

**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 May 21, 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 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	
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 for Sour Lake	-	Present
Public Works Department (Joey Keel)	-	Absent
Jeff Leavens with LEAD Eng.	-	Present
MaryAnn Boyd, Library Director	-	Absent
17 plus visitors		

The Mayor then directed the City Council's attention to Agenda Item No. 1 for approval of Regular Minutes of April 16, 2024. Following a review of the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 16, 2024, a motion was made by Alderman Cudd to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 16, 2024, as presented. The motion was seconded by Alderman Hendrix and approved by the following vote of Council:

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AGAINST	-	0

The Mayor 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 May 2024. Following a review of Accounts Payable for the month of May 2024, a motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Murphy to approve the payment of Accounts Payable as presented for the month of May 2024. The motion was seconded by Alderman Hendrix 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. Citizens Comments cannot be discussed or acted upon; however, such comments by any citizen or individual are considered for information purposes only.

The Mayor 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 May 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 moved to Agenda Item No. 5 for the City Manager’s Report, the City Manager reported that all benches and tables had been installed at the park, dumpster days and road rehab in progress. Land for well site and been completed also. This was for information purposes only.

The Mayor next directed the Council’s attention to Agenda Item No. 6 following the Police Department report. Chief Burtleson reported to the Council his Monthly Updates on the Department and his monthly report. He also reported the Big P case was completed and turned into the County. Also, he has been working on updating the Monitoring and Debris contracts for the Hurricane Season. Possibly getting a grant for equipment and receiving donated body cameras. 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 moved to Agenda Item No. 7 concerning the Public Works Department with Mr. Joseph Keel. Due to Mr. Keel being absent there was not a report this month. This was for information purposes only.

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

The Mayor moved to Agenda Item No. 9 for the Library Report. The librarian was not present. The report was provided to Council for information purpose only.

The Mayor moved to Agenda Item No. 10 Chamber of Commerce Report. City Manager informed Mayor and Council of the annual Chamber Banquet to be held on Thursday from 6PM until 7:30 PM.

The Mayor moved to Agenda Item No. 11, Discussion and Action to canvass votes from the May 4, 2024, General Election. A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Murphy to approve the canvassing of the votes as presented. The motion was seconded by Alderman Cudd and approve by the following vote of the Council:

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The Mayor moved to Agenda Item No. 12, Presentation to swear in Mayor Bruce Robinson, Alderman Ryan Elmore and Alderperson Jodie Butler each for a two-year term. A this time Ms. Connie Murphy surrendered her position on the Council.

The Mayer moved to Agenda Item No. 13, Discussion and Action to appoint a Mayor Pro-Tem. The Mayor wanted to wait until there was a full Council before appointing a Mayor Pro-Tem.

The Mayor moved to Agenda Item No. 14, Discussion and Action to proclaim May 2024 as Motorcycle Awareness Month. Alderman Cudd made a motion to proclaim May 2024 as Motorcycle Awareness Month. The motion was seconded by Alderman Hendrix and approve by the following vote of the Board:

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AGAINST	0

The Mayor moved to Agenda item No. 15, Discussion and Action to award bids for clearing (grubbing) at new water well site for GLO CDBG-MIT Grant No. 22-085-037-D281. After a discussion a motion was made by Alderman Cudd to award the contract to Rollins Construction in the amount of \$47,500.00. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Butler and approved by the following vote of the Board:

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AGAINST	0

The Mayor moved to Agenda Item No. 16, Discussion and Action to amend the Ordinance Prohibiting the sale, use and discharge of fireworks within the city limits. (Brandon Richey) After discussion a motion was made by Alderwoman Butler to table

the agenda item until next month's meeting. The motion was seconded by Alderman Hendrix and approved by the following vote of the Council:

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AGAINST	0

The Mayor moved to Agenda Item No. 17, Discussion and Action to approve a Resolution for SLED to increase the contribution by \$9000.00 to the Sour Lake Chamber of Commerce. (2nd Reading) After Discussion a motion was made by Alderwoman Butler to approve the contribution increase of \$9000.00 to the Chamber of Commerce. The motion was seconded by Alderman Hendrix and approved by the following vote of the Board:

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AGAINST	0

The Mayor moved to Agenda Item No. 18, Discussion and Action to adopt an Ordinance authorizing the settlement of CenterPoint Energy with the intent to increase rates in the Houston, Texas Coast, South Texas and Beaumont/East Texas Divisions. A motion was made by Alderman Hendrix to approve the Ordinance authorizing the settlement of CenterPoint Energy with the intent to increase rates in the Houston, Texas Coast, South Texas and Beaumont/East Texas Divisions. The motion was seconded by Alderman Elmore and approved by the following vote of the Board:

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AGAINST	0

The Mayor moved to Final Agenda Item No. 19, Discussion Action to accept Alderwoman Gardiner's resignation. A motion was made by Alderman Cudd to accept Rebecca Gardiner's resignation. The motion was seconded by Alderman Hendrix 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 Alderman Cudd to adjourn the Sour Lake City Council meeting at approximately 6:53 P.M. on May 21, 2024. The motion was seconded by Alderman Hendrix and approved by the following vote of the Council:

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CITY OF SOUR LAKE

Bruce Robinson, Mayor
Connie Murphy, Mayor Pro-Tem

ATTEST:

Debra Morgan, City Secretary