

# HOUSTON LAKER

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## CITY COUNCIL NEWS

City Council meets on the second Wednesday of each month. The next meeting is Wednesday, September 11th at 6:30pm at City Hall

## VENETIAN GARDENS HOMES ASSOC

Meetings are held the third Monday of the month. Join us on Monday, September 16th at City Hall. Meeting starts at 6:30pm

## CITY CODE - DID YOU KNOW?

Section 355.010 of the Houston Lake Municipal Code is included in this issue for your reference. Parking on Street Prohibited



## Lake Venetia from Riverside Missouri History.com

“In the 1800’s the land where Houston Lake is now was pasture and farmland, with Jumping Branch Creek running down through it. Early records indicate that our city and the surrounding land was owned by the Keller family followed by the Brenner family.” Former Mayor Jewel Head relates that the Brennens and Kellers swapped land at one point. Then, according to the website history, “Around 1880 the Brenner’s built a dam across the creek to make a farm pond. The dam washed out a few times and through the rebuilding process the Brennens turned the creek into a twenty acre lake. Initially known and recorded with the county as Lake Venetia. On Sept. 10, 1928 Charles (C.E.) and Emma Houston purchased the land from Alma Brenner Hauetter. Mr. Houston developed it for recreational purposes and rented previously built cabins to fishermen. Mr. Houston, hearing stories of how the dam had washed away, decided to protect the lake. In 1930 he hired an engineering firm to design and supervise construction of a new dam. The dam he built is the dam we depend on today to give us our lake.”

## ART CIRCLE

Watercolor Painting Series

- When: Saturdays, at 11 o'clock
- Where: City Hall
- What to Bring: Brushes, watercolors, and paper, or make use of supplies provided.
- Duration: 8 weeks, from August 31 – October 19



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## STORIES BY GENE CHARLES

Submitted by Gene Charles

### Over Moon Shine Still

A first cousin who lived on a farm next door to us felt more like a brother to me since my twin brothers were 8 years younger than me. I nicknamed him Abner after a radio program called “Lum & Abner”. That name stuck with him and was even on his death notice when he was killed in a tractor accident a few years back. We stayed the night at each other’s house quite often. When I stayed with him it was in the two-story log house where my mom grew up. Abner’s bedroom walls were papered with newspapers and at times, we liked to read the ads on the ceiling and walls. Abner was fascinated with the idea of moonshine stills, as they were called. I’m sure there were several scattered about since our county was dry, yet I heard of several bootleggers-not that they meant anything to me, personally. One day Abner said he thought he knew to make whisky. We had “Kayo” syrup pale with a snap on lid like a paint can. We put in corn meal, yeast and a generous amount of molasses that we had because sugar was rationed. We set that aside hoping it would ferment or whatever it was supposed to do. A school friend was visiting me one day and I showed him that concoction. He wanted to distill it. I couldn’t find any copper tubing. All I could find that, thought would work was a small rubber tubing in the trim around my dad’s 1933 Chevrolet car doors. I snaked out a length of it. One of my dad’s philosophies

was “Where there is a will, there’s a way” – (but not always the best way). We fired up the still and ran off a pint of pretty reddish liquid that smelled and tasted like rubber. So much for our booze making..

## BUILDING COMMUNITY THROUGH ART

The City of Houston Lake is excited to announce a creative new initiative that aims to strengthen our community connections. Starting next Saturday, August 31, we will kick off an eight-week series of watercolor painting activities at City Hall where you’re invited to join fellow community members for a couple of hours of watercolor painting at each session.

The Watercolor Painting Series will take place every Saturday, following the weekly Listening Session, providing a welcoming space for continued conversation and creative expression.

For details, visit [houstonlake.gov](http://houstonlake.gov)

## NATURAL FISH KILL

On August 6th a naturally induced fish kill occurred on the lake.

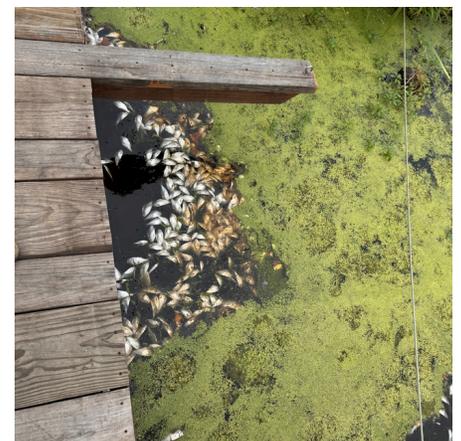
The Missouri Department of Conservation has provided several recommendations to address this issue. They advise ensuring that all aerators in the lake are functioning correctly. According to lake managers, the existing submerged aeration system is operational, as are the pod system aerators. Additionally, the lake has minimal vegetation, which helps in maintaining better oxygen levels.

