

**MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 25, 2023  
CITY OF LUMBERTON**

A Public Hearing of the City Council of the City of Lumberton was held at 6:30 p.m. on September 25, 2023, pursuant to notice duly posted according to law. The following members were present:

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

And Absent:

Dan Bell	-	Councilman
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Also present were City Manager Steve Clark, City Attorney Curtis Soileau, City Secretary Darla Harrington, Zoning Clerk Anita Price, Secretary Stephanie Constance, and other guests (see attached Guest Register).

Mayor Surratt called the Meeting to order at 6:30 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, Councilman Wahl led the Pledge of Allegiance and Councilman Maniscalco led the Texas Pledge.

**PUBLIC FORUM:**

No one came forward to address the Council at this time.

**DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION CONCERNING THE FOLLOWING:**

**1) PROPOSED CITY BUDGET – FISCAL YEAR 2023**

Councilman Wahl stated that he, Councilman Bell, Councilwoman Cline, City Manager Steve Clark, City Secretary Darla Harrington, and Secretary Anita Price had met to discuss the '23-'24 Budget. The total budget for Fiscal Year 2023-24 is \$6,534,959.00. He stated that the budget includes a 4% salary increase for all City employees. There was discussion on what the process was for choosing Insurance coverage and City Manager Steve Clark explained that the City has an insurance representative that shops for the best insurance premiums. He explained that insurance will fluctuate throughout the year depending on employees leaving and new employees being hired. There was also discussion on the increase in the Budget for Computer Equipment and Maintenance. City Manager Steve Clark explained that he added extra funds due to the increase from Tyler Technologies and in anticipation of future costs. Chief Sullins also explained that the company that provided the Police Department cameras and body cam equipment had been sold to Motorola. Motorola requires that you buy their equipment and software which will potentially result in an increase in Computer Equipment and Maintenance in his department as well.

**2) ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the Public Hearing adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

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DON SURRETT  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

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DARLA HARRINGTON  
CITY SECRETARY