

**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 October 17, 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> |
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| BRUCE ROBINSON | - MAYOR | X | |
| G. SHANNON MCDONALD | - ALDERMAN | X | |
| CONNIE MURPHY | - MAYOR PRO-TEM | X | |
| REBECCA GARDINER | - ALDERWOMAN | | X |
| KEVIN CUDD | -ALDERMAN | X | |
| MICHAEL HENDRIX | -ALDERMAN | | X |

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

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| The City Manager, Jack Provost | - | Present |
| The City Secretary, Debra Morgan | - | Present |
| Sgt. Tiner | - | Present |
| City Attorney, Alex Stelly for Sour Lake | - | Present |
| Public Works Department (Joey Keel) | - | Absent |
| Jeff Leavens with LEAD Eng. | - | Present |
| MaryAnn Boyd, Library Director | - | Present |

The Mayor then directed the City Council's attention to Agenda Item No. 1 for approval of Regular Minutes of September 18 and Special Minutes of September 26, 2023. Following a review of the Meeting Minutes of September 18 and September 26, 2023, a motion was made by Alderman Cudd to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of September 19 and the Special Minutes of September 26, 2023, as presented. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Murphy 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 October 2023. Following a review of Accounts Payable for the month of October 2023, a motion was made by Alderman McDonald to approve the payment of Accounts Payable as presented for the month of October 2023. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Murphy and approved by the following majority vote of Council:

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The Council thereafter considered Agenda Item No. 3 for "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 for the Month of October 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 Mayor and Council of the cost of 1.6 million for the TxDot Project and the possibility of a Bond. Due to the cost of the TxDot Project and the City having to have another Bond City Manager is going to propose Water and Sewer Rates increase in the future. This was for information purposes only.

The Mayor next directed the Council's attention to Agenda Item No. 6 concerning the Police Department report with Sgt. Tiner providing Council his Monthly Updates on the Department and his monthly report. 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 being absent. He supplied the Mayor and Council with a monthly report.

The Mayor moved to Agenda Item No. 8, Engineering Projects. Mr. Jeff Levins with LEAD Engineering informed the City Council that Test Well has begun, and the Sewer Project completed. 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 726 Patrons as of this year. 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. No one reported on Chamber Business at this time. No action needed for information only.

The Mayor moved to Agenda Item No. 11, Discussion and Action to grant Mr. James Bolt an extended variance for a Travel Trailer located at 1095 Mowbray St. Due to a family emergency Mr. Bolt was unable to attend. The Mayor and Council request Mr. Bolt to attend the meeting before a variance is allowed. No action made on this agenda item.

The Mayor moved to Agenda Item No. 12, Discussion and Action to approve the Certificate of Construction for the 2021-22 CDBG CDV21-0383 Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project. After discussion a motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Murphy to approve the Certificate of Completion for the 2021-22 CDBG CDV21-0383 Sanitary Sewer Project. The motion was seconded by Alderman McDonald and approved by the following vote of the Board:

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The Mayor moved to Agenda Item No. 13, Discussion and Action to approve advertising for construction bids for the 2023 Street and Drainage Improvement Project. After discussion a motion was made by Alderman Cudd to approve advertising for construction bids for the 2023 Street and Drainage Improvement Project. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem 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 McDonald to adjourn the Sour Lake City Council meeting at approximately 6:31 P.M. on October 17, 2023. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem 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 October 17, 2023, Regular City Council Meeting at 6:31 P.M.

CITY OF SOUR LAKE

Bruce Robinson, Mayor
Connie Murphy, Mayor Pro-Tem

ATTEST:

Debra Morgan, City Secretary