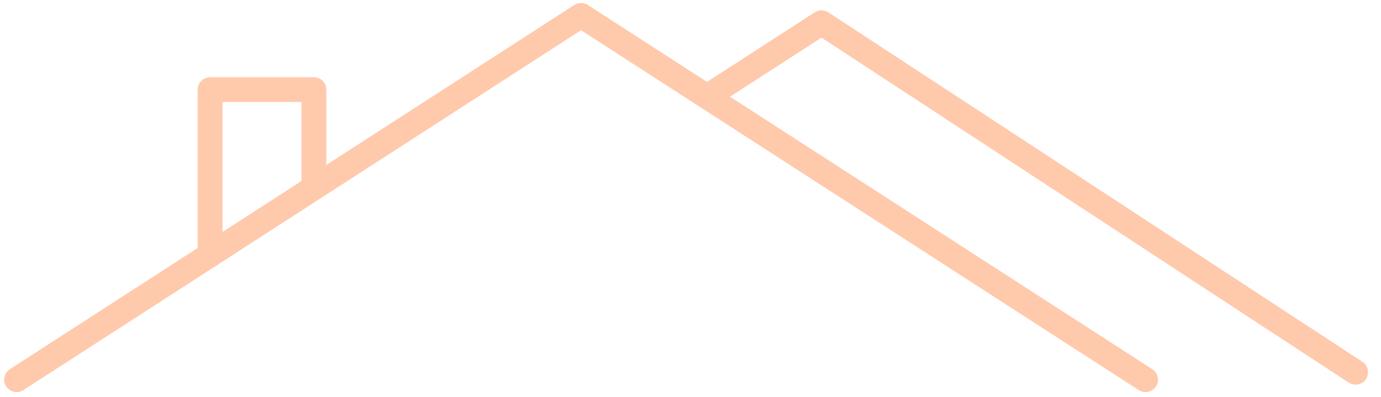
The Department of Conservation also emphasizes the importance of removing any accessible vegetation from the lake, even though it is currently minimal. This can further help in maintaining healthier oxygen levels in the water.

Importantly, the Department has not recommended closing the lake, deeming such a measure unnecessary at this time. Instead, they focus on practical steps to mitigate the impact of the fish kill. One of the key actions suggested is the manual removal of dead fish from the lake. Volunteers from the community are encouraged to assist in this effort. Removing the dead fish will help improve water quality and prevent potential health hazards.

The community is also reminded of the need for rain and sunshine to restore the lake’s ecosystem. Rain can help cool the water and replenish oxygen levels, while sunshine is essential for photosynthesis in aquatic plants, which in turn produces oxygen.

Residents and lake managers are urged to follow the Department’s recommendations and closely monitor the situation. Through collective efforts, the community can help ensure the health and sustainability of the lake’s ecosystem during these challenging weather conditions.





Hear ye, hear ye...the “Jackalone House” has been sold! Demo is currently underway and renovations will soon follow. The new owner is very excited to call Houston Lake “home”, and it is our hope and prayer that they will be warmly welcomed.

We are happy to announce that every animal left behind was rescued, spayed/neutered, vetted, and rehomed (17 inside cats, 2 Feral cats, and 1 sweet dog)!

“Our sincere thanks and appreciation” to the following people and organizations who extended a hand to help us in our time of need. We could not have done it without you and we are deeply grateful: First and foremost -Teri Deister and Lorie Fink. Teresa Olsen, The Humane Society of St Louis, MO, “Fopoz”, Christie Lincoln, “Naz”, “Chain of Hope”, “Eagle Vet”, Houston Lake HOA, Teena Walker-Robin, Andrea Kanob, “Fixem KC”, Rachael Lynn, Cheryl Gleason, Jenny Wallace Nagel, Carolyn Carey, Sarah Schofield, and JC.

A special shout out to Todd Herman with “True North Restoration” and “Hoarding Cleanup Pros”, Annette Weiner with “Platinum Realty”, Shawn Marsh with “Marsh Construction LLC”, Brandon Yelton with “Hammer and Nail Construction, LLC”, “Red Box Plus” and “RMac” Dumpsters. They are the best! Your support of these companies would be greatly appreciated.

