

# **MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL 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 27, 2025, 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 Hendrix 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	X
MICHAEL HENDRIX	-MAYOR PRO-TEM	X	
RYAN ELMORE	-ALDERMAN	X	
JODIE BUTLER	- ALDERWOMAN	X	
KEVIN CUDD	-ALDERMAN	X	
MARCUS DICKERSON	-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)	-	Present
Jeff Leavens with LEAD Eng.	-	Absent
MaryAnn Boyd, Library Director	-	Absent
Samantha Granata with the Chamber of Commerce		
And two visitors		

Mayor Pro-Tem Hendrix then directed the City Council's attention to Agenda Item No. 1 for approval of Regular Minutes of December 17, 2024. Following a review of the Regular Meeting Minutes of December 17, 2024, a motion was made by Alderman Dickerson to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of December 17, 2024, as presented. The motion was seconded by Alderman Cudd and approved by the following vote of Council:

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AGAINST	-	0

Mayor Pro-Tem Hendrix 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 2025. Following a review of Accounts Payable for the month of January 2025, a motion was made by Alderman Cudd to approve the payment of Accounts Payable as presented for the month of January 2025. The motion was seconded by Alderman Elmore and approved by the following vote of Council:

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The council thereafter considered Agenda Item No. 3 for "Citizen Comments. Citizens Comments, items presented for citizens comments cannot be discussed or acted upon; however, such comments by any citizen or individual are considered for information purposes only.

Mayor Pro-Tem Hendrix 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 2025 to the Council. Following the presentation too and discussion by the Council, no action was requested of Council, and none taken. Agenda Item No. 4 was provided to the Council for information purposes only.

Mayor Pro-Tem Hendrix moved to Agenda No. 5 for the City Manager's Report; City Manager informed the Council of the Tree Project at the Lions Club Park has been completed

Mayor Pro-Tem Hendrix next directed the Council's attention to Agenda Item No. 6, Police Department report. Chief Burleson informed the Council of the Grant for equipment they received in the amount of \$280,000 and other grants they have applied for. A report was in the packet for monthly information.

Mayor Pro-Tem Hendrix moved to Agenda No. 7 concerning the Public Works Department. Mr. Keel informed the Council of the leaks on Merchant Street and the city needed to apply for grants to help in the repair of water lines. This was for information purposes only.

Mayor Pro-Tem Hendrix moved to Agenda Item No. 8, Jeff Leavins with LEAD Engineering was not present at this meeting. He supplied a report to the Council on all projects. The report was provided to Council for information purposes only.

Mayor Pro-Tem Hendrix moved to Agenda Item No. 9 for the Library Report. Librarian Mary Boyd. The librarian was not present at this meeting.

Mayor Pro-Tem Hendrix moved to Agenda Item No. 10 Chamber of Commerce Report. Samantha Granta reported on future dates for Touch-a-Truck, Chamber Banquet and the Liberty Tree Mingle, also the First Security Bank Grand Opening. (Alderwoman Butler joined Meeting at this time)

Mayor Pro-Tem Hendrix moved to Agenda Item No. 11, Discussion and possible action to place No Parking Signs on Old Beaumont Road. Mr. Cohrs was not present at this meeting no action taken.

Mayor Pro-Tem Hendrix moved to Agenda Item No. 12, Discussion and possible action to approve Pineywoods Sanitation to use sideloads Trucks. A motion was made by Alderman Elmore to approve the use of sideloads trucks for garbage pickup The motion was seconded by Alderman Cudd and approved by the following vote of the Council:

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Mayor Pro-Tem Hendrix moved to Agenda Item No. 13, Discussion and possible action to amend the abandonment of property on Fulton Street presented by Brandon Smith. A motion was made by Alderwoman Butler to amend the abandonment of property from 8ft to 4ft authoring the City Manager to sign any necessary paper work to be filed at the Court House. The motion was seconded by Alderman Cudd and approved by the following vote of the Council:

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Mayor Pro-Tem Hendrix moved to Agenda Item No. 14, Discussion and possible action to amend the Firework's Ordinance. (Brandon Richey) No action taken.

Mayor Pro-Tem Hendrix moved to Agenda Item No. 15, Discussion and possible action to Order and Election to be held on May 3, 2025, for three- at- large Alderpersons. A motion was made by Alderman Dickerson to approve for the City Secretary to hold an Election on May 3, 2025, to elect three Alderpersons. The motion was seconded by Alderman Elmore and approved by the following vote of the Council:

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Mayor Pro-Tem Hendrix moved to Agenda Item No. 16, Discussion and possible action to adopt the annual Ordinance authorizing the hiring of Lawton Law Firm. A motion was made by Alderman Elmore to adopt the annual Ordinance authorizing the

hiring of Lawton Law firm. The motion was seconded by Alderman Cudd and approved by the following vote of the Council:

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Mayor Pro-Tem Hendrix moved to Agenda Item No. 17, Discussion and possible action to appoint an Engineering Firm for the GLO Disaster Recovery Reallocation Program (DRRP) recommended by the Committee. No action was taken.

Mayor Pro-Tem Hendrix moved to final Agenda Item No. 18, Discussion of any other item not on the agenda without taking action.

There being no additional Agenda Items to consider, a motion was made by Alderman Elmore to adjourn the Sour Lake City Council meeting at approximately 7:05 P.M. on January 27, 2025. The motion was seconded by Alderman Cudd and approved by the following vote of the Council:

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CITY OF SOUR LAKE

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Bruce Robinson, Mayor  
Michael Hendrix, Mayor Pro-Tem

ATTEST:

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Debra Morgan, City Secretary