pm and Gene Charles will be talking about creating his folk art.

### **Mayors Report**

a. Mayor Hallauer said that Platte City has a Jake Brake ordinance because I-29 runs right through their city limits.

b. Mayor Hallauer mentioned that he would like to periodically have a “Public Forum” to voice any issues or concerns in a less formal setting than the City meetings.

c. May 16<sup>th</sup> will be the City Wide Spring Clean-up Day. A notice will be posted in the Houston Laker.

### **Closed Session**

Mayor Hallauer made a motion to go into a closed session pursuant to RSMo610.021 (3) for discussion of Personnel Issues, seconded by Alderman Cowan.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.