

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

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

Opening Session

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro-Tem Phil Otte.

Public Discussion

No public discussion

Minutes October 12, 2015

Alderman Dan Coronado made a motion to table the October 12, 2015 minutes, due to the fact that Alderman Anderson was abstaining, and Alderman Cowan was excused.

Building Permit

The City Council approved a renewal for a burning permit at 5444 NW Venetian Drive.

Treasurers Report

The Treasurers' report was approved by the Council.
The Treasurers report shows a balance of \$312,740.15.

Resolution 11-09-15 (paybills)

The City Council approved Resolution 11-09-15 unanimously.
Mayor Pro-Tem Phil Otte stated that the grinder pump situation continues, and it will need to be addressed in the near future.

New Business

- a. City Administrator Joe Chepren stated that he called KCP&L to have them check on some trees that looked like could be in the way of some power lines. KCP&L came out to assess, they stated that we didn't have any threats, and cleared it with no issues.
- b. City Administrator Joe Chepren stated that there is still an issue with the bridge planks moving, and that we may need to eventually tie them together.
- c. City Administrator Joe Chepren gave the council a copy of his activity agenda, and his maintenance schedule for 2016.
- d. Mayor Pro-Tem Phil Otte presented the Council the KCP&L tax rate increase for 2016. He also presented Bill No. 110915-1, the 2016 KCP&L tax rate increase. Alderman Anderson made a motion to put Bill No. 110915-1 on its first reading by title only, seconded by Alderman Coronado. The City Clerk read Bill No. 110915-1 by title only.

Alderman Coronado made a motion to put Bill No. 110915-1 on its second reading by title only, seconded by Alderman Anderson. The City Clerk read Bill No. 110915-1 by title only.

Alderman Anderson made a motion to put Bill No. 110915-1 on its final passage, seconded by Alderman Coronado.

Roll call:

Coronado-Aye

Otte-Aye

Anderson-Aye

Cowan-Excused

Bill No. 110915-1, Ordinance 351 was passed

e. Alderman Anderson made a motion to appoint Pamela Freese as the new City Collector, seconded by Alderman Coronado.

Roll call:

Coronado-Aye

Otte-Aye

Anderson-Aye

Cowan-Excused

Melinda Cook presented the Oath of Office to Pamela Freese.

Code Enforcement/Sheriff's Report

The Platte County Sheriff's Department submitted a police report for the month of October.

No Codes report.

Emergency Management

Emergency Management Director Dan Coronado told the Council that he attended the FEMA training, and there was discussion of the possibility of a community tornado shelter in Houston Lake. This is only in the preliminary stages. Dan also stated that he attended the Aid Response and Rapid Assessment training, and they were very impressed with our action emergency management plan that we currently have in place.

Reports from Aldermen

Alderman Cowan – Excused

Alderman Otte – Alderman Otte stated that we are still in need of a Codes Enforcement Officer.

Alderman Coronado - Alderman Coronado also stated that we are are still in need of a Codes Enforcement Officer.

Gary Halterman is in need of a building inspector to contact him.

Alderman Anderson – Alderman Anderson welcomed Melinda Cook as the new City Clerk.

Alderman Anderson stated that the city's website domain name will automatically renew, and we will temporarily be using Alderman Coronado's credit card.

Mayors Report

No report

Closed Session

Mayor Pro-Tem Phil Otte made a motion to go into closed session pursuant to RSMO610.021 (1) for discussion of Legal issues, seconded by Alderman Anderson.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.