“Thank you” all for the decades of friendship you gave to Tom’s mother Nancy, Tom’s dad Nick, and Jan. They loved Houston Lake and the many people who call it home.

God Bless...  
Tom & Patty Jackalone



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[houstonlake.gov](http://houstonlake.gov)

To place an ad, email  
[editor.houstonlaker@gmail.com](mailto:editor.houstonlaker@gmail.com)

## HOUSTON LAKE COOKBOOK

2nd Edition of the City Cookbook is available for \$3. Limited number of copies, contact Mary Head at [maryjewel40@gmail.com](mailto:maryjewel40@gmail.com)

### City Code for reference - Did you know? From front page

Ord. No. 228 §1, 12-13-1993 As authorized by and in accordance with Section 355.010 of this Title, it shall be unlawful for the operator of a motor vehicle to stop, stand or park said motor vehicle at any one time or instance or location, as designated herein, except when necessary to avoid a conflict with the directions of a Police Officer or traffic control sign or signal. Parking on Street Prohibited No vehicle shall be parked on any street within the City limits of Houston Lake, Missouri. Emergency vehicles responding to an emergency are excepted from this Schedule.



**CAST YOUR OFFICIAL BALLOT ON  
NOVEMBER 5TH, 2024**

**ELECTION POLLS  
OPEN 6:00AM AND CLOSE AT 7:00PM.**

**HOUSTON LAKE RESIDENTS VOTE AT  
HEARTLAND CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**6120 NW PRAIRIE VIEW ROAD  
KANSAS CITY, MO. 64151**

**ABSENTEE VOTING FOR THE NOVEMBER 5 GENERAL ELECTION BEGINS  
SEPTEMBER 24**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT PLATTE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS AT  
PHONE (816) 858-4400 OR VISIT THEIR WEBSITE AT [PLATTE@SOS.MO.GOV](http://PLATTE@SOS.MO.GOV)**

**2600 NW PRAIRIE VIEW ROAD, PLATTE CITY, MISSOURI 64079  
OFFICE HOURS 8:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M.**

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# Riverside Survival Supply

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 (816) 584-8500  
 RiversideSurvival.com

**Store Hours:**  
 Tuesday-Saturday  
 10:00-18:00  
 Closed Sundays &  
 Mondays

## September Calendar Of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 Midwest Preparedness!	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 11:00- Prepper MeetUp
29	30	31				



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**Announcements:**  
 -Midwest preparedness project Sep. 3rd-8th! We  
 will be both at the campout and the store will be  
 open!  
 - Trump 2024 merchandise now in store!

**- Camping Gear - Survival Gear - Long-term Food Storage - Fire-starting -  
 - Water Purification - Ammo - First Aid - Hunting - Fishing - Knives -  
 - Security Gear - Resource Books -**

## LETTER FROM THE VENETIAN GARDENS HOMES ASSOCIATION

Hello Members,

As the lake season is wrapping up, August has been a slower month for the board.

Levee is continuing to clean the beach and swim docks, emptying the trash and dog waste cans on Friday every week until Labor Day. If you see a container that is full, please let me know.

Sue is still working with members trying to get accounts up to date. If you are behind on dues, please contact Sue directly to make arrangements to get caught up. Liens will be filed against any homes where the dues are in arrears in August.

The dredging project is completed, we are waiting for the forecast to have enough rain to seed. The board is continuing to work on the 2024/2025 budget. If you have any project you'd like to submit for consideration by the board for next year, please reach out to me and I'll have the board discuss it for next year.

For the third month in a row, the e coli counts have remained stable moving decreasing from 16 to 11. This is the result we anticipated with the bio health pod system. We're working on mapping to see what the depth gain is as we move forward.

On Aug 6th, the lake had a fish kill incident. According to both MO Dept. of Natural Resources and MO Department of Conservation the weather conditions were a "perfect storm" for Missouri ponds and small lakes this year. They reported many have seen similar fish kills. Thank you to Jake Strobbe, Maddox Strobbe, Shelly Broll and Drew Freese for helping me remove approximately 500 lbs of dead fish.

The HOA annual meeting has been set for Saturday 10-19 at 2:00 pm. There are 3 board seats up for election this year. If you have interest in serving your community on the HOA board, please fill out an application in the Laker and drop it by City Hall to be put on the ballot.

