

**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 May 16, 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
KEVIN CUDD (Newly Elected)	-ALDERMAN	X
MICHAEL HENDRIX (Newly Elected)	-ALDERMAN	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	-	Present
Public Works Department (Joey Keel)		Present
Jeff Leavens with LEAD Eng.	-	Present
MaryAnn Boyd, Library Director	-	Present
20 plus visitors		

The Mayor then directed the City Council's attention to Agenda Item No. 1 for approval of Minutes of April 18, 2023. Following a review of the Meeting Minutes of April 18, 2023, a motion was made by Alderman Williams to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 18, 2023, as presented. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Murphy and approved by the following vote of Council:

FOR	-	5
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:

FOR	-	5
AGAINST	-	0

The Council thereafter considered Agenda Item No. 3 for “Citizen Comments. Sherry Williams spoke of all the accomplishments that Alderman Williams had done for the city in his terms of office as an Alderman. 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 May 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 gave the Mayor and Council an update on Dr. Paul Wesolow’s Property and next steps to be taken. This was information purposes only.

The Mayor next directed Council’s attention to Agenda Item No. 6 concerning the Police Department report with Chief Bureson providing Council his Monthly Updates on the Department and his monthly report. Chief Bureson informed the council of the two audits with minor problems, Security Awareness Training needed annually and Program at the Elementary School. 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 water line breaks due to contractors and the new Sewer Pond in compliance.

The Mayor moved to Agenda Item No. 8, Engineering Projects. Mr. Jeff Levins with LEAD Engineering informed the City Council on site bids on road repairs, test well bid opening and of possible TXDot Revisions. 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 preparing for Summer Reading Program and Annual Report competed waiting on approval. 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 reminded the Council of Annual banquet on May 25 at HJHS and two new members.

At this time of the meeting Alderman Williams spoke of the time he had spent being a Alderman and all that the city has accomplished during his terms of office.

The Mayor moved to Agenda Item No. 11 for Discussion and Action to canvass the votes for the May 6, 2023, general election. The Election votes were as followed:

Total Votes	243
Ryan Elmore	22
Kevin Cudd	75
David Morris	11
Michael Hendrix	39
Rebecca Gardiner	60
Jonathon Williams	36

After review of the General Election Votes a motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem McDonald to accept the votes as presented. The motion was seconded by Alderman Williams and approved by the following vote of the Board:

FOR	5
AGAINST	0

The Mayor moved to Agenda Item No. 12, to swear in Alderwoman Rebecca Gardiner, Alderman Kevin Cudd and Alderman Michael Hendrix each for a two-year term.

The Mayor moved to Agenda Item No. 13, Discussion and Action to appoint a Mayor Pro-Tem. Alderman Cudd nominated Alderwoman Murphy as Mayor Pro-Tem. The motion was seconded by Alderman Hendrix and approved by the following vote of the Board:

FOR	5
AGAINST	0

The Mayor moved to Agenda Item No. 14, Discussion/Action to Proclaim May 2023 as Motorcycle Awareness Month. Alderwoman Gardiner made a motion to Proclaim May 2023 as Motorcycle Awareness Month. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Murphy and approved by the following vote of the Board:

FOR	5
AGAINST	0

The Mayor moved to Agenda Item No. 15, on an Ordinance authorizing the settlement of the proposed rate increase of Entergy Texas presented by Lawton Law Firm. A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem McDonald to approve the Ordinance for the proposed rate increase of Entergy Texas. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Gardiner and approved by the following vote of the Board:

FOR	5
AGAINST	0

The Mayor moved to Agenda Item No. 16, Discussion and Action on 2023 HMA Road Improvement Project. After the presentation from Engineer Jeff Levins, the council took no action at this time.

The Mayor moved to Agenda Item No. 17, to approve recommendation of award for the GLO CDBG-MIT Water System Improvements Project Bid 3-Test Well No.5 (1,200 Deep) presented by Jeff Levins. After discussing a motion was made by Alderman McDonald to award the bid to JS Well as recommended by Jeff Levins. The motion was seconded by Alderman Hendrix and approved by the following vote of the Board:

FOR	5
AGAINST	0

There being no additional Agenda Items to consider, a motion was made by Alderwoman Gardiner to adjourn the Sour Lake City Council meeting at approximately 6:50 P.M. on May 16, 2023. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Murphy 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 May 16, 2023, Regular City Council Meeting at 6:50 P.M.

CITY OF SOUR LAKE

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Bruce Robinson, Mayor  
Connie Murphy, Mayor Pro-Tem

ATTEST:

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Debra Morgan, City Secretary