**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING**

**OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE**

**CITY OF SOUR LAKE**

A Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Sour Lake, Hardin County, Texas, noticed for April 16, 2019 at 7:00 o’clock P.M. at Sour Lake City Hall 625 Hwy 105 W., Sour Lake, Hardin County, Texas was called to order at 7:00 o’clock P.M. by Mayor Bruce Robinson pursuant to notice duly posted according to law with the following members present or absent as so indicated:

**NAME** **POSITION** **PRESENT** **ABSENT**

BRUCE ROBINSON - MAYOR X

G. SHANNON McDONALD ALDERMAN/MAYOR PRO TEM X

SHANE RICH - ALDERMAN X

JONATHON WILLIAMS - ALDERMAN X

ROBIN POWELL - ALDERWOMAN X

MARCUS DICKERSON - ALDERMAN X

Also present were the following officers and individuals of the City of Sour Lake: the City Manager, Jack Provost; City Secretary, Debra Morgan; Police Chief Aarron Burleson; Joseph Keel for the Sour Lake Public Works Department, City Attorney, Richard Y. Ferguson and two (2) other visitors and citizens of the City of Sour Lake (Mr. Simons and his son, Wade Simons, working on his Merit Badge as a Boy Scout in and to the City of Sour Lake, Texas.

The Mayor then directed the City Council’s attention to Agenda Item No. 1 for approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 19, 2019 and the Special Meeting Minutes of March 25, 2019 as presented to Council. Following a review of the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 19, 2019 and the Special Meeting Minutes of March 25, 2019 as presented to Council, a motion was made by Alderwoman Robin Powell to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 19, 2019 and the Special Meeting Minutes of March 25, 2019 as presented to Council. The motion was seconded by Alderman McDonald and approved by the following vote of Council:

FOR - 4

AGAINST - 0

ABSTAINING - 0

The Mayor then directed the City Council’s attention to Agenda Item No. 2 for Discussion and Action to approve the Accounts Payable for the Month of March 2019. Following a review of Accounts Payable for the month of March 2019, a motion was made by Alderman McDonald to approve the payment of Accounts Payable as presented for the month of March 2019. The motion was seconded by Alderman Dickerson and approved by the following majority vote of Council:

FOR - 4

AGAINST - 0

ABSTAINING - 0

The Council thereafter considered Agenda Item No. 3 for “Citizen Comments with no one requesting to address Council during Citizen Comments. Any citizen comments to Council could not be discussed or acted upon; however, such comments by any citizen or individual are considered for information purposes only.

The Mayor moved to Agenda Item No. 4 requesting the City Manager to provide the Financial Report of the City of Sour Lake ending with the Month of March 2019 to Council. Following the presentation to and discussion by Council, no action was requested of Council and none taken. The Agenda Item No. 4 was provided to Council for information purposes only.

The Mayor moved to Agenda Item No. 5 for the City Manager’s Report with an up-date on City Projects including but not limited to the status of the CDBG Grant and a required survey. Following the City Manager’s Report, no action was requested nor taken by Council with the Report provided to Council for information purposes only.

The Mayor next directed Council’s attention to Agenda No. 6 concerning the Police Department report with Police Chief Aaron Burleson providing Council his Monthly Update Report including but not limited to Body Cameras, Criminal Justice Grant, New Services, Ticket Riders, Update of Computers, Wi-Fi, Training, Policy and Up-Grades to be more compatible with the Court equipment. No action was requested or taken by Council with the report being provided to Council for information purposes only.

The Mayor moved to Agenda Item No. 7 concerning the Public Works Department with Mr. Joseph Keel reporting to Council on the status of the Public Works Department. Mr. Keel reported to Council on a water leak found that was running into a Storm Drain and Sewer Infrastructure. Following Mr. Keel’s report, no action was requested nor taken by the Sour Lake City Council. The report was provided to Council for information purposes only.

The Mayor moved to Agenda Item No. 8 for the Library Report; however, Mrs. Mathews could not be present. Nevertheless, Alderwoman Powell provided a report as to activity associated with the Library conveyed to her by Mrs. Mathews. No action was requested nor taken in connection with the Library Report.

