

**MINUTES  
HOUSTON CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY JANUARY 21, 2014**

**DRAFT**

The Houston City Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday January 21, 2014 at Houston City Hall Council Chambers, 601 S Grand Avenue with the following members present: Mayor Don Totingham, Alderman Joe Honeycutt, Alderwoman Mary Barnes, Alderman Chalky Wells, Alderwoman Sheila Walker, Alderman Don Romines, Alderman David Arthur and City Administrator Larry Sutton, City Clerk Tonya Foster, City Attorney Brad Eidson and Officer Mat Woodmansee were also present.

Mayor Totingham established a quorum and called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The motion was made by Alderman Wells and seconded by Alderwoman Walker to approve the minutes for the January 6, 2014 regular meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstaining</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Alderman Honeycutt	x			
Alderwoman Barnes	x			
Alderman Wells	x			
Alderwoman Walker	x			
Alderman Romines	x			
Alderman Arthur	x			

The motion was made by Alderwoman Walker and seconded by Alderwoman Barnes to approve payment for payroll of January 14, 2014. Motion passed unanimously.

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstaining</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Alderman Honeycutt	x			
Alderwoman Barnes	x			
Alderman Wells	x			
Alderwoman Walker	x			
Alderman Romines	x			
Alderman Arthur	x			

The motion was made by Alderman Romines and seconded by Alderwoman Walker to approve payment of invoices for January 17 & 21, 2014 (\$76,295.06) as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstaining</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Alderman Honeycutt	x			
Alderwoman Barnes	x			
Alderman Wells	x			
Alderwoman Walker	x			
Alderman Romines	x			
Alderman Arthur	x			

Guests: None

Bill 100 to become Ordinance 2014-100. (Bill 100 has been posted) An ordinance for Oak Hill Rd relinquishment. The motion was made by Alderman Romines and seconded by Alderman Arthur to place Bill 100 on first reading by title only. Motion passed unanimously.

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Not Voting</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Alderman Honeycutt	x			
Alderwoman Barnes	x			
Alderman Wells	x			
Alderwoman Walker	x			
Alderman Romines	x			
Alderman Arthur	x			

Bill 100 to become Ordinance 2014-100. The motion was made by Alderman Honeycutt and seconded by Alderman Wells to place Bill 100 on second and final reading by title only. Motion passed unanimously.

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Not Voting</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Alderman Honeycutt	x			
Alderwoman Barnes	x			
Alderman Wells	x			
Alderwoman Walker	x			
Alderman Romines	x			
Alderman Arthur	x			

The motion was made by Alderman Wells and seconded by Alderman Honeycutt to adopt Bill 100 as Ordinance 2014-100. Motion passed with six yes roll call votes.

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Not Voting</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Alderman Honeycutt	x			
Alderwoman Barnes	x			
Alderman Wells	x			
Alderwoman Walker	x			
Alderman Romines	x			
Alderman Arthur	x			

The motion was made by Alderman Romines and seconded by Alderwoman Walker to approve Bill 200R to become Resolution 2014-200R. (pole & utility attachments) Motion passed unanimously with six roll call votes.

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Not Voting</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Alderman Honeycutt	x			
Alderwoman Barnes	x			
Alderman Wells	x			
Alderwoman Walker	x			
Alderman Romines	x			
Alderman Arthur	x			

Received several tractor bids.

The motion was made by Alderman Honeycutt and seconded by Alderman Arthur to purchase the 29 HP KUBOTA tractor with canopy and manual from Edgeller & Harper of West Plains for \$18,150.00. Motion passed unanimously.

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Not Voting</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Alderman Honeycutt	x			
Alderwoman Barnes	x			
Alderman Wells	x			
Alderwoman Walker	x			
Alderman Romines	x			
Alderman Arthur	x			

### **Administrator Report January 21, 2014**

1. South well was cleaned and inspected Monday, 1-12-14. Material is on order to begin temporary chlorination of water. Note, Nixa MO will soon begin chlorinating for coliform due to the same type DNR warning letter.
2. Electric department is assisting the hospital with moving their primary service. Hospital purchased materials, dug ditch, etc., city staff will actually lay and connect line. Hospital will have a power outage during conversion and have to run on their generators.
3. Public grounds staff has began sweeping up the gravel left over from the snow storms. Have requested an additional inmate be added to assist during the April – October time period. Will also attempt to hire a part time person (900 hours per year, no benefits) for summer mowing.
4. Advertisement for a new electric lineperson will run the next two weeks. We also contacted Linn Tech (they have a lineman course) and asked for their assistance in getting the word out.
5. Have received grant monies to purchase a new bus for the transportation dept.
6. 2013 Budget Revenue and Expenses came in without having to dip into reserves. Auditors will be here this week for pre-audit meeting. Full audit to take place in February. Auditor's will verify our 2013 budget at that time
7. Working with MoDOT to finish acquiring Oak Hill Drive and easements. Engineer and I have met with Luther Courtney who owns property along Oak Hill that will need a retention pond when sidewalk is built along side road. Luther has stated he will donate a lot to be used for water retention.

8. Received preliminary cost to update and make ADA accessible the building we own in Emmett Kelly Park being used by the GED program. Estimated cost is \$42,500. Elaine will attend a CDBG meeting in Springfield later this month to see if this building would qualify for any grant funding.

Additions to the administrator's report:

Plan on starting the temporary chlorination Thursday. DNR issued the city a 90 day permit for chlorinating.

Sending out for asphalt bids next week.

Personnel committee met before the meeting tonight with a couple of employees with concerns over the change in accumulated sick hours. Will discuss at the next council meeting.

The Mayor had a call from Renae Freeman. She wanted to know if the City would be interested in the buildings at 107 & 111 S Grand Avenue. The City not interested at this time.

The public mass transportation sales tax (1/4%) will expire June 30, 2015. This will need voter approval to continue. Will be put on the August 5, 2014 ballot.

The motion was made by Alderman Romines and seconded by Alderman Wells to adjourn at 8:06 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstaining</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Alderman Honeycutt	x			
Alderwoman Barnes	x			
Alderman Wells	x			
Alderwoman Walker	x			
Alderman Romines	x			
Alderman Arthur	x			

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Minutes Taken By

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Mayor

Attest:

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City Clerk