

**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 21, 2021 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	
MARCUS DICKERSON	- ALDERMAN	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
Mr. Joseph Keel for the Sour Lake Public Works Department	-	Present
City Attorney, Alex Stelly	-	Present
Jenny Murphy, City Clerk	-	Present
Trey Gaspard and Toby Davis with LJA Eng.	-	Present
David Waxman and Susan Stover With David Waxman, Inc.	-	Present

The time being 6:00 P.M., Mayor Robinson called the Public Hearing scheduled to be held on Tuesday September 21, 2021 at 6:00 P.M., at the City of Sour Lake Annex, 615 Hwy 105 W., Sour Lake, Texas concerning the FY2020 proposed Tax Rate for .447423 per \$100 valuation and the FY 2021 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 Public Hearing concerning the proposed FY2020 Tax and 2021 FY Budget for the City of Sour Lake, Texas was closed.

The Mayor called the Regular Meeting of the Sour Lake City Council to order at 6:01 P.M. with Mayor Robinson moving to Agenda Item No. 1 for approval of Minutes of the Special Meeting Minutes of August 4 and Regular Meeting Minutes of August 17, 2021. Following a review of the Special Meeting Minutes of August 4 and Regular Meeting Minutes of August 17, 2021, a motion was made by Alderman Williams to approve the Special Meeting Minutes of August 4 and the Regular Meeting Minutes of August 17, 2021 as presented. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Powell and approved by the following vote of Council:

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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 September 2021. Following a review of Accounts Payable for the month of September 2021, a motion was made by Alderwoman Powell to approve the payment of Accounts Payable as presented for the month of September 2021. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Gardiner 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 September 2021 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 reporting the completion of the Maintenance Building and closing the Splash Pad on October 1, 2021 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 Burtleson providing Council his Monthly Updates on the Department and his annual report and informing the Council of Sergeant Hoffman was released for full duty and one new hire. 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. 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, Engineering Projects. Trey Gaspard with LJA Engineering reported updates on Sewer Rehab Project the completion with Texas Pride and Grant Pond Project and Road Rehab updates. The report was provided to Council for information purposes only. There are several items on the Agenda to be acted on.

The Mayor moved to Agenda Item No. 9 for the Library Report; Librarian was not present so there was no action to be taken.

The Mayor moved to Agenda Item No. 10 Chamber of Commerce Report. Alderwoman Gardiner informed the Board that there will be a Trunk R Treat at the Park on October 30, 2021 from 7:00 PM until. No action required.

The Mayor moved to Agenda Item No. 11 for Discussion and Action to adopt by Ordinance the FY2021 Tax Rate. Following a presentation to and discussion by the Sour Lake City Council, a motion was made by Alderman Williams that the Sour Lake City Council adopts and approves the Tax Rate Ordinance of the City of Sour Lake. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Gardiner and approved by the following roll call of the Sour Lake City Council:

Alderman	Jonathan Williams
Alderwoman	Robin Powell
Alderwoman	Rebecca Gardiner
Alderman	Marcus Dickerson
Mayor	Bruce Robinson

The Tax Rate ordinance was unanimously approved

The Mayor moved to Agenda Item No. 12 for Discussion and Action to adopt the FY 2022 Budget. Following a discussion by Council, a motion was made by Alderman

Dickerson to amend and adopt the FY2022 Budget with the amendment increasing the budget with an additional 5% raise to Administration, Street Department and Library. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Powell and approved by the following roll call of the Sour Lake City Council:

Alderman	Jonathan Williams
Alderwoman	Robin Powell
Alderwoman	Rebecca Gardiner
Alderman	Marcus Dickerson
Mayor	Bruce Robinson

The Mayor moved to Agenda Item No. 13 for Discussion and Action on a presentation by David Waxman on Section 3 as required by Texas Department of Agricultural for the CDBG Project #7220440, Street Improvement Project. Susan Stover with David Waxman, Inc. informed the Mayor and City Council of changes to the Section 3 and how it could affect future grants. There being no comments or questions by Sour Lake City Council no action was needed this was informational only.