Kindest regards, Pam Freese

### **E.COLI (WATER) TEST RESULTS**

LAB ID: 240718056-001240822060-001  
IDENTIFICATION/ANALYSIS: BEACH 1 8/15/24

ECOLI

DETECTION LIMIT: 1 RESULT: 11 UNITS: MPN/100ML TEST DATE: 8/23/2024

COLIFORMS

DETECTION LIMIT: 1 RESULTS: 2000 UNITS: MPN/100ML TEST DATE: 8/23/2024

### **THE SWIM BEACH IS SAFE FOR SWIMMING!**

Water test results are also posted at city hall and on the gate at the swim beach.

## 2024 TRASH & RECYCLING DATES

City trash and recycling services are handled by Republic Services. For assistance with your receptacles, issues with pick-up or questions about large items contact customer service at 816-254-1470 or RepublicServices.com.

Trash is picked up every Wednesday. Receptacles need to be at the curb/edge of street by 6am. Leave room for the arm of the truck to pick up and return the receptacles without causing damage to vehicles, fences, etc.

2024 Recycling Dates (2nd Wednesday):

January 10  
February 14  
March 13  
April 10  
May 8  
June 12  
July 10  
August 14  
September 11  
October 9  
November 13  
December 11

2024 Holidays:

January 1st New Years Day -  
Pick up changed to Thursday  
January 4th

May 27th Memorial Day - Pick  
up changed to Thursday May  
30th

July 4th Independence Day -  
No Change pick up will be on  
Wednesday July 3rd

September 2nd Labor Day -  
Pick up changed to Thursday  
September 5th

November 28th  
Thanksgiving - No Change  
pick up will be on  
Wednesday November 27th

December 25th Christmas -  
Pick up changed to  
Thursday December 26th

## EMERGENCY -

In case of a Police, Fire or Medical Emergency - Dial 911

**Platte County Sheriff Non-Emergency & Animal Control**  
816-858-3521

**Riverside Fire Department Non-Emergency**  
816-372-9024

**Grinder Pump**  
**Haynes Equipment Service 913-782-5013**

## HOA Officers -

President - Pam Freese (816) 726-4455  
venetian.gardens.homes.assoc@gmail.com

Vice President - Wendy Thompson (816) 225-1018

Secretary - Frank Wilson (816) 520-3931  
imua62@gmail.com

Treasurer/Lake Tags - Susan Hodges (816) 786-2377  
hodges.susan@outlook.com

Board Member at Large - Mary Head (816) 741-5639  
maryjewel40@gmail.com

## HOUSTON LAKE CITY OFFICIALS

### City Hall - (816) 741-0644

Mayor -  
mayor@houstonlake.gov

City Clerk - Lisa A. Shepard  
cityclerk@houstonlake.gov

City Collector - Kathryn Kreider  
citycollector@houstonlake.gov

City Treasurer - Kay Honeycutt  
khoneycutt@houstonlake.gov

Custodian of Records -  
cityclerk@houstonlake.gov

## Board of Aldermen

Teena Walker-Robin nw1-alderman@houstonlake.gov

Vacant nw2-alderman@houstonlake.gov

Ashley Fuglestad (serving as Mayor)  
sw1-alderman@houstonlake.gov

Sarah Loring sw2-alderman@houstonlake.gov

As most of the HOA Officers and City Officials have full-time jobs as well, phone calls may not be answered or returned as quickly as a text or email.

City Hall is open during meetings, Listening Sessions, events and by appointment.

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Best wishes to you,  
Marlene

## Tax Freeze Credit

Beginning September 1, senior citizens who are homeowners in Platte County can apply for the Senior Citizens' Real Property Tax Freeze Credit.

The tax freeze program, which offers tax relief to senior citizens, locks the tax amount of a taxpayer's home.

The tax changes were launched last year when the Missouri General Assembly passed legislation enabling counties to freeze property tax bills for senior citizens. On March 18, 2024, the Platte County Commission enacted the tax credit program in Platte County.

The tax credit is available to qualifying Platte Countians age 62 or over who are eligible for Social Security retirement benefits, and responsible for the payment of their home's property taxes.

Qualifying taxpayers must submit an application to the Clerk's Office and reapply each year for the Senior Tax Credit program. Printable applications will be available in September at [www.co.platte.mo.us](http://www.co.platte.mo.us) and paper copies of the application will be available at 415 Third Street, Platte City, MO 64079. Applications are due by May 15 of each year beginning in 2025.



**VENETIAN GARDENS HOMES**  
**ASSOCIATION**  
**BOARD APPLICATION**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF FILING \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

You must be a member in good standing of the Venetian Gardens Homes Association. This means that you must be current on dues payment.

