

**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 July 18, 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>
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
The Police 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	-	Present
Jenny Murphy	-	Present

The Mayor then directed the City Council's attention to Agenda Item No. 1 for approval of Regular Minutes of June 20 and Special Meeting Minutes of June 27, 2023. Following a review of the Meeting Minutes of June 20 and June 27, 2023, a motion was made by Alderwoman Gardiner to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of June 20 and the Special Meeting Minutes of June 27, 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 June 2023. Following a review of Accounts Payable for the month of June 2023, a motion was made by Alderwoman Gardiner to approve the payment of Accounts Payable as presented for the month of June 2023. The motion was seconded by Alderman Hendrix and approved by the following majority vote of Council:

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AGAINST	-	0

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 June 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 gave the Mayor and Council an update on Dr. Paul Wesolow’s Property, AT&T line for TLETS and Property Tax for Budget. This was information purposes only.

The Mayor next directed the Council’s attention to Agenda Item No. 6 concerning the Police Department report with Chief Burlson providing Council his Monthly Updates on the Department and his monthly report. Chief informed the Mayor and Council that Officer Gilley is now the FTO for the Department, one new Officer Hired and Hurricane Meeting August 3. 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. Mr. Keel informed the Council of the 4 new services, all in compliance, painting, and inspection of elevated towers.

The Mayor moved to Agenda Item No. 8, Engineering Projects. Mr. Jeff Levins with LEAD Engineering informed the City Council about the pre-construction meeting of the Water Well, checklist for the Sewer Project and talked about the meeting with TxDot. 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 the success of the Summer Reading Program and that it had

ended. The Library received accreditation and 660 new patrons were added. 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. Alderwoman Gardiner informed that the Chamber had two new members and three new ribbon cuttings soon.

The Mayor moved to Agenda Item No. 11 Present a Certificate of Achievement to Zane Hardt for earning his Eagle Scout. Mayor Robinson presented Zane with a Certificate of Achievement for earning his Eagle Scout.

The Mayor moved to Agenda Item No. 12, Discussion and Action to purchase a Police Vehicle for the Chief. After discussion a motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Murphy to purchase a vehicle for the Chief not to exceed \$58,000.00. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Gardiner and approved by the following vote of the Board:

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ABSTAIN	1 (McDonald)

The Mayor moved to Agenda Item No. 13, Adjourn into Executive Session per Government Code 551.074 to discuss Personnel Matters. The Mayor and Alderman adjourned into Executive Session at 6:35 P.M. Returned from Executive Session at 6:57 P.M.

The Mayor moved to Agenda Item No. 14, Discussion and Action on Executive Session. There was no action taken on Executive Session.

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 July 18, 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 July 18, 2023, Regular City Council Meeting at 6:59 P.M.

CITY OF SOUR LAKE

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Bruce Robinson, Mayor  
Connie Murphy, Mayor Pro-Tem

ATTEST:

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Debra Morgan, City Secretary