

**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 February 20, 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>
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.	-	Absent
MaryAnn Boyd, Library Director	-	Present
3 Piney Woods Representatives and two visitors		

The Mayor Pro-Tem then directed the City Council's attention to Agenda Item No. 1 for approval of Special Minutes of January 20, 2024. Following a review of the Special Meeting Minutes of January 23, 2024, a motion was made by Alderwoman Gardiner to approve the Special Meeting Minutes of January 23, 2024, 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 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 February 2024. Following a review of Accounts Payable for the month of February 2024, a motion was made by Alderwoman Gardiner to approve the payment of Accounts Payable as presented for the month of February 2024. The motion was seconded by Alderman McDonald and approved by the following vote of Council:

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AGAINST	-	0

The council thereafter considered Agenda Item No. 3 for "Citizen Comments. Any citizens 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. Representatives of Pineywoods Sanitation gave the Board an update on their continued progress on picking up the garbage.

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 February 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 Pro-Tem 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 Pro-Tem next directed the Council's attention to Agenda Item No. 6 concerning the Police Department report. Chief Burluson reported to the 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 reported that they had repaired large leak in Jackson Creek, and 8 new services This was for information purposes only.

The Mayor Pro-Tem moved to Agenda Item No. 8, Engineering Projects. Mr. Jeff Levins with LEAD Engineering did not attend this meeting, however he gave the council a handout on any progress with Grants. The report was provided to Council for information purposes only.

The Mayor Pro-Tem moved to Agenda Item No. 9 for the Library Report. The librarian reported business as usual and a puppet show coming to the library for the children. The report was provided to Council for information purpose only.

The Mayor Pro-Tem moved to Agenda Item No. 10 Chamber of Commerce Report. The City Manager reported on the Ribbon Cutting for the Sour Lake Medical Clinic.

The Mayor Pro-Tem moved to Agenda Item No. 11, Discussion and Action to approve the Annual Racial Profiling Report presented by Chief Burleson. After review of the Annual Racial Profiling Report a motion was made by Alderwoman Gardiner to accept the Annual Racial Profiling Report as presented by Chief Burleson. The motion was seconded by Alderman McDonald and approve by the following vote of the Council:

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The Mayor Pro-Tem moved to the Final Agenda Item No. 12, Discussion and Action to Apoint Tony Robertson as the Election Judge for the May 4, 2024, General Election. A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Murphy to appoint Tony Robertson as the Election Judge for the May 4, 2024, General Election. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Gardiner and approved by the following vote of the Board:

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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 6:23 P.M. on February 20, 2024. 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 February 20, 2024, Special City Council Meeting at 6:23 P.M.

CITY OF SOUR LAKE

Bruce Robinson, Mayor
Connie Murphy, Mayor Pro-Tem

ATTEST:

Debra Morgan, City Secretary