

**City of Houston Lake
Official Minutes of the Council Meeting
January 16, 2017**

The Council of the City of Houston Lake met in regular session on January 16, 2017 at City Hall. The following members were present: Mayor Joyce Kullman, Alderman Evadene Judge, Pam Freese, Nick Jackalone, and Phil Otte.

Opening Session

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Kullman.

Public Discussion

Resident Wendy Thompson, of 5403 NW Edgewood Trail, thanked the Council for the contribution that was made in memory of Rick Cowan to the Child Fund Organization.

Minutes December 12, 2016

The December 12, 2016 minutes were approved by general consent.

Building Permit

None

Treasurer's Report

Mayor Kullman informed Council and attendees that the CD the City previously held at Blue Ridge Bank & Trust has been moved to Bank of Weston, as Blue Ridge Bank & Trust is no longer North of the river.

The Treasurer's report was approved by Council.

The Treasurer's report shows a balance of \$333,262,01.

Resolution 1-16-2017 (paybills)

Mayor Kullman informed Council and attendees that there was an additional check written to Republic Services, due to one being lost in the mail.

The City Council approved Resolution 1-16-2017 unanimously.

Emergency Management

Mayor Kullman introduced a proposed Ordinance appointing the Riverside Office of Emergency Management as the Director of the Houston Lake Emergency Management Organization. Mr. Shelton, Assistant Fire Chief and Emergency Manager for Riverside asked that we table this Ordinance due to the need for more discussion within The City of Riverside.

Mayor Kullman thanked Mr. Shelton and The City of Riverside for all their help during our last ice storm.

Police Report-Fire Department Report

Reports were presented to Council and attendees.

Assistant Fire Chief Mr. Shelton informed all attendees that Riverside Fire Department offers smoke detectors free of charge to our residents. He will be sending fire safety information to Mary Head to put in our Houston Laker.

Codes' Enforcement Report

A codes' report was presented to Council and attendees.

City Administrator Report

None

A resident inquired as to why our bridge is closed. Mayor Kullman informed them that a resident had an accident while crossing the bridge running into the side of it, causing damage. The bridge will be repaired as soon as the supplies needed for these repairs are received and bridge can pass inspection.

Venetian Gardens' Homes Association Report

No report.

Resident Jan Jackalone, 5279 NW Edgewood Trail, informed everyone that the Homes Association would be applying for four small grants for the Grow Native Committee, and would like a letter of recommendation from the City. Mayor Kullman agreed to write a letter of recommendation for them.

Alderman Phil Otte made a motion for a resolution of support for Grow Native, seconded by Alderman Nick Jackalone.

Roll call: Jackalone-Aye Freese-Aye
 Otte-Aye Judge-Aye

New Business

Mayor Kullman informed Council that there is a Special Tax Levy for Fire protection, we will be having a public discussion at 7:00 p.m. on February 13, 2017. This will then be put on the August 8, 2017 ballot.

Reports from Alderman

Alderman Freese- Informed attendees that we have joined the Missouri Community Betterment program.

Alderman Jackalone- No report

Alderman Otte-Hopes that everyone understands the importance of passing the Special Tax Levy for Fire protection.

He also reminded everyone that it is time to renew the burn permits.

He thanked Joe Chepren for all the work he did to keep our streets clear during the last ice storm.

Alderman Judge- No report.

Mayors report-Mayor Kullman made sure that all the Council had updated Codes Books.

Mayor Kullman received a handout from General Code, titled Code Watch 2016. All Council members received a copy.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.