

**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 18, 2023, at 6:00 o'clock P.M. at Sour Lake City Hall Annex 615 Hwy 105 W., Sour Lake, Hardin County, Texas was called to order at 6:00 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:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
BRUCE ROBINSON	- MAYOR	X	
G. SHANNON MCDONALD	- ALDERMAN/MAYOR PRO TEM	X	
JONATHON WILLIAMS	- ALDERMAN	X	
ROBIN POWELL	- ALDERWOMAN		X
CONNIE MURPHY	- ALDERWOMAN	X	
REBECCA GARDINER	- ALDERWOMAN		X

Also present or absent were the following officers and individuals of the City of Sour Lake:

The City Manager, Jack Provost	-	Present
The City Secretary, Debra Morgan	-	Present
The Police Chief Aaron Burleson	-	Present
City Attorney, Alex Stelly for Sour Lake	-	Absent
Public Works Department (Joey Keel)		Present
Jeff Leavens with LEAD Eng.	-	Present
MaryAnn Boyd, Library Director	-	Present
Six visitors		

The Mayor then directed the City Council's attention to Agenda Item No. 1 for approval of Minutes of the Special Meeting of March 21, 2023. Following a review of the Special Meeting Minutes of March 21, 2023, a motion was made by Alderman McDonald to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 28, 2023, as presented. The motion was seconded by Alderman Williams and approved by the following vote of Council:

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AGAINST	-	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 April 2023. Following a review of Accounts Payable for the month of April 2023, a motion was made by Alderman McDonald to approve the payment of Accounts Payable as presented for the month of April 2023. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Murphy and approved by the following majority vote of Council:

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AGAINST	-	0

The Council thereafter considered Agenda Item No. 3 for "Citizen Comments. Phyllis Theriot informed the Mayor and Council members of her concerns of possible flooding on Ryan Road due to all the new construction. 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 April 2023 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, the City Manager informed the Council about the Dedication of the Black Cemetery, American Rescue Act Grant update on generators, and the clean up of Dr. Wesolow's Property This was information purposes only.

The Mayor next directed Council's attention to Agenda Item No. 6 concerning the Police Department report with Chief Burleson providing Council his Monthly Updates on the Department and his monthly report. Chief Burleson informed the council of the donation \$2100.00 received for Adopt a Cop, one Grant Closed Out the other still on going. Following the Chiefs report no action was requested nor taken by the 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. Mr. Keel informed the Council of the Sewer Plant Inspection by TCEQ passed, and three new taps.

The Mayor moved to Agenda Item No. 8, Engineering Projects. Mr. Jeff Levins with LEAD Engineering informed the City Council that they would rebid the Water Well



Test #4. Pipe bursting was going well and on schedule and updated the TxDot Road Expansion. The report was provided to Council for information purposes only.

The Mayor moved to Agenda Item No. 9 for the Library Report. Librarian Mary Ann Boyd reported on normal business. Business as usual with 40 books being donated and working on Summer Reading Program. The report was provided to Council for information purposes only. No action required.

The Mayor moved to Agenda Item No. 10 Chamber of Commerce Report. Alderwoman Gardiner was absent however Jenny Murphy informed Council that the Chamber of Commerce Banquet was changed to May 23, 2023 and will be held at HJ High School from 6-8.

The Mayor moved to Agenda Item No. 11 for Discussion and Action on a presentation from Kaitlin Davis to build a Gaga Pit in the Park to earn her Gold Award with the Girl Scouts. After presentation from Kaitlin Davis a motion was made by Alderman Williams to approve the building of a Gaga Pit. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Murphy and approved by the following vote of the Board:

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The Mayor moved to Agenda Item No. 12, Discussion/Action for a Variance on a Travel Trailer at 1095 Mowbray Street presented by James Bolt. After discussion a motion was made by Alderman McDonald to approve a six (6) month variance for a Travel Trailer at 1095 Mowbray St. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Murphy and approved by the following vote of the Board:

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AGAINST	0

The Mayor moved to Agenda Item No. 13, Discussion and Action to waive the lien that the city has on the property located at 190 W. Smith Street. After discussion a motion was made by Alderman McDonald to waive the lien on the property located at 190 W. Smith Street. The motion was seconded by Alderman Williams and approved by the following vote of the Board:

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AGAINST	0

The Mayor moved to Agenda Item No. 14, Discussion/Action to approve Test Well #4 for the GO#22-85-37-D281 change order #1 presented by Jeff Levins. No action was taken on this agenda item.

The Mayor moved to Agenda Item No. 15, to adopt a Resolution and enter into an Agreement entitled Opioid Abatement Fund Settlement. A motion was made by Alderman McDonald to adopt the Resolution for the Opioid Abatement Fund Settlement. The motion was seconded by Alderman Williams and approved by the following vote of the Board:

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The Mayor moved to Agenda Item No. 16, Discussion and Action to approve Jenny Murphy to attend the Annual TMHRA Conference in Galveston, Texas on May 16-19, 2023. After discussion a motion was made by Alderman Murphy to approve that Jenny Murphy attend the TMHRA Conference in Galveston, Texas. The motion was seconded by Alderman Williams and approved by the following vote of the Board:


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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 6:45 P.M. on April 18, 2023. The motion was seconded by Alderman McDonald and approved by the following vote of the Sour Lake City Council:

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The Sour Lake City Council adjourned the April 18, 2023, Regular City Council Meeting at 6:45 P.M.

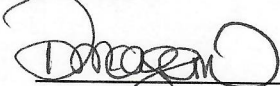
CITY OF SOUR LAKE



Bruce Robinson, Mayor

Shannon McDonald, Mayor Pro-Tem

ATTEST:



Debra Morgan, City Secretary