

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

The Council of the City of Houston Lake met in regular session on November 13, 2017 at City Hall. The following members were present: Mayor Pam Freese, Alderman Joyce Kullman, Alderman Nick Jackalone, Alderman Phil Otte, Alderman Chuck Stone.

1. Opening Session

- The meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m. by Mayor Freese.

2. Public Discussion

3. Minutes September 18, 2017

- Mayor asked for an approval of the September and October minutes. Mayor asked for an approval of tonight's agenda,
Alderman Kullman motioned, Alderman Otte seconded the motion.
Roll call-Aye: Jackalone, Kullman, Otte, Stone Opposed: None
Motioned passed

4. Building/Burn Permit

5. Treasurer's Report

- Mayor asked for motion to approve the Treasurer's report showing a balance of \$241,734.97
Alderman Jackalone motioned, Alderman Kullman seconded the motion.
Roll call-Aye: Jackalone, Kullman, Otte, Stone Opposed: None
Motion passed
- Kay and Joyce talked about payouts from the court accounts. County indicated it could be held for six months and then distributed.

6. Collector's Report

- No concerns with report. Report included with meeting packet

7. Resolution 11.13.17 (Paybills)

- Mayor asked for a motion to approve Paybills 11.13.17
Alderman Jackalone motioned, Alderman Kullman seconded the motion.
Roll call-Aye: Jackalone, Kullman, Otte, Stone Opposed: None
Motion for Resolution 11.13.17 passed.

8. Emergency Management-Fire Department

- No report at this time.

9. Police Report

- Officer Mountain gave a summary of the report attached.

10. Codes' Enforcement Report

- Cathy Grove, Code Enforcement Report presented the codes report October 2017.
Report included with meeting packet

11. City Administrator Report

- Announcement was made that Wagon Trail is paved and completed.

12. Venetian Gardens' Homes Association Report

- Solitude lake management maintaining lakes and nuisance. Suggestions on testing the water sent a kit and Joe and his son sampled the water. They gave a detail study. There was a rep that gave a onsite visit. Chemicals can be used to not harm the fish. Experts in the field, biologist that do studies. She will be at the HOA meeting this Wednesday to talk to residents. December meeting will discuss options and cost. Last meeting to vote

13. Old Business

14. New Business

- Ordinance #366, renewal of franchise agreement with Spire (MGE, Read twice by city clerk
Mayor asked for a motion to approve Ordinance # 366
Alderman Kullman motioned, Alderman Stone seconded the motion.
Roll call-Aye: Jackalone, Kullman, Otte, Stone Opposed: None
Motion passed.

15. Reports from Alderman

Alderman Jackalone-Very concerned about the American flag – National Flag Co will come out and fix the flag

Alderman Kullman-

Alderman Otte-Thanked any veterans that were present and law enforcement officers. He also inquired about CERT training. Road Closed Signs are up on Houston Drive and Jeffery/Edgewater

Alderman Stone- attended CERT training. Alderman Stone also expressed concern with the sign on Kansas City property. MODOT has jurisdiction of the sign and complies.

-Houston Drive renters have moved out, house is vacant at this time. New renters are a possibility

-Have been working on a survey for Houston Lake residents-has a rough draft for review by council

16. Mayors report

- Dennis Hallauer passed away in the summer and wanted to acknowledge him and his dedication to the City of Houston Lake.
- Iris Arnold pass away suddenly.
- JD Redinger from Bartlett & West Engineering firm, are going to work within \$7000 report grant for the City. MARC is working with them as well. Grinder pump community any info. Bridge engineering assistance program project tracking form which is the name of the grant he is working with. Offer grant writing at a cost, but willing to work with Jan Jackalone.
- Joe Chepren, City Administrator, announced his resignation.
- Amber Moore, City Clerk, announced resignation. Last council meeting will be December 11, 2017

17. Adjournment

- Mayor Freese asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.
Alderman Kullman motioned, Alderman Jackalone seconded the motion.
Roll call-Aye: Jackalone, Kullman, Otte, Stone Opposed: None
The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Next Council Meeting

December 11, 2017 at 7:30pm.