

**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 April 16, 2024, 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 Murphy 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
G. SHANNON MCDONALD	- ALDERMAN		X
CONNIE MURPHY	- MAYOR PRO-TEM	X	
REBECCA GARDINER	- ALDERWOMAN	X	
KEVIN CUDD	-ALDERMAN	X	
MICHAEL HENDRIX	-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	-	Present
Kathy Smart and one visitor		

The Mayor Pro-Tem then directed the City Council's attention to Agenda Item No. 1 for approval of Regular Minutes of March 19, 2024. Following a review of the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 19, 2024, a motion was made by Alderperson Gardiner to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 19, 2024, as presented. The motion was seconded by Alderman Cudd and approved by the following vote of Council:

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AGAINST	-	0

The Mayor Pro-Tem 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 April 2024. Following a review of Accounts Payable for the month of April 2024, a motion was made by Alderman Cudd to approve the payment of Accounts Payable as presented for the month of April 2024. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Gardiner and approved by the following vote of Council:

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AGAINST	-	0

The council thereafter considered Agenda Item No. 3 for "Citizen Comments. Kathy Smart with Neches Management Services addressed the Mayor and City Council for them to consider Neches if they went out for bids on the Trash Service. Citizens Comments cannot be discussed or acted upon; however, such comments by any citizen or individual are considered for information purposes only.

The Mayor Pro-Tem 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 April 2024 to Council. Following the presentation to and discussion by Council, no action was requested of Council, and none taken. The Agenda Item No. 4 was provided to Council for information purposes only.

The Mayor Pro-Tem moved to Agenda Item No. 5 for the City Manager's Report, the City Manager reported on the 2 Generators installed and material for Park Structure ordered. This was for information purposes only.

The Mayor Pro-Tem next directed the Council's attention to Agenda Item No. 6 concerning the Police Department report. Chief Burlison reported to the Council his Monthly Updates on the Department and his monthly report. He also reported on the new security system being complete, Drug Take Back on 27th and LEPC., and normal activities for the month. Following the Chiefs report no action was requested nor taken by the council with the report being provided to Council for information purposes only.

The Mayor Pro-Tem moved to Agenda Item No. 7 concerning the Public Works Department with Mr. Joseph Keel being absent there was not a report this month. This was for information purposes only.

The Mayor Pro-Tem moved to Agenda Item No. 8, Engineering Projects. Mr. Jeff Levins with LEAD Engineering informed the Mayor and Council that the land documents for the Elevated Tower are complete, Well Plans sent to TCEQ, prices for grubbing, and TX Dot Meeting. The report was provided to Council for information purposes only.

The Mayor Pro-Tem moved to Agenda Item No. 9 for the Library Report. The librarian reported business as usual, Annual Report completed and waiting for approval and added 211 patrons last year. The report was provided to Council for information purpose only.

The Mayor Pro-Tem moved to Agenda Item No. 10 Chamber of Commerce Report. Alderwoman Gardiner informed the Mayor and Council that the Chamber's Touch a Truck will be held on April 27th at the High School from 9-11.

The Mayor Pro-Tem moved to Agenda Item No. 11, Discussion and Action to approve a Resolution for SLED to increase the contribution by \$9000.00 to the Sour Lake Chamber of Commerce. (1st Reading) A motion was made by Alderwoman Gardiner to approve the Resolution presented by SLED to increase the contribution in the amount of \$9000.00 to the Sour Lake Chamber of Commerce. The motion was seconded by Alderman Cudd and approved by the following vote of the Council:

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The Mayor Pro-Tem moved to Agenda Item No. 12, Discussion to authorize the City Manager to get estimates on road repair for Old Beaumont Road. After discussion a motion was made by Alderwoman Gardiner to authorize the City Manager to get estimates for road repair for Old Beaumont road up to \$25,000.00. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Murphy and approved by the following vote of the Board:

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AGAINST	0

There being no additional Agenda Items to consider, a motion was made by Alderwoman Gardiner to adjourn the Sour Lake City Council meeting at approximately 6:48 P.M. on April 16, 2024. The motion was seconded by Alderman Hendrix and approved by the following vote of the Sour Lake City Council:

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The Sour Lake City Council adjourned the April 16, 2024, Regular City Council Meeting at 6:48 P.M.

CITY OF SOUR LAKE

Bruce Robinson, Mayor
Connie Murphy, Mayor Pro-Tem

ATTEST:

Debra Morgan, City Secretary