

**MINUTES OF JANUARY 8, 2024
CITY OF LUMBERTON**

A Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Lumberton was held at 7:00 p.m. on January 8, 2024, pursuant to notice duly posted according to law. The following members were present:

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

Also present were City Manager Steve Clark, City Attorney Curtis Soileau, Police Chief Danny Sullins, City 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, 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:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

CONSENT AGENDA:

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 8, 2024 PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING

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

OLD BUSINESS:

None at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

Item #240111 – Discussion and Possible Action – Zoning Commission Recommendation
Variance request submitted by Melinda Baer LeBlanc, co-administrator for the estate of Isabelle Clotiaux Baer, to approve dividing this property into 2 lots, with a minor plat. There is an existing, recorded easement and agreement in place at this time. There will not be 75’ of road frontage for Lot 2. The property is located at 126 S Village Creek Parkway, Abstract 53, in the S K VanMeter League, Lumberton, Hardin County, Texas.

Councilman Bell made a motion to accept the Zoning Commission recommendation as requested subject to the recorded easement agreement that is already in place. Councilman Maniscalco seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with seven (7) for and none (0) against.

Item # 240112 - Discussion and Possible Action – Zoning Commission Recommendation
Variance request submitted by William Kemper to encroach upon the west side setback line and the rear setback line to within 5’ of those property lines, to install an 8X12 accessory on skids. The property is located at 6355 Marble Falls, Westwood Heights, Section 1, Abstract 2, in the Francisco Arriola Survey, Block 1 Lot 5, Lumberton, Hardin County, Texas.

Councilman Maniscalco made a motion to accept the Zoning Commission Recommendation as requested. Councilwoman Cline seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with seven (7) for and none (0) against.

Item #240113 – Discussion and Possible Action – Zoning Commission Recommendation
Variance request submitted by Randy Jones, President and CEO for Goodwill Industries of Southeast Texas, to the requirement to have an eight-foot high opaque fence between Goodwill’s store and the adjoining property, which is Candlestick Baptist Church. They would like to use a four-foot opaque fence for only 100 feet starting at the southern property line, and the remaining 343 feet would be the 8-foot high opaque fence. The property is located at 115 N Main Street, Abstract 53, in the S K VanMeter Survey, Lumberton, Hardin County, Texas.

Councilman Schoen made a motion to accept the Zoning Commission Recommendation to allow a four-foot opaque fence for 100 feet starting at the southern property line. Councilwoman Cline seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with seven (7) for and none (0) against.

Item # 240114 – Discussion and Possible Action - Award Bid for ditch improvements
City Manager Steve Clark presented this item. Mr. Clark stated that this project pertains to a section of drainage ditch on FM 421 that runs behind the fire department. The City opened the bids for this project on Dec. 5, 2023 and LZ Services presented the lowest bid. This project is funded by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). LZ Services has qualified to perform the work and has met all ARPA regulations. Councilman Wahl made a motion to award the bid to LZ Services in the amount of \$343,055.60 for this project. Councilman Bell seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with seven (7) 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:

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:

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 Cline seconded the Motion. Motion passed unanimously with seven (7) for and none (0) against. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

DON SURRETT
MAYOR

ATTEST:

DARLA HARRINGTON
CITY SECRETARY