

**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 September 17, 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. being called by Mayor Bruce Robinson, pursuant to notice duly posted according to law. Almost immediately thereafter, at approximately 6:02 P.M. pursuant to notice duly posted according to law, a Public Hearing concerning the proposed Tax Rate for \$0.401584 per \$100.00 valuation for FY 2024 and the proposed FY2025 Budget was called by Mayor Bruce Robinson with the following members of the city Council 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	

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
Suzanne Kibodeaux and Heather Isom with the Chamber, Susan Stover with Waxman, Inc. and one visitor		

The Mayor opened the Public Hearing at approximately 6:02 P.M for any Citizens Comments. There were no Citizens comments, and the Mayor closed the Public Hearing at 6:03 P.M. and moved to Agenda Item No. 1 for approval of Regular Minutes of August 20, 2024. Following a review of the Regular Meeting Minutes of August 20, 2024, a motion was made by Alderman Cudd to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes

of August 20, 2024, as presented. The motion was seconded by Alderman Elmore 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 September 2024. Following a review of Accounts Payable for the month of September 2024, a motion was made by Alderman Dickerson to approve the payment of Accounts Payable as presented for the month of September 2024. The motion was seconded by Alderman Elmore and approved by the following vote of Council:

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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.

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 September 2024 to Council. Following the presentation to and discussion by Council, no action was requested of Council, and none taken. Agenda Item No. 4 was provided to the Council for information purposes only.

The Mayor moved to Agenda Item No. 5 for the City Manager's Report, The City Manager updated the Council on the Road repairs on Old Beaumont was completed and the cost of repair was \$15,000.00 with the County helping with repairs. 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 Burleson reported to the Council his Monthly Updates on the Department and his monthly report. 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. Mr. Keel was not present at this meeting. City Manager informed the Mayor and Council of the problem the contractors caused while working on Hwy 105 with the City's manhole. This was for information purposes only.

The Mayor moved to Agenda Item No. 8, Jeff Leavins with LEAD Engineering gave an update on several project: Updated on Storage Tank and TxDot plans and North and South Dayna Lane Drainage. The report was provided to Council for information purposes only.

The Mayor moved to Agenda Item No. 9 for the Library Report. Librarian Mary Boyd. The Librarian was not at this meeting. The report was provided to Council for information purpose only.

The Mayor moved to Agenda Item No. 10 Chamber of Commerce Report. Suzanne Kibodeaux introduced Heather Isom and informed the council with dates for upcoming events the Chamber would be hosting: Also, all volunteers needed for events

The Mayor moved to Agenda Item No. 11, Discussion and Action to adopt the FY2024-2025 Tax Rate in the amount of .401584 per \$100 valuation. After discussion a motion was made by Alderman Cudd to approve the FY2024-2025 Tax Rate in the amount of .401584 per \$100 valuation. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Butler with a final Roll call vote as follows:

Alderman Kevin Cudd	FOR
Alderman Elmore	FOR
Mayor Pro-Tem Hendrix	Absent
Alderman Dickerson	FOR
Alderwoman Butler	FOR
Mayor Robinson	FOR

The Mayor moved to Agenda Item No. 12, Discussion and Action to adopt the FY2025 Budget. After discussion a motion was made by Alderman Dickerson to adopt the FY2025 Budget as presented. The motion was seconded by Alderman Elmore and approved by the following vote of the Council:

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AGAINST	0

The Mayor moved to Agenda Item No. 13, Discussion and Action to replace a culvert on Old Beaumont Road for Eudell Ryan. After discussion no action was taken:

The Mayor moved to Agenda Item No. 14, Discussion and Action for the award of construction contract of the City of Sour Lake GLO CDBG MIT Grant System Improvement Project, Contract No. 22-085-037-D281-. A motion was made by Alderman Dickerson to award the contract to J and S Well Service in the amount of \$1,217,635 as recommended by LEAD Engineering. The motion was seconded by Alderman Cudd and approved by the following vote of the Council:

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AGAINST	0

The Mayor moved to Agenda Item No. 15, Discussion and Action to approve the FLOCK Camera System in the amount of \$14,500.00 presented by SLED for up to three years. After discussion a motion was made by Alderman Cudd to approve the FLOCK

Camera System in the amount of \$14,500.00 presented by SLED for up to three years. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Butler and approved by the following vote of the Board:

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The Mayor moved to Agenda Item No. 16, Discussion and Action to purchase a sign for the Liberty Tree Coffee in the amount of \$9,150.00 presented by SLED. After discussion a motion was made by Alderman Dickerson to purchase the sign for the Liberty Tree Coffee in the amount of \$9,150.00 presented by SLED. 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 the Final Agenda Item No. 17, Discussion of any other item on the agenda without acting.

There being no additional Agenda Items to consider, a motion was made by Alderman Elmore to adjourn the Sour Lake City Council meeting at approximately 6:52 P.M. on September 17, 2024. The motion was seconded by Alderman Dickerson and approved by the following vote of the Council:

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AGAINST	0

CITY OF SOUR LAKE

Bruce Robinson, Mayor
Michael Hendrix, Mayor Pro-Tem

ATTEST:

Debra Morgan, City Secretary