

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR 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 January 23, 2024, 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 |
| Chief, Aaron Burleson | - | Absent |
| Sgt. Tiner | - | 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 | - | Present |
| 4 Piney Woods Representatives and one visitor | | |

The Mayor then directed the City Council's attention to Agenda Item No. 1 for approval of Regular Minutes of December 19, 2023. Following a review of the Regular Meeting Minutes of December 19, 2023, a motion was made by Alderwoman Gardiner to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of December 23, 2023, as presented. The motion was seconded by Alderman Hendrix 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 January 2024. Following a review of Accounts Payable for the month of January 2024, a motion was made by Alderwoman Gardiner to approve the payment of Accounts Payable as presented for the month of January 2024. The motion was seconded by Alderman Hendrix 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 the 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 January 2024 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 reported on the Generators installation of generator still not completed. This was for information purposes only.

The Mayor next directed the Council’s attention to Agenda Item No. 6 concerning the Police Department report. Sgt. Tiner reported to the Council his Monthly Updates on the Department and his monthly report. One Officer hired with 30 plus years of experience and one more is needed. Following the Sergeants 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 that the city had several leaks due to the weather and working on Lead and Copper report. 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 are staying on course with projects, working on land purchase for the elevated tower and TXDOT meeting. The report was provided to Council for information purposes only.

The Mayor moved to Agenda Item No. 9 for the Library Report. The librarian reported business as usual and 745 new patrons for the previous year.

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 on Sanitation Service (Trash Pickup) with Live Oak/Pineywoods. Four Representatives with Pineywoods listened to complaints on the problems the city is having with trash pickup through out the City. Pineywoods Representatives informed the Mayor and Council about some changes that would help with these problems. This was a discussion item only no action at this time.

The Mayor moved to Agenda Item No. 12, Discussion and Action to authorize LEAD Engineering to procure bids for the Hwy 105 Elevated Storage Tank Rehabilitation Project. After discussion a motion was made by Alderman Cudd to authorize LEAD Engineering to procure bids for Hwy 105 Elevated Storage Tank. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Murphy and approved by the following vote of the Board:

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| AGAINST | 0 |

The Mayor moved to Agenda Item No. 13, Discussion and Action on approval of the Certificate of Construction Completion for the City of Sour Lake, Texas, GLO CDBG-MIT Water System Improvements Project, Contract No. 22-085-037-D281, Test Well#5. A motion was made by Alderman Hendrix to approve the Certificate of Construction Completion for the City of Sour Lake, Texas, GLO CDBG-MIT Water System Improvements Project, Contract No. 22-085-037-D281, Test Well#5. The motion was seconded by Alderman CUDD and approved by the following vote of the Board:

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The Mayor moved to Agenda Item No. 14, Discussion and Action on approval of Change Order No. 1 or the City of Sour Lake, Texas, GLO CDBG MIT Water Improvement Project, Contract No. 22-085-037-D281, Test Well No. 5 (1,200' Deep). A motion was made by Alderman Cudd to approve the Change Order No. 1 for the City of Sour Lake, Texas, GLO CDBG MIT Water Improvement Project, Contract No. 22-085-037-D281, Test Well No. 5 (1,200' Deep). The motion was seconded by Alderman Hendrix and approved by the following vote of the Board:

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AGAINST 0

The Mayor moved to Agenda Item No. 15, Discussion and Action on approval of the Certificate of Construction Completion for the City of Sour Lake, Texas, GLO CDBG MIT Water System Improvements Project, Contract No. 22-085-037-D281 Bid 3-Test Well No.5(1,200' Deep) A motion was made by Alderman Cudd to approve the Certificate of Construction Completion for the City of Sour Lake, Texas, GLO CDBG MIT Water System Improvements Project, Contract No. 22-085-037-D281 Bid 3-Test Well No.5(1,200' Deep). The motion was seconded by Alderman Hendrix and approved by the following vote of the Board:

FOR 4
AGAINST 0

The Mayor moved to Final Agenda Item No. 16, Discussion and Action, to order a General Election to be held on May 4, 2024. A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Murphy to order a General Election to be held on May 4, 2024. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Gardiner and approved by the following vote of the Board:

FOR 4
AGAINST 0

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 6:51 P.M. on January 23, 2024. 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 January 23, 2024, Special City Council Meeting at 6:51 P.M.

CITY OF SOUR LAKE

Bruce Robinson, Mayor
Connie Murphy, Mayor Pro-Tem

ATTEST:

Debra Morgan, City Secretary