

**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 June 20, 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 - Present
- for Sour Lake
- Public Works Department (Joey Keel) Present
- Jeff Leavens with LEAD Eng. - Present
- MaryAnn Boyd, Library Director - Present
- Jenny Murphy - Present
- Jason Dickerson and Suzanne Kibodeaux SLED Board Members and one visitor

The Mayor then directed the City Council's attention to Agenda Item No. 1 for approval of Regular Minutes of May 16 and Special Meeting Minutes of May 30, 2023. Following a review of the Meeting Minutes of May 16 and May 30, 2023, a motion was made by Alderwoman Gardiner to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 16 and the Special Meeting Minutes of May 30, 2023, as presented. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Murphy and approved by the following vote of Council:

FOR - 5

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 May 2023. Following a review of Accounts Payable for the month of May 2023, a motion was made by Alderman McDonald to approve the payment of Accounts Payable as presented for the month of May 2023. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Gardiner and approved by the following majority vote of Council:

FOR - 5
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 May 2023 to Council City Manager reported on the Sales Tax averaging about \$100,000.00 a month and that the interest rates up. 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 and next steps to be taken. 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 Burlison providing Council his Monthly Updates on the Department and his monthly report. Department has one Officer down on light duty, Security Awareness Training completed, and still waiting on radio parts. 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 Water Plant Electrical Problem and two new taps.

The Mayor moved to Agenda Item No. 8, Engineering Projects. Mr. Jeff Levins with LEAD Engineering informed the City Council of the Tx Dot Meeting on the 21st and pipe bursting project near completion. 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 that they have had a successful Summer Reading Program so far. 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 and invited Council to the Ribbon Cutting for Beauty with Grace and three other businesses to be held on the 23rd.

The Mayor moved to Agenda Item No. 11 for Discussion and Action to approve recommendations of award for the GLO CDBG-MIT Water System Improvements Project Bid 3-Test Well No. 5 (1,200 Deep) presented by Jeff Leavins. After presentation from Mr. Leavins Alderman McDonald made a motion to award the bid to J & S in the amount of \$174,200.00. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Gardiner and approve by the following vote of the Board:

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AGAINST	0

The Mayor moved to Agenda Item No. 12, Discussion and Action on 2023 HMA Road Improvements Project. After discussion a motion was made by Alderwoman Gardiner to do road repairs on Shady Lane and South Fannin St. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Murphy and approved by the following vote of the Board:

FOR	5
AGAINST	0

The Mayor moved to Agenda Item No. 13, Discussion and Action on variance for a travel trailer located at 245 Jackson St. presented by Austin Rucks. Mr. Rucks did not attend the meeting this item was passed with no action taken.

The Mayor moved to Agenda Item No. 14, Discussion and Action on TMRS Contribution for retirement for Officer Boling. After discussion a motion was made by Alderman Cudd for the city to pay the TMRS Retirement Contribution for Officer Boling in the amount of \$8,056.88. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Murphy and approved by the following vote of the Board:

FOR	5
AGAINST	0

The Mayor moved to Agenda Item No. 15, Discussion and Action on choosing a Dental Plan for Employees. A motion was made by Alderwoman Gardiner for the city to pay up to \$40.66 for Employee Dental Plan. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Murphy and approved by the following vote of the Board:

FOR 5
AGAINST 0

The Mayor moved to Agenda Item No. 16, Discussion and Action on engagement letter for Review and Revision of City Personnel Policy Manual. The Council took no action at this time.

The Mayor moved to Agenda Item No. 17, Discussion and Action on Dependent Health Care Cost. The Council took no action on this item.

The Mayor moved to Agenda Item No. 18, Discussion and Action to authorize the City Secretary to change signatures on the General, Payroll and Revenue Bank Account to include the following: Mayor Bruce Robinson, Mayor Pro-Tem Connie Murphy, and Alderpersons Rebecca Gardiner, Michael Hendrix, Kevin Cudd and G. Shannon McDonald. Alderwoman Gardiner made a motion to authorize the City Secretary to make signature changes to the General, Payroll and Revenue Bank Account. The motion was seconded by Alderman McDonald and approved by the following vote of the Board:

FOR 5
AGAINST 0

The Mayor moved to Agenda Item No. 19, Discussion and Action to appoint Rhett Cody, Kelsey Mitchell, and Garrett Ogden to the SLED Board recommended by the SLED Board: After discussion and presentation from Sled Board Vice President Jason Dickerson a motion was made by Alderman McDonald to appoint the three new members to the SLED as recommended by the SLED Board. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Murphy and approved by the following vote of the Board:

FOR 5
AGAINST 0

The Mayor moved to Agenda Item No. 20, Discussion and Action to authorize Alderman Cudd and Alderman Hendrix to attend and reimburse for all expenses to the TML Annual Newly Elected Officials Conference. A motion was made by Alderman McDonald to reimburse reasonable expenses per state rate. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Murphy and approved by the following vote of the Board:

FOR 5
AGAINST 0

The Mayor moved to the final Agenda Item. No 21, Discussion and Actin to approve the Annual Consumer Confidence Report. A motion was made by Alderman Cudd to approve the Annual Consumer Confidence Report required by TCEQ. The motion was seconded by Alderman McDonald 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 Alderwoman Gardiner to adjourn the Sour Lake City Council meeting at approximately 7:23 P.M. on June 20, 2023. The motion was seconded by Alderman McDonald 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 June 20, 2023, Regular City Council Meeting at 7:23 P.M.

CITY OF SOUR LAKE

Bruce Robinson, Mayor
Connie Murphy, Mayor Pro-Tem

ATTEST:

Debra Morgan, City Secretary