We have three vacancies on the Homes Association Board to fill at the Annual October Meeting. Three Elected Board Members will serve a two-year term.

Anyone interested in becoming a Board Member, please complete the application on this page and mail it to "Venetian Gardens Homes Association, 5417 N. Adrian, Houston Lake, Missouri 64151" or drop it off at city hall in the HOA mail box, located on the front porch next to the front door by September 30, 2024. Thank you

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## VENETIAN GARDENS HOMES ASSOCIATION

July 15, 2024, MEETING, 6:30 pm

Houston Lake City Hall

Board Members Present: Pam Freese, Mary Head, Susan Hodges appeared in person, and Frank Wilson appeared via Zoom. Wendy Thompson was excused.

Pam Freese called the meeting to order at 6:36 pm.  
The Board approved the minutes of the 6.17.24 VGHA meeting.

Financials - Sue reported:           Cash = \$88,000  
  Receivables = \$38,000

Only \$10,000 left to pay on the dredging contract. There will be normal monthly expenses, plus cost of the porta potty and the water testing. Future expenses include \$1000 owed to the City for mowing, copy paper and other costs, as well as cost of seeds for reseeded the peninsula. Pam reported that the contractor said it is much too hot to seed now, probably seed later in the fall.

5488 Venetian Dr. (Recently deceased Lee Hammond's home) - Pam reviewed letter from the owner's heir who was concerned about the silt on the edge of the lake at the foot of her property, and the earth moving equipment on her property making ruts in the lawn. The heir was upset as she was listing the property for sale and arranged for drone photographs of the property. Pam informed the heir that the silt was on VGHA land, and that the dredging contractor had mistakenly thought that his bobcat and the scoop of his crane was on VGHA property. After much discussion of the issues, the Board decided the heir's property will be remediated to its original condition at no cost to the heir. The heir has requested a refund of the yearly assessment because the pictures of the lake would be obstructed by the dredged silt and would depreciated the value of the property for sale. She will not be given a refund. For several months before the dredging, notices were placed in the Houston Laker, on the City and VGHA websites and in social media. Whenever she sells the property she will refunded a pro rata share of the yearly assessment. Because the heir's property will be remediated she has no damages.

Pam reported that private property signs will have to be made and placed around the lake. The police will not warn, or cite, people for trespassing (fishing

mainly) unless private property signs are present. Frank volunteered to make the signs and post them in the fall.

Pam stated that more water testing needs to be done so we can determine if the Bio-pods are working. It will also allow us to compare water quality year to year.

Lisa Shepard volunteered to be one of the three required auditors.

Jess Beshears requested that the VGHA consider providing life preservers at the boat dock, as well as the beach area. He thought it might help people in trouble in the water. It was also suggested that swim at your own risk signs be put up; a notice be put in the Houston Laker pertaining to water safety; and at the beginning of every summer the VGHA have a swim program to remind parents of the dangers. Pam will check with the Fire Chief about water safety speakers. Pam will also check with the Riverside Community Center about free or discounted swimming lessons.

The next VGHA meeting will be August 19, 2024, 6:30 pm at City Hall.  
Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.



## City Council Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Wednesday, the 10th day of July, 2024

**Location:** Houston Lake City Hall, 5417 NW Adrian, Houston Lake, MO 64151

The regular meeting of the City Council Meeting of Houston Lake, MO, was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Ashley Fuglestad at 6:35 PM.

On roll call, the following members were present: Alderman Sarah Loring, Alderman Teena Walker-Robin, May Pro Tem / Alderman Ashley Fuglestad (Acting Mayor), and Alderman Keith Carey

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR 07/10/2024**

Loring moved to approve the agenda, Carey 2nd. A voice vote resulted in unanimous approval.

### **2024-2025 PROPOSED BUDGET**

The City Council, then the Public, discussed the proposed budget. Walker-Robin moved to approve the 2024-2025 budget, Loring 2nd. Role call vote: Carey – aye; Fuglestad – aye; Walker-Robin – aye; Loring – aye. The 2024-2025 Budget is adopted.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Loring moved to approve the 06/12/24 Budget Meeting minutes; the 06/12/24 City Council Meeting minutes; and the 06/26/24 Budget Meeting minutes. Carey 2nd. A voice vote resulted in unanimous approval of all three meeting minutes.

### **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

**Fire Department Report** – Assistant Chief Keith Payne – since last month's report, only one call was reported on June 26th, during which they communicated with the Kansas City Fire Department and 911 as well for this incident. Payne inquired if Spectrum and AT&T had been contacted about their utility lines needing to be raised so the new, larger pumper truck can come through the neighborhood without causing an interruption in service.

