

# **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 March 18, 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
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)	-	Absent
Jeff Leavens with LEAD Eng.	-	Absent
MaryAnn Boyd, Library Director	-	Absent
Heather Isom with the Chamber of Commerce		
And 12 visitors		

Mayor Pro-Tem Hendrix then directed the City Council's attention to Agenda Item No. 1 for approval of Special Meeting Minutes of February 25, 2025. Following a review of the Special Meeting Minutes of February 25, 2025, a motion was made by Alderman Dickerson to approve the Special Meeting Minutes of February 25, 2025, as presented. The motion was seconded by Alderman Elmore and approved by the following vote of Council:

FOR	-	4
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 March 2025. Following a review of Accounts Payable for the month of March 2025, a motion was made by Alderman Dickerson to approve the payment of Accounts Payable as presented for the month of March 2025. The motion was seconded by Alderman Dickerson and approved by the following vote of Council:

FOR	-	4
AGAINST	-	0

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 March 2025 to the Council. Following the presentation 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 painting of the elevated tower was complete, plans for the new elevated tower, and distribution new line on Cuniff or in the works.

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 hiring of a new officer and all positions are filled at this time. Training of new Officer, Flock Camera System still waiting on DPS Approval 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 was not present at this meeting. 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. 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. No one present from the Chamber.

Mayor Pro-Tem Hendrix moved to Agenda Item No. 11, Discussion on parking problems on Old Beaumont Road. H-J Superintendent informed the Council that he is aware of the parking problems and is considering some options. He will let his parents know to only park on the south side of Old Beaumont to help with a temporary solution. Discussion only no action.

Mayor Pro-Tem Hendrix moved to Agenda Item No. 12, Discussion and possible action on a Proclamation to Proclaim April 2025 as Child Abuse Prevention Month. After the reading of the Proclamation a motion was made by Alderwoman Butler to Proclaim April 2025 as Child Abuse Prevention Month. The motion was seconded by Alderman Elmore and approved by the following vote of the Council:

FOR	4
AGAINST	0

Mayor Pro-Tem Hendrix moved to Agenda Item No. 13, Discussion and possible action to approve Jenny Murphy to attend the Texas municipal Human Resource Conference. A motion was made by Alderman Dickerson to approve Mrs. Murphy to attend the Conference. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Butler and approved by the following vote of the Board:

FOR	4
AGAINST	0

Mayor Pro-Tem Hendrix moved to Agenda Item No. 14, Discussion and possible action to approve an Ordinance suspending the rates proposed by CenterPoint Energy presented by Lawton Law Firm. A motion was made by Alderman Dickerson to approve the Resolution suspending the rates proposed by CenterPoint Energy. The motion was seconded by Alderman Elmore and approved by the following vote of the Board:

FOR	4
AGAINST	0

Mayor Pro-Tem Hendrix moved to Agenda Item No. 15, Discussion and possible action to approve the Order to Cancel the May General Election. A motion was made by Alderman Elmore to approve the Order to Cancel the May Election. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Butler and approved by the following vote of the Board:

FOR	4
AGAINST	0

Mayor Pro-Tem Hendrix moved to Agenda Item No. 16, Discussion and possible action to approve the Resolution for First Security Bank. (1<sup>st</sup> reading). A motion was made by Alderman Dickerson to approve the Resolution for First Security Bank. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Butler and approved by the following vote of the Council:

FOR	4
AGAINST	0

Mayor Pro-Tem moved to Agenda Item No. 17, Discussion and possible action on TextMyGov proposal. After discussion there was no action taken at this time.

Mayor Pro-Tem moved to Agenda Item No. 18, Discussion and possible action to allow Commercial Businesses to use any dumpster service they request. After discussion by Council and with Representative of Pineywood Sanitation Services no action was taken. The Council wants to be informed of any problems they may be in future.

Mayor Pro-Tem moved to Agenda Item No. 19, Discussion and possible action to approve the purchase of a water fountain for the Lions Club Park up to \$9,800.00 presented by SLED. A motion was made by Alderman Dickerson to approve the proposal received from SLED for the Water Fountain. The motion was seconded by Alderman Elmore and approved by the following vote of the Board:

FOR	4
AGAINST	0

Mayor Pro-Tem moved to Item No. 20, discussion and possible action to amend the cost of the Lion Statue for the park in the amount of \$3,500.00 presented by SLED. A motion was made by Alderwoman Butler to amend the cost of the Lion Statue. The motion was seconded by Alderman Dickerson and approved by the following vote of the Board:

FOR	4
AGAINST	0

Mayor Pro-Tem Hendrix moved to the final Agenda Item Discussion of any other item not on the agenda without taking action. The Board discussed a complaint that was received by a citizen that Ryan Road needed to be widened, and the stop sign at Attaway and Old Beaumont needed to be removed.

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 7:30 P.M. on March 18, 2025. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Hendrix and approved by the following vote of the Council:

FOR	4
AGAINST	0

CITY OF SOUR LAKE

---

Bruce Robinson, Mayor  
Michael Hendrix, Mayor Pro-Tem

ATTEST:

---

Debra Morgan, City Secretary