

**MINUTES
HOUSTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2017**

The Houston City Council met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, December, 18, 2017 at Houston City Hall Council Chambers, 601 S Grand Avenue with the following members present: Alderman Joe Honeycutt, Alderman Donnie Wilson, Alderman Jeremy St John, Alderwoman Shelia Walker, Alderwoman Viki Narancich, Alderwoman Kim Bittle and City Administrator Tona Bowen, Deputy City Clerk Heather Sponsler, Chief Tim Ceplina were also present.

Mayor Tottingham established a quorum and called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Mayor Tottingham led council in the pledge of allegiance.

The motion was made by Alderwoman Narancich and seconded by Alderman St. John to approve the minutes from the December 4, 2017 regular meeting. Motion passed with six yes votes.

	Aye	Nay	Abstaining	Not Present
Alderman Honeycutt	x			
Alderman Wilson	x			
Alderman St John	x			
Alderwoman Walker	x			
Alderwoman Narancich	x			
Alderwoman Bittle	x			

The motion was made by Alderman Wilson and seconded by Alderwoman Narancich to approve the minutes from the December 4, 2017 closed session meeting. Motion passed with six yes votes.

	Aye	Nay	Abstaining	Not Present
Alderman Honeycutt	x			
Alderman Wilson	x			
Alderman St John	x			
Alderwoman Walker	x			
Alderwoman Narancich	x			
Alderwoman Bittle	x			

The motion was made by Alderman St. John and seconded by Alderman Wilson to approve payment for payroll of December 11, 2017. Motion passed with six yes votes.

	Aye	Nay	Abstaining	Not Present
Alderman Honeycutt	x			
Alderman Wilson	x			
Alderman St John	x			
Alderwoman Walker	x			
Alderwoman Narancich	x			
Alderwoman Bittle	x			

The motion was made by Alderman St. John and seconded by Alderman Wilson to approve payment of invoices for December 15 & 18, 2017 (\$32,575.91) as presented. Motion passed with six yes votes.

	Aye	Nay	Abstaining	Not Present
Alderman Honeycutt	x			
Alderman Wilson	x			
Alderman St John	x			
Alderwoman Walker	x			
Alderwoman Narancich	x			
Alderwoman Bittle	x			

Guests: Mike Williams, Don Romines, Brad Gentry and Angie Quinlan.

Don Romines expressed concerns with the expenditures and revenue regarding the projected budget figures. He would like the council to use caution with spending.

Bill 118 become Ordinance 2017-118. The motion was made by Alderwoman Narancich and seconded by Alderman Wilson to place Bill 118 on second reading by title only. Motion passed with six yes votes.

	Aye	Nay	Abstaining	Not Present
Alderman Honeycutt	x			
Alderman Wilson	x			
Alderman St John	x			
Alderwoman Walker	x			
Alderwoman Narancich	x			
Alderwoman Bittle	x			

The motion was made by Alderman Wilson and seconded by Alderman St. John to adopt Bill 118 as Ordinance 2017-118. Motion passed with six yes roll call votes.

	Aye	Nay	Abstaining	Not Present
Alderman Honeycutt	x			
Alderman Wilson	x			
Alderman St John	x			
Alderwoman Walker	x			
Alderwoman Narancich	x			
Alderwoman Bittle	x			

Bill 114 to become Ordinance 2017-114 (Budget) will be voted upon at a special meeting December 26, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

The motion was made by Alderman St. John and seconded by Alderwoman Walker to approve the Chamber of Commerce lease agreement for 2018. Motion passed with six yes votes.

	Aye	Nay	Abstaining	Not Present
Alderman Honeycutt	x			
Alderman Wilson	x			
Alderman St John	x			
Alderwoman Walker	x			
Alderwoman Narancich	x			
Alderwoman Bittle	x			

City Administrator Update:

Monday, December 18, 2017

This year there were 45 children who participated in Shop with a cop. This was a multi-jurisdictional event. The Houston PD, Houston Fire, Raymondville fire, Sheriff, Highway Patrol, Cabool Police and Fire, Licking Police all participated in the event. There were many smiling faces on the kids and the adults as well. I have been told this is the time of year for burglary incidents and they are up also we have a record number of cases this year at 730. The record had been set in 2015 with 718 cases.

Parks and Recreation we are closing the Director position tomorrow. We have received quite a few applications. Basketball League is getting ready to get started.

Public Grounds has been burning closely watched leaves and other general tasks.

The Water Sewer department is has had a meeting with Rural water and Department of Natural Resources to make sure we stay in compliance with Jerry leaving. Harley will post the Operator Position the first of the year.

The electric department is planning to replace the pole at Panda House this week or next.

The fire department is looking for two to three volunteers if we do not find any we will need to post for some in the spring.

Elaine is still working with FEMA to receive awards for the items needed to be fixed due to the

flooding in May. We have received the approval and funding for Debris removal and the transformer. The remaining projects are considered small projects and therefore the City will receive FEMA's 75 percent for the projects shortly and will have 18 months to have the projects completed. The projects are much smaller than we originally thought. There will be no funds for mitigation. The Main Street Bridge Fix was estimated at \$22,848, Wastewater Treatment plant was estimated at \$67,215, Houston Visitor Center \$10,315 and the Brushy Creek trail \$86,934. I still have the following items I am focusing on:

- Job Descriptions
- Employee Manual
- Forecast
- Water Bottler – We should know more by the end of December according to SCOCOG
- Dairy Building
- Review the contracts we have in place for our pole rentals

Thanks,

Tona

Miscellaneous:

HSHC is having a meeting January 26, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. at the Health Department. This meeting will talk about everyone being a part to help clean up, maintain, and improve our streets to be "livable" in Missouri.

The motion was made by Alderman St. John and seconded by Alderman Wilson to adjourn at 7:28 p.m. Motion passed with six yes votes.

	Aye	Nay	Abstaining	Not Present
Alderman Honeycutt	x			
Alderman Wilson	x			
Alderman St John	x			
Alderwoman Walker	x			
Alderwoman Narancich	x			
Alderwoman Bittle	x			

Minutes Taken By

Mayor

Attest:

Deputy City Clerk