

Houston Laker

Happy Valentines Day



February 2015

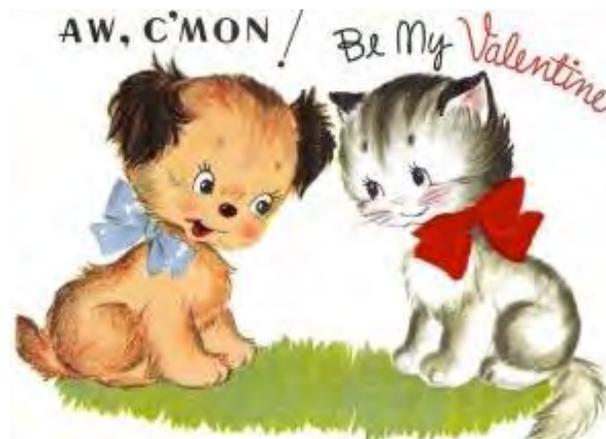


Feb. 9th - City Council Meeting
7:30pm. – City Hall

Feb. 11th - Recycling Day

Feb. 14th - 

Feb. 21st - Art, Life & Folks:
Houston Lake Arts Circle
10:00am – City Hall





“Houston Lake Ice”

is not thick enough to skate on.

Please do not get out on the ice.

2015 Green Wristband



**Call Homes Association Treasurer Gary Halterman
to get your lake wristband - 660.723.9356.**



Painted Robe seen at *The Plains Indians Exhibit*

Arts

Art, Life & Folks: Houston Lake Arts Circle

January 17 Meeting

Help us Redecorate City Hall

We want your ideas and help to redecorate City Hall after the painting project is finished.

Please attend the February meeting on the 21st to discuss your ideas and sign up to the team.

Minutes

Reviewed and approved December minutes.

Treasurers Report

We received \$100 from Houston Lake Homes Association and \$30 from an anonymous donor bringing our balance to \$152.32. We need a Federal Tax ID before opening a bank account unless our organization is a nonprofit. Organizing a nonprofit is a lengthy process. We voted unanimous to apply for a Federal Tax ID.

Old Business

Length of Term for Board Members - We discussed term length and who to fill the open Vice President position. Term length was set to 2 years but we agreed that the initial board members may / will be in place longer to help establish the organization. We want to stagger board replacement so no more than half the board is replaced at one time. We voted Jean Anderson to hold both Secretary and Vice President positions.

December Caroling - Fun and uplifting afternoon led by Terry Johnson and his sister. 14 people attended. Next time we will make sure the date will not conflict with major sports broadcasts and will possibly hold it later in the day.

Trip to Nelson-Atkins to see *The Plains Indian Exhibit* - An exceptional exhibit well worth seeing. We had 8 people join us.

Quilt Preservation - Jean will contact Kathryn regarding her recommendations for repairs and cleaning. Linda will get prices for a framed quilt box. We are considering taking photos of each quilt square for viewing when the quilt is folded in the display case.

City Hall Decorating - Wendy and Jean will lead the redecorating committee. We'll seek ideas and help via Facebook, email and calling.

Looking Out My Back Door - Linda will lead this call for artwork, including guidelines, registration, entry dates, and show opening. She will also will set a date for SculptaMold Workshop to create animals seen around the lake.

New Business

Fundraising - Chuck will contact Gene Charles to invite him to share his art with the community.

Folks Share Art & Life

Wendy Thompson's The Mystery Train "The Art of Murder" will open Feb 6. www.kcmysterytrain.com for dates and locations.

Adjourned

If you have been thinking about attending, join us for our next meeting February 21 10:00 a.m. City Hall.

Please let us know if you would like to be added to our e-mail address list.

City of Houston Lake
Official Minutes of the Council Meeting
December 8, 2014

The Council of the City of Houston Lake met in regular session on December 8, 2014 at City Hall. The following members were present: Aldermen Phil Otte, Dan Coronado , Rick Cowan and Jean Anderson.

Opening Session

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Mayor Hallauer presided.

Public Discussion

None

Minutes November 10, 2014

The November, 2014 minutes were approved by general consent.

Building Permit

No permits

Treasurers Report

The treasurers' report was approved by the Council.

The Treasurers report shows a grand total balance of \$271,659.00

Resolution12-08-14 (paybills)

The City Council approved Resolution12-08-14 unanimously.

Collectors Report

No report

Code Enforcement/Sheriff's Report

The Platte County Sheriff's Department submitted reports for the month of November, 2014.

Codes Enforcement Officer Mitch Kelly submitted a report to the Council for October/ November 2014.

Emergency Management

Emergency Management Director Dan Coronado told the Council that he met with other Emergency Management Managers at the Platte County Resource Center. They went over the WEB EOC Mitigation Plan which the City of Houston Lake is a part of.

Reports from Aldermen

Alderman Cowan – Alderman Cowan did some research on city minutes and found that the law does not say specifically state that a city council must “approve” their minutes but must provide minutes to the public upon request. He went on to say that it just seems prudent that the Council approve the minutes as it was proved today, mistakes and typos are sometimes made. Some cities post their minutes online but most do not publish in papers or newsletters. Mayor Hallauer noted that some cities are 6 and 7 months behind on completing minutes, noting that the State does allow cities to make their own administrative decisions.

