

**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 September 20, 2022, 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. with a Public Hearing being called 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	-	Present
Joey Keel, for Sour Lake Public Works Department	-	Present
Jeff Leavens with Whitley Eng.	-	Present
MaryAnn Boyd, Library Director	-	Present
Shirley Cook, TAC and one visitor		

The time being 6:00 P.M., Mayor Robinson called the Public Hearing scheduled to be held on Tuesday September 20, 2022, at 6:00 P.M., at the City of Sour Lake Annex, 615 Hwy 105 W., Sour Lake, Texas concerning the FY 2022 proposed Tax Rate for \$0.408272 per \$100 valuation and the FY2023 Budget, pursuant to notice duly posted according to law. There being no questions or comments by the parties present, the Mayor noticed that the time was 6:01 P.M. and the Public Hearing concerning the proposed FY2022 Tax Rate and the FY2023 Budget for the City of Sour Lake, Texas was closed.

The Mayor then directed the City Council's attention to Agenda Item No. 1 for approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 16 and Special Meeting of September 1, 2022. Following a review of the Regular Meeting Minutes of August 16 and Special Meeting Minutes of September 1, 2022, a motion was made by Alderman Williams to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of August 16 and the Special Meeting Minutes of September 1, 2022, as presented. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Powell 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 August 2022. Following a review of Accounts Payable for the month of August 2022, a motion was made by Alderman McDonald to approve the payment of Accounts Payable as presented for the month of August 2022. The motion was seconded by Alderman Williams 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. There was no citizen's sign up for 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 August 2022 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. Gave a brief update on Grant Projects. 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 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 Mayor and Council of New PD unit by October 3, National Night Out for Citizens and a unit is still in shop for repairs. 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. Informed the Board on 12 new Grinders for Holly Trails, and update on Sewer Project. The report was provided to Council for information purposes only.

The Mayor moved to Agenda Item No. 8, Engineering Projects. Mr. Jeff Levins with Whiteley-Oliver Engineering informed Board of Environmental for CDV21-0383 was cleared, and rebids for test well with that being an Agenda Item. 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. Informed the Mayor and Council of they had 11 for Story Time and emailing citizens to remind them of overdue books. 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 informed the Board they had four new members, New Board and Trunk r Treat to be held on October 22, 2022. No action required.

The Mayor moved to Agenda Item No. 11 for Discussion and Action to adopt an Ordinance for the FY2022 Tax Rate. Following a presentation to and discussion by the Sour Lake City Council. A motion was made by Alderwoman Powell that the Sour Lake City Council adopt and approved the Tax Rate Ordinance of the City of Sour Lake. The motion was seconded by Alderman McDonald and approved by the following roll call of the Sour Lake City Council:

Alderwoman	Robin Powell
Alderwoman	Connie Murphy
Alderman	Shannon McDonald
Alderman	Jonathan Williams
Alderwoman	Rebecca Gardiner

The Tax Rate Ordinance was unanimously approved.

The Mayor moved to Agenda Item No. 12, Discussion/Action to adopt the FY2023 Budget. Following a discussion by Council, a motion was made by Alderman McDonald to approve and adopt the FY2023 Budget. The motion was seconded by Alderman Williams and approve by the following vote of the Board.

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The Mayor moved to Agenda Item No. 13, Discussion and Action to authorize advertisement of construction bids for the Sewer Improvement Project Contract # CDV21-0383. After discussion by Council a motion was made by Alderwoman Powell for the Engineers to advertise for bids for Sewer Improvement Project Contract # CDV21-0383. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Gardiner and approved by the following vote of the Board:

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AGAINST	0

The Mayor moved to the next Agenda Item No. 14, Discussion and Action to reject bids from the first test well project. After a presentation from Jeff Leavins, Engineer a motion was made by Alderwoman Powell to reject the first bids for the test well, CDBG #20-065-088-C249. 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 the next Agenda Item # 15, Discussion and Action to approve the Engineers to go out for re-bids on the test well. Following discussion by Council, a motion was made by Alderwoman Gardiner to approve the Engineers to rebid the test wells for the CDBG #20-065-088-C249. The motion was seconded by Alderman McDonald and approved by the following vote of the Board:

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AGAINST	0

The Mayor moved to the final Agenda # 16, Discussion and Action to decline the change rates requested by Entergy Texas. Following a discussion by Council a motion was made by Alderman McDonald to reject the rate changes for Entergy Texas. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Murphy and approved by the following vote of the Board:

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AGAINST	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 6:24 P.M. on September 20, 2022. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Gardiner and approved by the following vote of the Sour Lake City Council:

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AGAINST - 0

The Sour Lake City Council adjourned the September 20, 2022 Regular City Council Meeting at 6:24 P.M.

CITY OF SOUR LAKE

Bruce Robinson, Mayor
Shannon McDonald, Mayor Pro-Tem

ATTEST:

Debra Morgan, City Secretary