

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL 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 17, 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 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
MICHAEL HENDRIX	-MAYOR PRO-TEM	X	
RYAN ELMORE	-ALDERMAN	X	
JODIE BUTLER	- ALDERWOMAN	X	
KEVIN CUDD	-ALDERMAN	X	
MARCUS DICKERSON	-ALDERMAN	X	
ROBERT PEELER	-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	-	Absent
City Attorney, Alex Stelly	-	Present
for Sour Lake		
Public Works Department (Joey Keel)	-	Present
Jeff Leavens with LEAD Eng.	-	Present
MaryAnn Boyd, Library Director	-	Absent
Sergeant Tiner and Suzanne Stover with Waxman Inc.		
And approximately 14 visitors		

Mayor Pro-Tem Hendrix then directed the City Council's attention to Agenda Item No. 1 for approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of May 20, 2025. Following a review of the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 20, 2025, a motion was made by Alderwoman Jodie Butler to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 20, 2025, as presented. The motion was seconded by Alderman Kevin Cudd and approved by the following vote of the Council:

FOR - 5

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 June 2025. Following a review of Accounts Payable for the month of June 2025, a motion was made by Alderman Kevin Cudd to approve the payment of Accounts Payable as presented for the month of June 2025. The motion was seconded by Alderman Robert Peeler and approved by the following vote of the Council:

FOR - 5
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 June 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 moved to Agenda No. 5 for the City Manager's Report; City Manager informed the Council that he would be retiring in January of 2026.

Mayor Pro-Tem next directed the Council's attention to Agenda Item No. 6, Police Department report. Chief Bursleson did not attend this meeting. Sgt. Tiner informed the Council of the Core System 2 had been installed and normal business. 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 Board of 7 new services, Consumer Confidence Report completed and going out soon and the baseball park leak repaired.

Mayor Pro-Tem Hendrix moved to Agenda Item No. 8, Jeff Leavins with LEAD Engineering informed the Board that of TxDot no update, TCEQ Approved Plans, and new Water Well moving forward.

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 moved to Agenda Item No. 10 Chamber of Commerce Report. No one present from the Chamber.

Mayor Pro-Tem moved to Agenda Item No. 11, Discussion and possible action to approve the FY2024 Audit. Auditor Keri Michutka presented the audit to the council and went over several key items in the audit. After presentation Alderman Kevin Cudd made a motion to approve the FY2024 Audit as presented. The motion was seconded by Alderman Robert Peeler and approved by the following vote of the Board:

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Mayor Pro-Tem moved to Agenda Item No. 12, Discussion and possible action on Robinson Street. (Rick Kinsel). Mr. Kinsel addressed the Council about needed repairs on his road and ask them to consider repaving. No action was taken at this time.

Mayor Pro-Tem moved to Agenda Item No. 13, Discussion and possible action on a variance at 135 E. Barfield Street. Variance requests were withdrawn. No action taken.

Mayor Pro-Tem moved to Agenda Item No. 14, Discussion and possible action on City Employees Health Insurance Rates. Mrs. Jenny Murphy presented the Council with several options to choose from to best benefit the city and the employees. A motion was made by Alderwoman Jodie Butler to approve option 5 for the City Employees Health Benefits. The motion was seconded by Alderman Kevin Cudd and approved by the following vote of the Board:

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AGAINST	0

Mayor Pro-Tem moved to Agenda Item No. 15, Discussion and possible action on a presentation from AAMCO Solutions for a pre-treatment effluent. A motion was made by Alderwoman Jodie Butler to approve a permit for the pre-treatment effluent and negotiation for price and terms to contract to be determined by Council and brought back for discussion or approval. The motion was seconded by Alderman Robert Peeler and approved by the following vote of the Board:

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AGAINST	0

Mayor Pro-Tem Hendrix moved to Agenda Item No. 16, Discussion and possible action for the award of construction contract of the City of Sour Lake GLO MIT System