The Mayor moved to Agenda Item No. 9 for Discussion and Action to approve a proposal from Teresa Trahan for Lark in the Park in an amount not to exceed $375.00 as presented by SLED. Following discussion by Council, a motion was made by Alderman McDonald that the City Council of the City of Sour Lake approve the request for Lark in the Park in an amount not to exceed $375.00. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Powell and approved by the following vote of the City Council:

FOR - 4

AGAINST - 0

ABSTAINING - 0

The Mayor moved to Agenda Item No. 10 to award the bid for the CDBG 2017-18 Sewer Rehab Project. Following a presentation to and discussion by Council, a motion was made by Alderwoman Powell that the Sour Lake City Council award the bid for the CDBG 2017-18 Sewer Rehab Project to CZ Construction, LLC. The motion was seconded by Alderman Williams and approved by the following vote of the Sour Lake City Council:

FOR - 4

AGAINST - 0

ABSTAINING - 0

The Mayor moved to Agenda Item No. 11 for Discussion and Action to adopt a Proclamation proclaiming April as National Fair Housing Month. Following a presentation to and discussion by Council, a motion was made by Alderman McDonald that the Sour Lake City Council adopt a Proclamation proclaiming April as National Fair Housing Month. The motion was seconded by Alderman Dickerson and approved by the following vote of the City Council:

FOR - 4

AGAINST - 0

ABSTAINING - 0

The Mayor moved to Agenda Item No. 12 for Discussion and Action on Ordinance No. 04-03-2019 denying the cost recovery factor rate increase of Entergy Texas. Following a presentation to and discussion by Council, a motion was made by Alderman Dickerson that the Sour Lake City Council on Ordinance No. 04-03-2019 deny the cost recovery factor rate increase of Entergy Texas. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Powell and approved by the following vote of the Sour Lake City Council:

FOR - 4

AGAINST - 0

ABSTAINING - 0

The Mayor moved to Agenda Item No. 13 for Discussion and Action on Ordinance No. 04-01-2019 suspending the rate proposed by CenterPoint Entergy Resources Corp. Following a presentation to and discussion by Council, a motion was made by Alderwoman Powell that the Sour Lake City Council adopt and approve Ordinance No. 04-01-2019 suspending the rate proposed by CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp. The motion was seconded by Alderman McDonald and approved by the following vote of the Sour Lake City Council:

FOR - 4

AGAINST - 0

ABSTAINING - 0

The Mayor next moved to Agenda Item No. 14 for Discussion and Action to open a Bank Account for the 2019 Tax Note and authorize the signers to be Mayor Bruce Robinson, City Manager, Jack Provost and Debra Morgan, the Sour Lake City Secretary. Following discussion by Council, a motion was made by Alderman Dickerson that the Sour Lake City Council authorize the City Manager to open a Bank Account for the 2019 Tax Note and authorize the signers to be Mayor Bruce Robinson, City Manager Jack Provost and City Secretary Debra Morgan. The motion was seconded by Alderman McDonald and approved by the following vote of the Sour Lake City Council:

FOR - 4

AGAINST - 0

ABSTAINING - 0

The Mayor next moved to Agenda Item No. 15 for Discussion and Action to approve the purchase of The First United Methodist Church Building located 615 Highway 105 W. in the amount of $100,000.00. Following the presentation to Council, a motion was made by Alderman McDonald that the Sour Lake City Council approve the purchase of The First United Methodist Church Building located 615 Hwy 105 West as negotiated by the City Manager in the amount of $100,000.00. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Powell and approved by the following vote of the Sour Lake City Council:

FOR - 4

AGAINST - 0

ABSTAINING - 0

There being no additional Agenda Items to consider, a motion was made by Alderman Williams to adjourn the Sour Lake City Council meeting at approximately 7:30 P.M. on April 16, 2019. The motion was seconded by Alderman McDonald and approved by the following vote of the Sour Lake City Council:

FOR - 4

AGAINST - 0

ABSTAINING - 0

The Sour Lake City Council adjourned the April 16, 2019 Regular City Council Meeting at 7:30 P.M.

CITY OF SOUR LAKE

ATTESTED BY: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Bruce Robinson, Mayor

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Debra Morgan, City Secretary