

**MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 13, 2023
CITY OF LUMBERTON**

A Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Lumberton was held at 7:00 p.m. on October 23, 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
Kimberly Cline	-	Councilwoman
David Maniscalco	-	Councilman
Dan Bell	-	Councilman

And absent:

Kenneth Wahl	-	Councilman
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Also present were City Manager Steve Clark, City Attorney Curtis Soileau, Police Chief Danny Sullins, City Secretary Darla Harrington, Zoning Secretary 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. Pastor Phillip Reed delivered the Invocation, Mayor Pro Tem Barks led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Councilman Maniscalco led the Texas Pledge.

CITIZEN'S PARTICIPATION – MAYOR PRO TEM BARKS PRESIDING

None at this time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CITY BUSINESS:

At this time Councilman Burkhalter announced that he is resigning his position as Councilman due to being appointed to a position on the Lumberton Independent School District Board. Councilman Burkhalter stated that he truly valued the opportunity to serve the City of Lumberton and expressed his gratitude to the Council for their support during his tenure.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

CONSENT AGENDA:

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 23, 2023 REGULAR MEETING

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

OLD BUSINESS:

None at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

Item #231111 – Discussion and Possible Action – Request submitted by MST Lumberton Development Management, LLC, for the City of Lumberton to accept the streets and drainage facilities for Westwood Heights, Phase III, Abstract No.2, located in the Francisco Arriola Survey, Lumberton, Hardin County, Texas. The Final Plat was filed at Hardin County Records November 8, 2012.

There was discussion as to Westwood Heights, Phase III being completed in 2012 and why the request was now being presented to the City to accept the streets and drainage facilities. Zoning Secretary Anita Price explained that the developers were not aware that they needed to make a request for a final inspection by the City. They were not aware of this until 2019. An inspection was performed in 2019 at which time a list of corrections was made to bring it into compliance. Ms. Price stated that everything has now been completed for Westwood Heights, Phase III as well as Westwood Heights, Phase IV. (See Item #231112) City Engineer Troy Whitehead confirmed that all items on the list had been corrected. Councilman Bell made a Motion to accept the streets and drainage facilities for Westwood Heights, Phase III based on Mr. Whitehead’s recommendation. Councilwoman Cline seconded the Motion. Motion passed unanimously with five (5) for and none (0) against.

Item # 231112 - Discussion and Possible Action - Request submitted by MST Lumberton Development Management, LLC, for the City of Lumberton to accept the streets and drainage facilities for Westwood Heights, Phase IV, Section A, Abstract No.2, located in the Francisco Arriola Survey, Lumberton, Hardin County, Texas. The Final Plat was filed at Hardin County Records September 15, 2016

Councilman Bell made a Motion to accept the streets and drainage facilities for Westwood Heights, Phase IV. Councilwoman Cline seconded the Motion. Motion passed unanimously with five (5) for and none (0) against.

Item #231113 – Discussion and Possible Action – Second Meeting in December
Councilwoman Cline made a Motion to reschedule the second meeting in December to be held during the annual employee Christmas Dinner on Wednesday December 13th at 6:30 p.m. in the LISD Performing Arts Center. Councilman Maniscalco seconded the Motion. Motion passed unanimously with five (5) for and none (0) against

MONTHLY REPORTS:

Reports from the Permit Department, Police Department and Library were reviewed and discussed at this time.

MAYOR’S REPORT:

None at this time.

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT:

City Manager Steve Clark announced that the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting at the City Park on FM 421 will be December 1, 2023 from 6-10 p.m.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:

Chief Danny Sullins announced that the annual Christmas Parage will be on November 30, 2023.

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 Cline made a Motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Maniscalco seconded the Motion. Motion passed unanimously with seven (5) for and none (0) against. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

DON SURRATT
MAYOR

ATTEST:

DARLA HARRINGTON
CITY SECRETARY