

City of Houston Lake
Official Minutes of the Council Meeting
March 13, 2017

The Council of the City of Houston Lake met in regular session on March 13, 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 Rick DeLaFuente, of 3440 NW Edgewater Trail expressed his concern about the bridge closure. Mayor Kullman informed him that our City insurance agent advised that we do not reopen the bridge due to substandard railing. Due to the fact that the City would be liable if another accident should occur.

Resident Sharon DeLaFuente, of 3440 NW Edgewater Trail informed Council that she had spoken with Intern Director Bob Hine, with Platte County Public Works; he stated that he would talk to the State Inspector to see what they would recommend as far as replacing the railing, but that we would need to have an Engineering study. She also wanted to let everyone know that every Friday morning the Commissioners go to various restaurants and the public is encouraged to come to discuss any issues or concerns they might have. She also gave thanks to Mary Head for publishing the Houston Laker for 39 years. She stated that she felt that it is a major source of communication for Houston Lake and she would like to see the City continue to show Mary their support for her efforts.

Resident Chuck Stone, 5408 Houston Lake Drive expressed his concern about the bridge closure.

Resident Debbie Callicotte, of 3309 NW Edgewater Trail, inquired about the closure of the bridge. Council informed her that the repairs from the car accident that caused the damage have been completed. After reviewing the bridge inspection report from August 2016, the bridge is unsafe for travel, due to the structural design of the railings, which were graded substandard. Mayor Kullman will discuss with City Administrator Joe Chepren about scheduling an inspection by MODOT and if required, engineering study. The bridge will remain closed indefinitely.

New resident Shelly Bruelle, of 3420 NW Edgewater Trail thanked Mary Head for publishing the Houston Laker, as she found it very informative and was a contributing factor in finding their home here at Houston Lake. She stated that there had been a few car break- ins in the past few months, and inquired as to who handles Houston Lake jurisdiction. Mayor Kullman informed her that Platte County Sheriff's Department patrols Houston Lake. She also inquired as to who would handle complaints about an unkept home. Mayor Kullman introduced Codes Enforcement officer Ethan Dean and she was given his information.

Resident Mary Head, of 5328 NW Houston Drive wanted to inform everyone about a gathering on March 15, 2017 at City Hall to celebrate 60 years of the Houston Laker from 6:00-7:30 PM. Cake, punch and coffee will be served as attendees review all of the old Houston Lakers.

Minutes February 13, 2017

The February 13, 2017 minutes were approved by general consent.

Building Permit

None

Treasurer's Report

Mayor Kullman informed Council that at last month's meeting a motion was passed to create a new CD at The Bank of Weston upon approval of the February 13, 2017 minutes. A CD will be set up at the bank.

The Treasurer's report was approved by Council.

The Treasurer's report shows a balance of \$440,996,27.

Resolution 3-13-2017 (paybills)

Mayor Kullman informed Council and attendees that the furnace at City Hall was in need of a service call, it needed a new sensor and was repaired for \$238.00. Our water usage at City Hall was high and that the Water Department would be coming to check for leaking pipes.

The City Council approved Resolution 3-13-2017 unanimously.

Emergency Management

Mr. Shelton, Assistant Fire Chief and Emergency Manager for Riverside informed Council and attendees the City of Riverside had dissolved their Department of Public Safety, they now have an independent Police Department with a Police Chief and independent Fire Department with a Fire Chief. He stated that all services would remain the same. He also stated that registering with Nixle.com is a great way to get emergency notification in our area either by email or text messages.

Police Report-Fire Department Report

Reports were presented to Council and attendees.

Mayor Kullman asked that everyone please keep an eye out for suspicious vehicles or people and to please call the Sheriff's Department so they can check into situations should they arise.

Codes' Enforcement Report

A codes' report was presented to Council and attendees.

City Administrator Report

No report.

Venetian Gardens' Homes Association Report

No report.

New Business

Mayor Kullman presented Bill No. 031317-1, Disband HL Municipal Court. Alderman Freese made a motion to put Bill No. 031317-1 on its first reading by title only, seconded by Alderman Jackalone. The City Clerk read Bill No. 031317-1 by title only.

Alderman Jackalone made a motion to put Bill No. 031317-1 on its second reading by title only, seconded by Alderman Otte. The City Clerk read Bill No. 031317-1 by title only.

Alderman Freese made a motion to put Bill No. 031317-1 on its final passage, seconded by Alderman Otte.

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

Bill No. 031317-1, Ordinance 362 was passed.

Reports from Alderman

Alderman Freese- Informed everyone that City Administrator Joe Chepren and herself are in the process of working on the tree grants. A licensed tree arborist will be taking a look around the lake and decide what kind of work needs to be done which will include trimming, removal, and upkeep, and then we would receive matching funds. They are working with the Homes Association on this as well.

Alderman Jackalone- No report

Alderman Otte-He asked that everyone show concern for the renewal of our Fire Suppression during the April election. He also thanked Mary Head for all her work on the Houston Laker. He asked that people please make sure to report all suspicious vehicles or people to the Sheriff's Department.

Alderman Judge- No report

Mayors report- Thanked Mary Head for her dedication to the Houston Laker. She also wanted to recognize the Grow Native Committee as they have received the grant for new park benches. Again emphasized the importance for all residents to call the police should they see any suspicious activities.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.