**Sheriff's Report** – Captain Woodrow Painter reported seven total calls. Sheriff Dept. officers worked a little over 23 hours in June.

### **VENETIAN GARDENS HOMES ASSOCIATION REPORT**

Mary Head reported that the next VGHA meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 15, at 6:30 PM at City Hall. The water reading is currently good so swimming is safe.

### **PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

**Sharron DeLaFuente** expressed appreciation for those neighbors who helped during the recent accident at Houston Lake, especially Sarah Loring and Jess Beshears. She appreciates all those neighbors who are vigilant while walking the lake and report what they see. Sarah Loring thanked Sharron for being kind and helpful to Eric Stephens.

**Jess Beshears** suggested flotation devices and ladders should be considered to be installed on each public dock and will bring this suggestion to the VGHA's next meeting.

**Pam Riley** mentioned a dead tree in a neighbors yard that keeps falling. The City of Houston Lake is researching how to address code violations since Houston Lake does not have a Codes Enforcement Officer currently.

### **PERMITS**

**Building** – 5327 NW Edgewood Cir – It was determined no permit was needed for the work described to be accomplished at this property.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Walker-Robin moved to approve the Treasurer's Report dated 06/30/24 as submitted. Carey 2nd. A voice vote resulted in unanimous approval.

## PAY BILLS RESOLUTIONS

It was explained that the bookkeeper was asked to prepare a 06/30/24 Pay Bills Resolution that would encompass all expenditures to be included in the 2023-2024 year. Loring moved to approve the 06/30/24 Pay Bills Resolution as submitted. Walker-Robin 2nd. A voice vote resulted in unanimous approval. Loring moved to approve the 07/10/24 Pay Bills Resolution as submitted. Walker-Robin 2nd. A voice vote resulted in unanimous approval.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**Update regarding utilities raising the utility lines:** Loring indicated AT&T and Spectrum need to be contacted about their utility lines and she will contact both.

**Working meeting – Wednesday, July 24 at 6:30 PM at City Hall:** Walker-Robin explained this meeting will be used to review the Project Tracker and that the meeting is open to the public.

## NEW BUSINESS

**Prepare for Public Hearing Meeting needed to discuss Property Tax Rates:** All information needed from the state auditor's office and the county clerk has not yet been received. A public hearing will be held in August to share this information, once received, and then report to the state auditor by September 1.

**Contract Codes Enforcement opportunity from IBTS:** Walker-Robin indicated she is investigating IBTS, a small nonprofit that provides contracted codes enforcement services to small cities like ours, as well as contracted building inspection services. Because of the training needed for codes enforcement and building inspections, a professional is needed to provide these services. Regarding codes violations, Walker-Robin suggested a first step in this process could be our city sending a letter to code violators asking them to stop their activities.

**Operational use of Fire Suppression Funds:** Walker-Robin reports Fire Suppression Funds can be used to trim trees. Walker-Robin learned that utility companies can be approached to trim areas around their utility lines. She will contact Evergy. Fuglestad mentioned a resident that wants to clear trees on his property and offered to clear some of ours if we will let him use the road way to take the trees out. She will continue by having a 'walk-through' with him so he can show her what he intends to do.

## REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS

**Walker-Robin** asked council to notice how organized their documentation was for the meeting and thanked the new City Clerk.

**Loring** ran off a woman driving a 4-wheeler driving on the spillway. She reported a pile of brush on the corner of Wagon Trail and Edgewater, that is on city property, and she believes she can talk to that resident who may have placed this pile there. Two more neighbors reported concerns regarding the house on NW Venetian that violated the construction code. She expressed disappointment that she was out of town for the Jackalone memorial presentation, that, from the pictures, looked like it was a wonderful event. She is thankful for neighbors who are watching over the neighborhood.

**Carey** reported getting new door knobs for City Hall doors so the old locks on the old door knobs would not get locked accidentally. He offered the city's presentation at the Jackalone memorial and was thanked for this presentation by the other aldermen and the city clerk. He mentioned finding evidence of possible drug use behind City Hall and cameras were suggested.

**Fuglestad** mentioned the need for folks to help with city planned events and/or to serve on the City Council.

## NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the Council will be a working meeting to review projects on July 24 at 6:30 PM at City Hall. The next City Council meeting will be August 14 at 6:30 PM at City Hall. Loring moved to adjourn the meeting. Carey 2nd. A voice vote resulted in unanimous approval.

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 PM.