

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUR LAKE

A REGULAR Meeting and a PUBLIC HEARING of the City Council of the City of Sour Lake, Hardin County, Texas, noticed for September 16, 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	
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	-	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	-		x
Leslie Waxman with Waxman and Associates	Present		
Sgt. Tiner and Officer Randall, Jenny Murphy and 9 visitors			

With Mayor Robinson absent and Mayor Pro-Tem Hendrix running late Alderman Elmore appointed Alderman Cudd to run the Council Meeting until Mayor Pro-Tem Arrived at Agenda Item No. 6.

Alderman Cudd then directed the City Council's attention to Agenda Item No. 1 for approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of August 19, 2025. Following a review of the Regular Meeting Minutes of August 19, 2025, a motion was made by Alderman Elmore to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of August 19, 2025, as presented. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Butler and approved by the following vote of the Council:

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AGAINST	-	0

Alderman Kevin Cudd 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 September 2025. Following a review of Accounts Payable for the month of September 2025, a motion was made by Alderman Elmore to approve the payment of Accounts Payable as presented for the month of September 2025. The motion was seconded by Alderman 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. State Representative Jancie Holt addressed the Council and introduced herself and let the Council know if they needed assistance too, please contact her. 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.

Alderman Cudd 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 September 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.

Alderman Cudd moved to Agenda No. 5 for the City Manager's Report; City Manager Jack Provost introduced the new City Manager Beau Hansen who will take begin his position on October 1, 2025.

Alderman Cudd directed the Council's attention to Agenda Item No. 6, Police Department report. (Mayor Pro-Tem Hendrix arrived). Chief Burleson introduced Officer Randall as the new Ordinance Officer and TxDOT Cameras are coming in soon. 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, City Manager reported lots of leaks being repaired and three new services.

Mayor Pro-Tem Hendrix moved to Agenda Item No. 8, Jeff Leavins with LEAD Engineering. Mr. Leavins informed the council that the TxDOT Project has been placed on hold until 2027-2029. Elevated Tower progress continues.

Mayor Pro-Tem Hendrix moved to Agenda Item No. 9 for the Library Report. Not present at this meeting.

At this time Mayor Pro-Tem Hendrix opened the Public Hearing at 6:23 P.M. to discuss the FY 2026 Budget. After discussion the Public Hearing for the FY 2026 Budget was closed at 7:19 P.M.

Mayor-Pro-Tem Hendrix opens the Public Hearing to adopt the Tax Rate for FY2025 at 7:20P.M... With there not being any discussion or comments Mayor Pro-Tem closed the Public Hearing at 7:21 P.M.

Mayor Pro-Tem moved to Agenda Item No 11, Discussion and possible action to adopt the FY2026 Budget. A motion was made by Alderman Elmore to adopt the FY2026 Budget. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Butler and approved by the following vote of the Board:

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AGAINST	1(Kevin Cudd)

Mayor Pro-Tem moved to Agenda Item No. 10 Discussion and possible action to adopt the and Ordinance for the FY2025 Tax Rate. A motion was made by Alderwoman Butler to adopt the Ordinance for the FY2025 Tax Rate. The motion was seconded by Alderman Peeler and approved by the following vote of the Board:

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AGAINST	0

Mayor Pro-Tem moved to Agenda Item No. 12, Discussion and possible action to approve the Planning and Zoning changes for the City presented by Brittany Stutes. A motion was made by Alderman Peeler to accept the changes presented by the Zoning Commission and for the City to hold a Public Hearing on the changes. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Butler and approved by the following vote of the Board:

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AGAINST	0

Mayor Pro-Tem Hendrix moved to Agenda Item No. 13, Discussion and possible action to award the bid for the site improvements project for the City of Sour Lake GLO CDBG Mit System Project, Contract No. 22-085-037-D281- Water Well No. 5. After

discussion a motion was made by Alderman Elmore to award the bid to MK Contractors in the amount of \$1,417,901.00 with a 220-day completion. The motion was seconded by Alderman Cudd and approve by the following vote of the Board:

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AGAINST	0

Mayor Pro-Tem Hendrix moved to the final agenda item No. 14, Discussion of any other item not on the agenda without acting.

There being no additional Agenda Items to be considered, a motion was made by Alderman Cudd to adjourn the Sour Lake City Council meeting at approximately 7:41 P.M. on September 16, 2025. The motion was seconded by Alderman Peeler.

CITY OF SOUR LAKE

Bruce Robinson, Mayor
Michael Hendrix, Mayor Pro-Tem

ATTEST:

Debra Morgan, City Secretary