

City of Houston Lake
Official Minutes of the Council Meeting
June 8, 2015

The Council of the City of Houston Lake met in regular session on June 8, 2015 at City Hall. The following members were present: Aldermen Phil Otte, Rick Cowan and Jean Anderson and Dan Coronado.

Opening Session

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Mayor Hallauer presided.
The Council elected Alderman Phil Otte as Mayor Pro Tem.

Public Discussion

Resident Gary Halterman asked the Council if something could be done with the overhanging of foliage around some of the blind corners on the Lake. Mayor Hallauer said that because we do not have the proper equipment he will present 2 proposals to address this issue.

Resident Evedene Judge asked the Council if residents who did not have a grinder pumps were paying taxes for these pumps. Mayor Hallauer told her that just the people with grinder pumps pay into the Grinder pump fund.

Minutes May 11, 2015

The May 11, 2015 minutes were approved by general consent.

Building Permit

The Council approved a recreational burning permit for 5400 NW Wagon Trail.

Treasurers Report

The treasurers' report was approved by the Council.

The Treasurers report shows a grand total balance of \$337,874.84.

Resolution 06-08-15 (paybills)

The City Council approved Resolution 06-08-15 unanimously.

New Business

a. Mayor Hallauer presented 2 proposals for reducing shrub height and clear from road for safety and visibility. Arbor Master's proposal was for \$235.00 per hour and Urban Tree Specialists was for \$215.00 per hour. The Council unanimously voted for Urban Tree Specialists.

b. Mayor Hallauer presented the new Fire Protection Contract with the City Of Riverside. He also introduced the Fire Chief of Riverside Gordon Fowlston. Chief Fowlston said that because of new city attorneys in Riverside they wanted to make it for a 2 year contract instead of 3 years. He also said that he has really enjoyed the relationship he has had with the City of Houston Lake and looking forward to many more years. Mayor Hallauer made note that this new agreement was with no increase to the City. The City Council voted unanimously for the new Fire Protection Contract.

Code Enforcement/Sheriff's Report

The Platte County Sheriff's Department submitted a report for the month of May, 2015.
No Codes Enforcement report.

Emergency Management

Emergency Management Director Dan Coronado told the Council that regarding the bridge, he sent out 2 text casts notifying of the closure of the bridge for repair. He also said he appreciated any input into the MARC Mitigation plan. He attended a class in the Lake of the Ozarks on "Wide Area Search". New CERT training classes will begin in August 21, 22 and the 29th at the Platte County Resource Center, for people who are interested in attending. He also met with Keith Stammer, the EMD for Joplin and Jasper County. There will be a meeting for MEMC to set up new standards for Mutual Aid Agreements.

Reports from Aldermen

Alderman Cowan – No report

Alderman Otte – Alderman Otte wanted residents to be aware of foxes in the area and to keep an eye on small pets. He also suggested that residents get rid of any honeysuckle as it is highly invasive.

Alderman Coronado – Alderman Coronado said that the bridge repair went smoothly and quickly. He also suggested that drain/road repair on Venetian Drive needed to be revisited as it is clogging again and may need a much larger drainage pipe.

Alderman Anderson – Alderman Anderson wanted everyone to know that every resident is eligible for flood insurance because the City is part of the National Flood Insurance Program. You just need to speak to your Insurance agent if you are wanting this insurance and the rates should be reasonable. She also wanted to remind residents of the Arts Council's search for local art to display at City Hall. You must fill out an application and submit it to the Arts Council. The theme is "Looking out my backdoor".

Mayors Report

a. Mayor Hallauer said that a resident was told they could not get flood insurance. Mayor Hallauer gave a copy of a certified letter from SEMA/FEMA stating that the City is a member of the NFIP.

b. The bridge repair went well and the City is still working with the county for future proposals for the future of the bridge.

c. Mayor Hallauer wanted to recognize a "Random Act of Kindness". Resident Wendy Thompson donated several tomato plants to the Community Garden. They have been planted and are doing well. Thank you so much Wendy.

Closed Session

Mayor Hallauer made a motion to go into a closed session pursuant to RSMo610.021 (1) for discussion of Legal Issues, seconded by Alderman Coronado.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 p.m.