

**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 December 19, 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 Pro-Tem Connie Murphy 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		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:

The City Manager, Jack Provost	-	Present
The City Secretary, Debra Morgan	-	Present
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	-	Absent

The Mayor Pro-Tem then directed the City Council's attention to Agenda Item No. 1 for approval of Regular Minutes of November 21, 2023. Following a review of the Regular Meeting Minutes of November 21, 2023, a motion was made by Alderman Cudd to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of November 21, 2023, as presented. The motion was seconded by Alderman Hendrix and approved by the following vote of Council:

FOR	-	3
AGAINST	-	0

The Mayor Pro-Tem 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 December 2023. Following a review of Accounts Payable for the month of December 2023, a motion was made by Alderman Hendrix to approve the payment of Accounts Payable as presented for the month of December 2023. The motion was seconded by Alderman Cudd and approved by the following vote of Council:

FOR	-	3
AGAINST	-	0

The council thereafter considered Agenda Item No. 3 for "Citizen Comments. Any citizen comments to the Council could not be discussed or acted upon; however, such comments by any citizen or individual are considered for information purposes only. Mayor Bruce Robinson joined the meeting at this time.

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 December 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 Council of the installation of Generator would begin Jan 2 and completed by February 9, 2024. Circus coming to the park, and tables and benches to be placed in the park. 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 Chief Burlison providing Council his Monthly Updates on the Department and his monthly report. Possible new hire and two Officers received the MADD award. 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 reporting six leaks, two new taps and all inspections cleared. This was for information purposes only.

The Mayor moved to Agenda Item No. 8, Engineering Projects. Mr. Jeff Levins with LEAD Engineering informed the City Council that they would be meeting with Waxman, Inc. to start the process to obtain property for the new Well on Hwy 105 E. The report was provided to Council for information purposes only.

The Mayor moved to Agenda Item No. 9 for the Library Report. The librarian was not present at this meeting.

The Mayor moved to Agenda Item No. 10 Chamber of Commerce Report. Nothing was reported for this item.

The Mayor moved to Agenda Item No. 11, Discussion and Action on the award for the City of Sour Lake – Street and Drainage Improvement Project Construction Contract. After presentation from Mr. Levins a motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Murphy to award the Street and Drainage Improvement Project Construction to AAA Asphalt. The motion was seconded by Alderman Hendrix and approved by the following vote of the Board:

FOR	2
AGAINST	1

The Mayor moved to Agenda Item No. 12, Award presentation from Motiva. Clare Jackson and Blake Yarbrough with Motiva presented the Sour Lake Police Department with a check in the amount of \$5000.00 and Hardin County ESD #5 with a check in the amount of \$10,000.00.

The Mayor moved to Agenda Item No. 13, Discussion and Action on Budget Amendments for General Fund in the amount of \$83,576.99. A motion was made by Alderman Cudd to approve the amendments in the amount of \$83,576.99. The motion was seconded by Alderman Hendrix and approved by the following vote of the Board:

FOR	3
AGAINST	0

The Mayor moved to Agenda Item No. 14, Discussion and Action to surplus Police Department Handheld Radios to HCESD#5/Fire Department. A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Murphy to authorize the surplus Handheld Radios to HCESD#5/Fire Department. The motion was seconded by Alderman Cudd and approved by the following vote of the Board:

FOR	3
AGAINST	0

The Mayor moved to Agenda Item No. 15, Discussion and Action authorizing the hiring of lawyers and rate experts for the city 's participation to the Public Utility Commission of Texas. A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Murphy to authorize the hiring of lawyers and rate experts for the city's participation to Public Utility Commission of Texas. The motion was seconded by Alderman Hendrix and approved by the following vote of the Board:

FOR 3
AGAINST 0

There being no additional Agenda Items to consider, a motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Murphy to adjourn the Sour Lake City Council meeting at approximately 6:26 P.M. on December 19, 2023. The motion was seconded by Alderman Hendrix and approved by the following vote of the Sour Lake City Council:

FOR - 3
AGAINST - 0

The Sour Lake City Council adjourned the December 19, 2023, Regular City Council Meeting at 6:59 P.M.

CITY OF SOUR LAKE

Bruce Robinson, Mayor
Connie Murphy, Mayor Pro-Tem

ATTEST:

Debra Morgan, City Secretary