

**MINUTES OF MAY 22, 2023
CITY OF LUMBERTON**

A Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Lumberton was held at 7:00 p.m. on May 22, 2023, pursuant to notice duly posted according to law. The following members were present:

Don Surratt	-	Mayor
Lynette Barks	-	Councilwoman
Kenny Burkhalter	-	Councilman
Kenneth Wahl	-	Councilman
Kimberly Cline	-	Councilwoman
Dan Bell	-	Mayor Pro Tem
David Maniscalco	-	Councilman

Also present were City Manager Steve Clark, City Attorney Curtis Soileau, Police Chief Danny Sullins, City Secretary Susan Collins, Secretary Darla Harrington, 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. Councilman Wahl delivered the Invocation. Councilwoman Barks led the Pledge of Allegiance and Councilwoman Cline led the Texas Pledge.

PROCLAMATION – Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month

Members of various motorcycle clubs came forward to express the need for more motorcycle safety and awareness. Councilwoman Cline then came forward to read and present the proclamation. Members then thanked Council members for their support.

****** OATH OF OFFICE – NEWLY RE-ELECTED MEMBERS ******

City Attorney, Curtis Soileau came forward to administer the Oath of Office to the newly re-elected members. No further action taken or required.

CITIZEN'S PARTICIPATION – MAYOR PRO TEM BELL PRESIDING

None at this time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CITY BUSINESS:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

CONSENT AGENDA:

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY 8, 2023 PUBLIC HEARING, REGULAR MEETING, AND MAY 10, 2023 SPECIAL MEETING

Councilman Burkhalter made a Motion to accept the Minutes as presented. Councilman Wahl seconded the Motion. Motion passed unanimously with seven (7) for and none (0) against.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Item #230521 – Discussion and Possible Action – Appoint 2023-'24 Mayor Pro Tem

Mayor Surratt advised that a Councilmember must be appointed each year to serve as Mayor Pro Tem and Councilwoman Barks has agreed to serve. Councilman Wahl then made a Motion to appoint Councilwoman Barks to serve as 2023-'24 Mayor Pro Tem. Councilwoman Cline seconded the Motion. Motion passed unanimously with seven (7) for and none (0) against.

Item #230522 – Discussion and Possible Action – Appoint/Reappoint Library Advisory Board Members

Councilman Bell made a Motion to re-appoint *Carol Dumatrait, Betty Iles, and Sharon Forret* to the Library Advisory Board for a two-year term as recommended. Councilman Maniscalco seconded the Motion. Motion passed unanimously with seven (7) for and none (0) against.

MONTHLY REPORTS:

Monthly Financial Reports were reviewed and discussed at this time.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Proclamation – Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month

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

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager, Steve Clark announced that the bids for the Event Center were opened on this date. There were five (5) bids that were received. The bids ranged from \$4.1 million to \$4.6 million. Mr. Clark stated that he hopes to bring the bid before the City Council for approval on the June 26, 2023 meeting.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:

Chief Sullins announced that former Lumberton Police Chief Ronnie Sticker passed away on May 20, 2023. Prayers for the family are appreciated.

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, Councilman Wahl made a Motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Barks seconded the Motion. Motion passed unanimously with seven (7) for and none (0) against. The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

DON SURRATT
MAYOR

ATTEST:

SUSAN COLLINS
CITY SECRETARY