

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF SOUR LAKE**

A Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of Sour Lake, Hardin County, Texas, noticed for February 23, 2021 at 7:00 o'clock P.M. at Sour Lake Annex 615 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:

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

Also present or absent were the following officers and individuals 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
Jonah Murphy City Librarian	-	Present
City Attorney, Richard Y. Ferguson	-	Present
One other visitor .Mr. Trey Gaspard with LJA Engineers		Present

Mayor Robinson then directed the City Council's attention to Agenda Item No. 1 for approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 21, 2020. Following a review of the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 19, 2021, a motion was made by Alderwoman Powell to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 20, 2021 as presented. The motion was seconded by Alderman McDonald and approved by the following vote of Council:

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AGAINST	-	0
ABSTAINING	-	0

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 January 2021. Following a review of Accounts Payable for the month of January, 2021, a motion was made by Alderman McDonald to approve the payment of Accounts Payable as presented for the month of January 2021. The motion was seconded by Alderman Williams and approved by the following majority vote of Council:

FOR	-	5
AGAINST	-	0
ABSTAINING	-	0

The Council thereafter considered Agenda Item No. 3 for “Citizen Comments; with Mr. Trey Gaspard requesting to address Council as a visitor and representing LJA Engineering in connection with the Sour Lake sewer project, pond and CDBG Roads. 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.

Mayor Robinson 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 January 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.

Mayor Robinson moved to Agenda Item No. 5 for the City Manager’s Report with City Manager Jack Provost providing an up-dated report to Council concerning various City Projects including but not limited to the following completion of the Shade Structures being completed at the City Park. Following City Manager’s Report no action was requested nor taken by the City Council with the Report provided to Council for information purposes only.

Mayor Robinson next directed Council’s attention to Agenda No. 6 concerning the Police Department report with Chief Burleson providing Council his Monthly report for the Sour Lake Police Department including activity associated with updates on the Sour Lake Police Department. Chief Burleson also reported on the following: Department radios, car radios and tickets issued for the month of January and the Department’s Storm Responses. No action was requested with the report provided to Council for information purposes only.

Mayor Robinson 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 also advised Council on the status of current projects, storm responses, lost equipment, extra time expended during the storm, on water and sewer projects of the Sour Lake Public Works and the status of other possible future projects. Following Mr. Keel's report no action was requested nor taken by the Sour Lake City Council. Mr. Keel's report was provided to Council for information purposes only.

Mayor Bruce Robinson moved to Agenda Item No. 8 for the Library Report by Jonah Murphy, Librarian. Following the Library Report by Jonah Murphy, no action was requested by the City Librarian other than the scheduled Agenda Item No, 13

Mayor Robinson directed Councils attention to Agenda Item No. 9 for Discussion and Action to authorize the City Secretary to procure a Grant Administrator for the CDBG TDA 2021-2022 Funding Cycle. Following discussion by the Sour Lake City Council, a motion was made by Alderman Williams that the Sour Lake City Council that the Sour Lake City Council authorize the City Secretary to procure a Grant Administrator for the CDBG TDA 2021-2022 Funding Cycle. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Gardiner and approved by the following vote of the City Council:

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AGAINST	-	0
ABSTAINING	-	0

The Mayor moved to Agenda Item No. 10 for Discussion and Action to authorize the City Secretary to procure an Engineering Firm for the CDBG TDA 2021-2022 Funding Cycle. Following discussion by Council a motion by Alderman Dickerson that the Sour Lake City Council to authorize the City Secretary to procure an Engineering Firm for the CDBG TDA 2021-2022 Funding Cycle. The motion was seconded by Alderman McDonald and approved by the following vote of the Sour Lake City Council:

FOR	-	5
AGAINST	-	0
ABSTAINING	-	0

The Mayor moved to Agenda Item No. 11 for Discussion and Action to appoint a Rating Committee for the selection of a Grant Administrator and an Engineering Firm for the CDBG TDA 2021-2022 Funding Cycle. Following discussion by Council, a motion was made by Alderwoman Dickerson that the Sour Lake City Council to appoint Mayor Robinson, City Manager Jack Provost, City Secretary Debra Morgan and Alderman Williams as the Rating Committee for the selection of a Grant Administrator and an Engineering Firm for the CDBG TDA 2021-2022 Funding Cycle. The motion was seconded by Alderman Williams and approved by the following vote of the Sour Lake City Council:

FOR	-	5
AGAINST	-	0
ABSTAINING	-	0

The Mayor moved to Agenda Item No. 12 for Discussion and Action to Cancel the May General Election. Following discussion by the City Council, a motion was made by Alderman McDonald that the Sour Lake City Council cancels the May General Election. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Powell and approved by the following vote of the Sour Lake City Council:

FOR	-	5
AGAINST	-	0
ABSTAINING	-	0

The Mayor moved to Agenda Item No. 13 for Discussion and Action to adopt the Library Long Range Plan for 2021-2021. Following discussion by Sour Lake City Council a motion was made by Alderwoman Gardiner that the Sour Lake City Council adopts the Library's Long Range Plan for 2021-2025 as presented to the Sour Lake City Council. The motion was seconded by Alderman McDonald and approved by the following vote of the Sour Lake City Council:

FOR	-	5
AGAINST	-	0
ABSTAINING	-	0

The Mayor next moved to Agenda Item No. 14 for Discussion and Action on City Employee Salaries. Following discussion by Council, a motion was made by Alderwoman Gardiner that the Sour Lake City Council approves a 15% raise to the Sour Lake Police Department. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Powell and approved by the following vote of the Sour Lake City Council:

FOR	-	5
AGAINST	-	0
ABSTAINING	-	0

The Mayor next moved to Agenda Item No. 15 for Discussion and Action on abandoning a utility easement south of the Quilt Shop on Hwy 326 S. Following discussion by the Sour Lake City Council, a motion was made by Alderman Dickerson that the Sour Lake City Council abandons the utility easement. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Powell and approved by the following vote of the Sour Lake City Council:

FOR - 5
AGAINST - 0
ABSTAINING - 0

The Mayor next moved to Agenda Item No. 16 for Discussion/Action to grant a variance for a Tiny Home to be placed on 360 Duhon. Following discussion by Council, a motion was made by Alderman McDonald that the Sour Lake City Council grant the variance for a Tiny Home to be placed at 360 Duhon. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Gardiner and approved by the following vote of the Sour Lake City Council:

FOR - 5
AGAINST - 0
ABSTAINING - 0

The Mayor next moved to Agenda Item No. 17 for Discussion and Action on how to proceed with hiring a new City Attorney. Following discussion by the Sour Lake City Council, no action was taken by the Sour Lake City Council.

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 7:45 P.M. on February 23, 2021. The motion was seconded by Alderman Williams and approved by the following vote of the Sour Lake City Council:

FOR - 5
AGAINST - 0
ABSTAINING - 0

The Sour Lake City Council adjourned the February 23, 2021 Special City Council Meeting at 7:45 o'clock P.M.

CITY OF SOUR LAKE

ATTESTED BY:

Debra Morgan, City Secretary

Bruce Robinson, Mayor
Shannon McDonald, Mayor Pro-Tem