Alderman Otte – Alderman Otte wished everyone a safe and happy holiday season.

Alderman Coronado – Alderman Coronado expressed his appreciation on the clean-up of the vacant cabins on Houston Drive. He also said that locks will be placed on the gates, weather permitting.

Alderman Anderson – Alderman Anderson told the Council that she will place in the next Houston Laker a document for updating phone numbers for the City phone directory. She also encouraged anyone who has a new neighbor who is not in the phone directory, to fill out the form provided. Also the Art’s Council will be requesting artwork from the residents. This artwork will possibly be placed in the City Hall. The theme will be “Looking out my Backdoor”. These can be picture or sculptures. This coming Sunday, at 2 pm there will be caroling around the Lake. At residents request, they will sing on their porches.

Mayors Report

- a. The renovation of City Hall was complimented.
- b. Mayor Hallauer noted that we’ve had interesting discussions this year with complaints, concerns and ideas. In all, it was a healthy process.
- c. Mayor Hallauer also challenges everyone to “One Random Act of Kindness”

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Financial Statement				
City of Houston Lake				
As of December 31, 2014				
<u>Income - Period Covered July 1 - December 31, 2014</u>				
General Fund		67,771.27		
Road Fund		4,781.52		
Grinder Pump Fund		0.28		
Fire Protection Fund		8.90		
Total				\$ 72,561.97
<u>Expenses - Period Covered July 1 - December 31, 2014</u>				
General Fund		57,621.30		
Road Fund		23,279.22		
Grinder Pump Fund		-00		
Fire Protection Fund		9,499.98		
Total				\$ 90,400.50
<u>Total Funds as of December 31, 2014</u>				
General Fund		40,859.98		
Road Fund		6,376.39		
Grinder Pump Fund		531.07		
Fire Protection Fund		12,669.89		
Municipal Court Account		3,568.75		
Municipal Court Bond Account		519.75		
County Transportation Tax		45,608.33		
General Fund CD		23,563.67		
Grinder Pump Fund CD		12,434.48		
Mill and Overlay CD		25,873.03		
Mill and Overlay CD		15,078.95		
Mill and Overlay CD		15,073.85		
Road Fund CD		57,560.46		
Sewer Fund CD		10,052.63		
Total				\$ 269,771.23



VOTER REGISTRATION SITES PLATTE COUNTY, MISSOURI

Are You Registered to Vote? All residents of Houston Lake whether you are Owner or Renter can register and VOTE. You must be 18 years old or older to register. You can register at any of the sites below.

Houston Lake City Hall, 5417 NW Adrian, (816)741-0644 or
Registrar Mary Head (816)741-5639, call for an appointment.

Mid-Continent Public Libraries:

Boardwalk, 8600 N. Executive Hills Blvd, Kansas City: (816) 741-9011

Parkville, 8815 NW Hwy 45, Parkville: (816) 741-4721

Riverside, 2700 NW Vivion Rd, Riverside: (816) 741-6288

NOTE: In addition, Missouri Voter Registration Application postcards can be completed at any license bureau.

LAST DAY to Register to VOTE for the April 7th, 2015 General Municipal Election is March 11, 2015.

Any questions call

Platte County Board of Elections
2600 NW Prairie View Road
P.O. Box 560
Platte City, Missouri 64079

Phone number (816) 858-4400



To apply for absentee ballot: print this application form, complete and mail to Platte County Board of Elections, PO Box 560, Platte City, MO 64079 or FAX to 816-858-3387

REQUEST FOR PLATTE COUNTY ABSENTEE BALLOT

I, _____, do hereby request an absentee ballot for the _____ Election.

For Identification purposes, the last four digits of my social security number are _____.
If the election is a primary election, please print the name of the political party ballot you wish to receive _____. If you registered by mail and this is your first time voting you must provide a copy of current valid photo identification or a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or government document that shows your name and address.

Reason for requesting an absentee ballot:

- _____ (1) Absence on Election Day from the jurisdiction of the election authority in which registered to voter;
- _____ (2) Incapacity or confinement due to illness or physical disability, including a person who is primarily responsible for the physical care of a person who is incapacitated or confined due to illness or disability;
- _____ (3) Religious belief or practice
- _____ (4) Employment as an election authority, as a member of an election authority, or by an election authority at a location other than your polling place;
- _____ (5) Incarceration, provided all qualifications for voting are retained

Current Residential Address:

Address where ballot is to be mailed, if different than above:

Daytime Telephone Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

I do solemnly swear that all statements made on this application are true to the best of my knowledge and belief:

Signature of Voter

Date

Mail completed Absentee Ballot Application to **Platte County Board of Elections, PO Box 560, Platte City, MO 64079, or FAX to 816-858-3387**. All requests must be received by the Board of Election's office no later than 5:00 p.m., the Wednesday prior to election day.



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