Improvement Project, Contract No. 22-085-037-D281-100K Gallon Elevated Storage Tank. After a discussion and taking into consideration the price and time of project completion and the best interest of the city a motion was made by Alderman Kevin Cudd to award the contract for the GLO Mit System Improvement Project, Contract No. 22-85-037-D281-100 K Gallon Elevated Storage Tank to Pittsburg Tank and Towers in the amount of \$1,470,000. The motion was seconded by Alderman Ryan Elmore and approved by the following vote of the Board:

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AGAINST	0

Mayor Pro-Tem Hendrix moved to Agenda Item No. 17, Discussion and possible action on a request from Nutrition and Services for Seniors to increase the City's annual donation from \$4000.00 to \$4500.00. A motion was made by Alderman Ryan Elmore to approve the increase to Nutrition and Services for Seniors annual donation to \$4500.00. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Jodie Butler.

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Mayor Pro-Tem Hendrix moved to Agenda Item No. 18, Discussion and possible action on IDA Agreement with Motiva. No action taken

Mayor Pro-Tem moved to Agenda Item No. 19, Discussion and possible action to approve the purchase of a lawn mower in the amount of \$13,599.00 presented by SLED. A motion was made by Alderman Kevin Cudd to approve the purchase of a lawn mower in the amount of \$13,599.00. The motion was seconded by Alderman Robert Peeler and approved by the following vote of the Board:

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AGAINST	0

Mayor Pro-Tem moved to Agenda Item No 20, Discussion and possible action to appoint a Planning and Zoning Board. A motion was made by Alderman Kevin Cudd to appoint the following for the Planning and Zoning Board: Brittany Stutes, Karlee Ogden, Jason Schmoker, Bailey Elmore and Jake Tortorice, III. The motion was seconded by Alderman Robert Peeler to appoint the above to the Planning and Zoning Board and approve by the following vote of the Board:

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AGAINST	0

Mayor Pro-Tem moved to Agenda Item No. 21, Discussion and possible action to appoint a Planning and Zoning Appeals Board. A motion was made by Alderman Ryan Elmore to appoint the following to the Planning and Zoning Board of Appeals: Faustino Navarrete, Jamey Louviere, Judy Haygood, Lisa Black, Mike Miller, and Martha Jordon and Melissa Ames as Alternates. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Jodie Butler and approved by the following vote of the Board:

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Mayor Pro-Tem Hendrix moved to Agenda Item no. 22, Discussion and possible action to approve a Resolution for M & J Tire for a loan up to \$160,000.00 with a 6.5% interest to expand his business. (2nd reading). A motion was made by Alderman Ryan Elmore to approve the Resolution for M & J Tire to expand his business. The motion was seconded by Alderman Robert Peeler and approved by the following vote of the Board:

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AGAINST	0

Mayor Pro-Tem Hendrix moved to Agenda Item No. 23, Discussion and possible action on a grant proposal from G-Taco for equipment to expand the business up to \$15,000.00 presented by SLED (2nd reading). A motion was made by Alderwoman Jodie Butler to approve the G-Taco Grant for the expansion of the business. The motion was seconded by Alderman Kevin Cudd and approved by the following vote of the Board:

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AGAINST	0

Mayor Pro-Tem moved to Agenda Item No. 24, Discussion and Action to approve the annual Consumer Confidence Report. A motion was made by Alderman Robert Peeler to approve the annual Confidence Report. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Jodie Butler and approved by the following vote of the Board:

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AGAINST	0

Mayor Pro-Tem Hendrix moved to the final Agenda Item Discussion of any other item not on the agenda without taking action. Discussed God's Green Earth Restaurant on Ryan Road, City Manager's Retirement and Water and Sewer Rates.

There being no additional Agenda Items to be considered, a motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem to adjourn the Sour Lake City Council meeting at approximately 8:38 P.M. on June 17, 2025. The motion was seconded by Alderman Robert Peeler.

CITY OF SOUR LAKE

Bruce Robinson, Mayor
Michael Hendrix, Mayor Pro-Tem

ATTEST:

Debra Morgan, City Secretary