

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 August 19, 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 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	
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	-	Absent
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.	-	Present
MaryAnn Boyd, Library Director	-	Absent
Jenny Murphy and 4 visitors		

Mayor Pro-Tem Hendrix then directed the City Council's attention to Agenda Item No. 1 for approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of July 15, 2025. Following a review of the Regular Meeting Minutes of July 15, 2025, and after corrections a motion was made by Alderman Kevin Cudd to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of July 15, 2025, as presented. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Michael Hendrix and approved by the following vote of the Council:

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AGAINST	-	0

Mayor Pro-Tem Hendrix then directed the City Council's attention to Agenda No. 2 for Discussion and possible action to approve the Accounts Payable for the month of August 2025. Following a review of Accounts Payable for the month of August 2025, a motion was made by Alderman Ryan Elmore to approve the payment of Accounts Payable as presented for the month of August 2025. The motion was seconded by Alderman Robert Peeler and approved by the following vote of the Council:

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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 August 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 was not present at this meeting.

Mayor Pro-Tem Hendrix next directed the Council's attention to Agenda Item No. 6, Police Department report. 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.

Mayor Pro-Tem Hendrix moved to Agenda Item No. 8, Jeff Leavins with LEAD Engineering told of ads being placed for the site improvements for the new elevated tower, nothing new on TxDot, and possible reallocation of Grant funds.

Mayor Pro-Tem moved to Agenda Item No. 9 for the Library Report. Librarian Mary Ann Boyd was not present at 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 and possible action on a permit for AAMCO Solutions. After discussion a motion was made by Alderman Kevin Cudd to approve the permit for AAMCO Solutions with changes made

to the contract. The motion was seconded by Alderman Robert Peeler and approved by the following vote of the Board:

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AGAINST	1
ABSTAIN	1 (Butler)

Mayor Pro-Tem Hendrix moved to Agenda Item No. 12, Discussion on IDA Agreement for Motiva. City Attorney Stelly informed the Council that Motiva wanted to continue the IDA Agreement for another 15 years. No motion was made on this item for information only.

Mayor Pro-Tem Hendrix moved to Agenda Item No. 13. Discussion and possible action to approve the amended Water and Sewer Ordinance to increase rates. After discussion a motion was made by Alderman Kevin Cudd to approve the amended Water and Sewer Ordinance to begin at September water billing. 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. 14, Discussion and possible action to approve the Proposed Tax Rate for 2025 as

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I & S	.047740
Tax Rate	.430033

A motion was made by Alderwoman Jodie Butler to approve the proposed Tax Rate. The motion was seconded by Alderman Robert Peeler and approved by the following Roll Call:

Alderman Kevin Cudd	FOR
Alderman Ryan Elmore	FOR
Mayor Pro-Tem Michael Hendrix	FOR
Alderman Robert Peeler	FOR
Alderwoman Jodie Butler	FOR

Mayor Pro-Tem Hendrix moved to agenda Item No. 15, Discussion and possible action to approve the Planning and Zoning By-Laws and the Board of Adjustments By-Laws. After discussion a motion was made by Alderman Kevin Cudd to approve the by-laws for the Planning and Zoning Boards. 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 adjourned out of Regular Meeting at 6: 58 P.M. and into Executive Session at 7:14 P.M.to discuss Agenda Item No. 16, Executive Session per Government Code 551.074 Personnel Matters.

Mayor Pro-Tem Hendrix adjourned out of Executive Session at 9:08 P.M.

Mayor Pro-Tem moved to Agenda Item No. 17 Discussion and possible action on Executive Session. A motion was made by Alderman Ryan Elmore to allow Mayor Pro-Tem Hendrix to offer the City Mangers Position to applicant Beau Hanson and discuss salary and benefits. The motion was seconded by Alderman Kevin Cudd and approve by the following vote of the Board:

FOR	5
AGAINST	0

There being no additional Agenda Items to be considered, a motion was made by Alderman Kevin Cudd to adjourn the Sour Lake City Council meeting at approximately 9:22 P.M. on August 19, 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