The Mayor moved to Agenda Item No. 14, Discussion/Action to terminate existing engineering contract with LJA Engineers for the MIT Grant. After discussion a motion was made by Alderman Dickerson to terminate the contract with LJA Engineering on the MIT Grant. 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
ABSTAINING	-	0

The Mayor moved to the next Agenda Item No. 15, Discussion/Action authorization to go out for procurement for Engineering Service (RFQ) for the above Harvey MIT Grant project. Following discussion by the Sour Lake City Council a motion was made by Alderman Dickerson to authorize the City to procure for Engineering Services for the Harvey MIT Grant. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Powell and approved by the following vote of the Sour Lake City Council:

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AGAINST	-	0
ABSTAINING	-	0

The Mayor moved to Agenda Item No. 16, Discussion/Action to appoint a committee to rate the Engineering Service for the RFQ's received for the Harvey MIT Grant Project. The following were appointed to the Committee Jack Provost, City Manager, Joseph Keel, Alderman Marcus Dickerson and Mayor Bruce Robinson. A motion was made by

Alderman Williams to appoint the City Manager Jack Provost, Joseph Keel, Alderman Marcus Dickerson and Mayor Bruce Robinson as committee members to rate the RFQ's received by the City for the Harvey MIT GRANT. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Powell and approved by the following vote of the Sour Lake City Council:

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AGAINST	-	0
ABSTAINING	-	0

The Mayor moved to Agenda Item No. 17, Discussion/Action on change order #2 for the Road Improvements FY2019 TDA CDBG Project #7220440 in the amount of \$10,950.00. After discussion a motion was made by Alderman Dickerson to approve the change order #2 for the Road Improvements FY2019 TDA CDBG Project # 7220440 in the amount of \$10,950.00. 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
ABSTAINING	-	0

The Mayor moved to Agenda Item No. 18, Discussion/Action to proceed to access Liquidated Damages (88 days over Contract Time= \$44,000.00) against Texas Pride Utilities for the 2019 Sanitary Rehabilitation Project. After discussion a motion was made by Alderman Dickerson to amend as stated and proceed to access the Liquidated Damages being over contract 88 days with the amount of Liquidation procced in the amount of \$44,000.00. 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
ABSTAINING	-	0

The Mayor moved to Agenda Item No. 19, Discussion/Action on Certificate of Construction Completion for Texas Pride Utilities for the 2019 Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project. After presentation from LJA Engineering a motion was made by Alderwoman Powell to approve the Certificate of Construction Completion for Texas Pride Utilities for the 2019 Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project. 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. 20, Discussion/Action on Pay Request #9 (FINAL) for Texas Pride Utilities for the 2019 Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project. After discussion a motion was made by Alderman Dickerson to approve Pay Request #9 (FINAL) for Texas Pride Utilities for the 2019 Sanitary Rehabilitation Project. 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. 21, Discussion/Action to adopt an Ordinance denying the Distribution Cost Recovery Factor Rate Increase request for Entergy Texas, Inc. After discussion a motion was made by Alderman Dickerson to adopt the Distribution Cost Recovery Factor Rate Increase Ordinance denying the increase. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Gardiner 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. 22, Discussion/Action to approve a sign for Southern Chique Art Boutique presented by SLED. After discussion a motion was made by Alderwoman Powell to purchase a sign for the Southern Chique Art Boutique in the amount of \$712.06. The motion was seconded by Alderman Williams and approved by the following vote of the Sour Lake City Council:

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AGAINST	-	0
ABSTAINING	-	0

The Mayor then moved to Agenda Item No. 23, Discussion/Action to approve the cost of equipment for G Taco House Restaurant presented by SLED. A motion was made by Alderwoman Gardiner to purchase a sign and pay for Natural Gas lines in the amount of \$9,875.00. 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 then moved to the final agenda item, Agenda Item No. 24, Discussion/Action to amend the Planning and Zoning Ordinance to allow manufactured homes within a maximum of 100 ft. on the East side of Fannin Street and, Manufactured Homes must run parallel to Fannin St. After discussion a motion was made by Alderman Dickerson to allow manufactured homes to be place on Fannin St with 100 ft. and must be parallel to Fannin St. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Gardiner and approve 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 7:06 P.M. on September 21, 2021. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Gardiner 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 September 21, 2021 Regular City Council Meeting at 7:06 P.M.

CITY OF SOUR LAKE

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Bruce Robinson, Mayor  
Shannon McDonald, Mayor Pro-Tem

ATTEST:

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Debra Morgan, City Secretary