

**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 November 21, 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	-	Present
for Sour Lake		
Public Works Department (Joey Keel)	-	Absent
Jeff Leavens with LEAD Eng.	-	Present
MaryAnn Boyd, Library Director	-	Present

And Jason Dickerson President of the SLED Board.

The Mayor Pro-Tem then directed the City Council's attention to Agenda Item No. 1 for approval of Regular Minutes of October 17, 2023. Following a review of the Regular Meeting Minutes of October 17, 2023, a motion was made by Alderman Cudd to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of October 17, 2023, as presented. The motion was seconded by Alderman McDonald and approved by the following vote of Council:

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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 November 2023. Following a review of Accounts Payable for the month of November 2023, a motion was made by Alderman McDonald to approve the payment of Accounts Payable as presented for the month of November 2023. The motion was seconded by Alderman Cudd and approved by the following 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 Pro-Tem 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 November 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 Pro-Tem moved to Agenda Item No. 5 for the City Manager's Report, the City Manager informed the Mayor and Council that Dr. Wesolow's Brother is now the Executor, and the property will be placed on the market to be sold. Also, the city will be reimbursed for all expenses for the shredding of medical documents. This was for information purposes only.

The Mayor Pro-Tem next directed the Council's attention to Agenda Item No. 6 concerning the Police Department report with Chief Burleson 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 Pro-Tem 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. This was for information purposes only.

The Mayor Pro-Tem moved to Agenda Item No. 8, Engineering Projects. Mr. Jeff Levins with LEAD Engineering informed the City Council of Test Well results, Street Projects pre-bid and opening of the Street Bids on December 6, 2023 and Inspections of tanks. The report was provided to Council for information purposes only.

The Mayor Pro-Tem moved to Agenda Item No. 9 for the Library Report. Summer Supplies and books ordered.

The Mayor Pro-Tem moved to Agenda Item No. 10 Chamber of Commerce Report. Alderwoman Gardiner informed the Council of Christmas in the Park December 9, with parade starting at 7PM The report was provided to Council for information purposes only. No action required.

The Mayor Pro-Tem moved to Agenda Item No. 11, Discussion and Action to approve the purchase of Directional Monuments in the amount of \$50,000.00 presented by SLED. After a presentation from Jason Dickerson, President of the SLED Board a motion was made by Alderman Cudd to approve the purchase of Directional Monuments in the amount of \$50,000.00. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Gardiner and approved by the following vote of the Board:

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The Mayor Pro-Tem moved to Agenda Item No. 12, Discussion and Action to purchase 9 Benches and 6 Tables for the Sour Lake Lions Club Park in the amount of \$20,000.00. After a presentation from Jason Dickerson, President of the SLED Board a motion was made by Alderwoman Gardiner to approve the purchase of 9 Benches and 6 Tables for the Sour Lake Lions Club Park in the amount of \$20,000.00. The motion was seconded by Alderman Cudd and approved by the following vote of the Board:

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The Mayor Pro-Tem moved to Agenda Item No. 13, Discussion and Action to extend a variance for James Bolt located at 1095 Mowbray. After discussion a motion was made by Alderman McDonald to grant Mr. Bolt up to a six (6) month variance. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Gardiner and approved by the following vote of the Board:

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The Mayor Pro-Tem moved to Agenda Item No. 14, Discussion and Action to authorize the surplus of Police Department Uniforms. A motion was made by Alderwoman Gardiner to authorize the surplus of uniforms. The motion was seconded by Alderman McDonald and approved by the following vote of the Board:

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The Mayor Pro-Tem moved to Agenda Item No. 15, authorizing the suspension of the effective date for an additional 90 days beyond the effective date proposed by CenterPoint Energy in connection with its statement of intent to increase rates in the Texas Division filed on October 30, 2023. A motion was made by Alderwoman Gardiner to authorize the suspension of the effective date for an additional 90 days beyond the effective date proposed by CenterPoint Energy in connection with its statement of intent to increase rates in the Texas Division filed on October 30, 2023. The motion was seconded by Alderman Cudd and approved by the following vote of the Board:

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The Mayor Pro-Tem and Council adjourned into Executive Session Per Government Code 551.074 at 6:40 P. M. to discuss Personnel Matter.

Mayor Pro-Tem and Council reconvened from Executive Session at 6:59. P.M.

The Mayor Pro-Tem moved to the Final Agenda Item No. 17, Discussion and Action on Executive Session. No motions were made.

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 6:59 P.M. on November 21, 2023. The motion was seconded by Alderman McDonald and approved by the following vote of the Sour Lake City Council:

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The Sour Lake City Council adjourned the November 21, 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