

**MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 12, 2022
CITY OF LUMBERTON**

A Public Hearing of the City of Lumberton was held at 6:00 p.m. on September 12, 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
David Maniscalco	-	Councilman

And absent:

Kenneth Wahl	-	Councilman
Dan Bell	-	Mayor Pro Tem

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

Mayor Surratt called the Public Hearing to order 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 and Councilman Burkhalter led the Pledge of Allegiance and Councilman Maniscalco led the Texas Pledge.

DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION CONCERNING THE FOLLOWING:

1) REQUEST FROM MURPHY OIL USA, 90 NORTH L.H.S. DRIVE, FOR A VARIANCE TO THE 300' MINIMUM DISTANCE REGULATIONS FOR THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES NEAR A PUBLIC SCHOOL

Mayor Surratt stated that this Hearing is being held to hear citizen's input on the variance to allow Murphy Oil to sell alcoholic beverages. Ms. Jennifer Harris came forward in opposition to the variance. Ms. Harris stated that, as a mom, she is concerned about the children's safety and approving this variance would only make alcohol more easily accessible to the school children. Mr. Kyle Hill (Murphy Oil Attorney) came forward to address Council. Mr. Hill stated that *all* of the Murphy Oil employees are required to complete the TABC courses on identification requirements as well as the signs of an intoxicated person. Mr. Hill then stated that the alcohol would be no easier to access at this location than at any of the other area convenience stores and that variances have already been granted to Wal-Mart Supercenter and CVS. Police Chief Danny Sullins then stated that, from a Police standpoint, he does

not see an issue with granting the variance. Chief Sullins also reminded Council that currently anyone could sit in the Murphy Oil parking lot and consume alcohol, if this variance is granted and Murphy Oil becomes “licensed” the requirements/laws are much stricter and it would be unlawful for anyone to consume alcohol on the premises.

2) ADJOURNMENT

Having discussed many topics and allowing anyone present to speak, the Public Hearing adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

DON SURRETT
MAYOR

ATTEST:

SUSAN COLLINS
CITY SECRETARY