

**MINUTES OF MARCH 28, 2022
CITY OF LUMBERTON**

A Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Lumberton was held at 7:00 p.m. on March 28, 2022, pursuant to notice duly posted according to law. The following members were present:

Don Surratt	-	Mayor
Lynette Barks	-	Councilwoman
Kenny Burkhalter	-	Councilman
Kimberly Cline	-	Councilwoman
Dan Bell	-	Councilman

And absent:

Kenneth Wahl	-	Councilman
David Maniscalco	-	Mayor Pro Tem

Also present were City Manager Steve Clark, City Attorney Curtis Soileau, Police Chief Danny Sullins, City Secretary Susan Collins, Zoning Clerk Anita Price, and other guests (see attached Guest Register).

Mayor Surratt called the Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. noting that a quorum was present, and meeting was duly called and posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act. Mayor Surratt then delivered the Invocation, Councilwoman Barks led Pledge of Allegiance and Councilman Bell led the Texas Pledge.

CITIZEN'S PARTICIPATION – COUNCILWOMAN BARKS PRESIDING

Mr. Luke Morrison came forward to address Council at this time concerning Police presence in the city.

***** PROCLAMATION – CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS & PREVENTION MONTH *****

Ms. Aarin Penny, CASA Sabine Neches Region came forward at this time. Ms. Penny provided statistical information and listed some of the programs/services CASA offers. Ms. Penny then accepted the Proclamation and thanked Council for their continued support.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CITY BUSINESS:

None at this time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

CONSENT AGENDA:

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 14, 2022 PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING

Councilman Burkhalter made a Motion to accept the Minutes as presented. Councilwoman Cline seconded the Motion. Motion passed unanimously with five (5) for and none (0) against.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Item # 220321 – Discussion and Possible Action –Resolution – Adopting all Applicable Financial Management and Procurement laws and guidelines for Various

State/Federal grant funds

City Manager, Steve Clark advised that the City Procurement Policy should be updated to include applicable guidelines for State/Federal grant funds. Councilman Bell made a Motion to accept the Resolution (with attachment) as presented. Councilwoman Cline seconded the Motion. Motion passed unanimously with five (5) for and none (0) against.

Item # 220322 – Discuss and Possible Action – Appoint Alternate City Engineer

City Manager, Steve Clark stated that the City sought Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for an Alternate City Engineer to be used on an “as-needed” basis. Qualifications were reviewed and Mr. Clark recommends Arceneaux, Wilson & Cole. Councilman Bell made a Motion to accept the City Manager recommendation and appoint the Engineering Firm of Arceneaux, Wilson & Cole as the Alternate City Engineer. Councilman Burkhalter seconded the Motion. Motion passed unanimously with five (5) for and none (0) against.

**Item # 220323 – Discussion and Possible Action – First Reading – Ordinance 22-1266
Amending Chapter 48 (Traffic and Vehicles) Adopting Article IV – Extension
of Traffic Regulation to Private Subdivisions; Providing for the Extension of
State and Local Traffic Laws to Private Roads Located within The Woods
Subdivision; Providing for Offenses and Penalties**

City Attorney, Curtis Soileau explained that this Ordinance will allow traffic and enforcement in areas during the construction phase and prior to the City’s acceptance of the streets in private subdivisions. Councilman Bell made a Motion to approve the First Reading of Ordinance 22-1266 – Extending State and Local Traffic Laws in The Woods subdivision as presented. Councilwoman Cline seconded the Motion. Motion passed unanimously with five (5) for and none (0) against.

**Item # 220324 – Discussion and Possible Action – First Reading – Ordinance 22-1267
Amending Chapter 48 (Traffic and Vehicles) Adopting Article IV – Extension
of Traffic Regulation to Private Subdivisions; Providing for the Extension of
State and Local Traffic Laws to Private Roads Located within the Woolsley
Palms Subdivision; Providing for Offenses and Penalties**

Councilwoman Cline made a Motion to accept the First Reading of Ordinance 22-1267 – Extending State and Local Traffic Laws in the Woolsley Palms subdivision as presented. Councilman Burkhalter seconded the Motion. Motion passed unanimously with five (5) for and none (0) against.

MONTHLY REPORTS:

Monthly Financial Reports were reviewed and discussed at this time.

MAYOR’S REPORT:

**** This item was moved to the beginning of the meeting. ****

Proclamation – Child Abuse Prevention Month

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT:

City Manager, Steve Clark reported that the Skate Park has opened and the last of the water lines are being laid for the Splash Pad.

Mr. Clark also advised Council that he is considering turning off the water to the Dog Park’s automatic waterer as there is constant vandalism to the extent of removing the valve to allow children to play in the spraying water. Council agreed with turning off the water and the individuals would be responsible for providing the water for their dogs.

POLICE CHIEF’S REPORT:

None at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council did not enter into closed Executive Session.

ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS:

None at this time.

PERSONNEL:

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA:

None at this time.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Councilwoman Barks made a Motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Burkhalter seconded the Motion. Motion passed unanimously with five (5) for and none (0) against. The meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

DON SURRETT
MAYOR

ATTEST:

SUSAN COLLINS
CITY SECRETARY