

**MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 26, 2024
CITY OF LUMBERTON**

A Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Lumberton was held at 7:00 p.m. on February 26, 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
Dan Bell	-	Councilman

And absent:

David Maniscalco	-	Councilman
Kimberly Cline	-	Councilwoman

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. Mayor Surratt then delivered the Invocation; Mayor Pro Tem Barks led the Pledge of Allegiance and Councilman Bell led the Texas Pledge.

CITIZEN'S PARTICIPATION – MAYOR PRO TEM BARKS PRESIDING

None at this time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CITY BUSINESS:

Mayor Surratt announced that Lumberton Trade Days would be held on the upcoming weekend.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

CONSENT AGENDA:

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 12, 2024 OF PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING

Councilman Wahl made a Motion to accept the Minutes as presented.

Mayor Pro Tem Barks seconded the Motion. Motion passed unanimously with five (5) for and none (0) against.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Item #240221 – Discussion and Possible Action – Accept City Secretary Certification of Unopposed Candidates

Discusión y Posible Acción - Aceptar Secretario de la Ciudad Certificación de Candidatos Únicos

The City Secretary must Certify that all deadlines have passed and there are no opposed races. Councilman Bell made a Motion to accept the City Secretary Certification of Unopposed Candidates as presented. Councilman Wahl seconded the Motion. Motion passed unanimously with five (5) for and none (0) against.

El Secretario de la Ciudad debe Certificar que todos los plazos han pasado y que no hay carreras enfrentadas. El concejal Bell hizo una moción para aceptar la Certificación del Secretario Municipal de Candidatos sin Oposición tal como se presentó. El concejal Wahl secundó la moción. Moción aprobada por unanimidad con cinco (5) a favor y ninguno (0) en contra.

Item #240222 – Discussion and Possible Action – Order May 4, 2024 General Election Cancelled

Discusión y Posible Acción - Orden 4 de mayo de 2024 Elección General Cancelado

After the Certification of Unopposed Candidates is presented the Council must Order the General Election Cancelled. Councilman Bell made a Motion to Cancel the May 4, 2024 General Election. Councilman Schoen seconded the Motion. Motion passed unanimously with five (5) for and none (0) against.

la Certificación de candidatos sin oposición, el Concejo debe ordenar la cancelación de la elección general. El concejal Bell presentó una moción para cancelar las elecciones generales del 4 de mayo de 2024. El concejal Schoen secundó la moción. Moción aprobada por unanimidad con cinco (5) a favor y ninguno (0) en contra.

MONTHLY REPORTS:

Monthly financial reports were reviewed at this time.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Surratt congratulated Chief Sullins on a job well done by his officers. LPD officers apprehended three individuals who were found with drugs and three loaded firearms, two of which were stolen. They were also found to be in possession of empty backpacks with ski masks and gloves inside.

Mayor Surratt also commented on a recent drug bust wherein LPD canine unit, Ayton, assisted in the arrest. Chief Sullins stated that he is very proud of the job that the canine units have done. He said that BPD sends their dogs to train in Kerrville once or twice a year and when they do they call LPD to cover their calls. Recently, they were called out three times in one week.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Steve Clark reminded the Council that the City has been working with Hardin County on a grant which would provide funds for a detention pond. Initially, the City was supposed to be responsible for 25% of the cost. However, after Senate Bill 7 passed, it enabled the City to be reimbursed for all but 6% of

the cost. The County is requesting that the City pay \$1,358,690.00 (25% of the total cost) up front. The City will be reimbursed as the grant funds are released. There was much discussion by the Council on what the best way to proceed would be. The Council decided that the City would pay the 25% up front and the County will then reimburse the City as the grant funds are released. This project will cost approximately five million dollars.

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. Mayor Pro Tem Barks seconded the Motion. Motion passed unanimously with five (5) for and none (0) against. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

DON SURRETT
MAYOR

ATTEST:

DARLA HARRINGTON
CITY SECRETARY