

**MINUTES OF AUGUST 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 August 26, 2024, pursuant to notice duly posted according to law. The following members were present:

Don Surratt	-	Mayor
Lynette Barks	-	Councilwoman
Joey Schoen	-	Mayor Pro Tem
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, City Engineer Troy Whitehead, Judge Sandra Howard, Mike Reese, Amanda Rodriguez, 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 then delivered the Invocation; Mayor Surratt led the Pledge of Allegiance and Councilman Maniscalco led the Texas Pledge.

CITIZEN'S PARTICIPATION – MAYOR PRO TEM SCHOEN PRESIDING

None at this time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CITY BUSINESS:

None at this time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

CONSENT AGENDA:

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF AUGUST 12, 2024 OF 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:

Item #240821 – Discussion and Possible Action – Second Reading Ordinance 24-1282

Amendments to the City of Lumberton Code of Ordinances Chapter 50 (Zoning), Article III – District Regulations:

- **Sec. 50-2 – Definitions**, to include in the definition of “accessory building” an additional example such as swimming pool rooms
- **Sec. 50-538 – Use and location of outdoor kitchens**, to adopt permitting requirements
- **Sec. 50-539 – Regulations of carport and other similar Structures**, to adopt height regulations and permitting Requirements

Councilman Maniscalco made a Motion to accept the Second Reading – Ordinance 24-1282- Amendments to the City of Lumberton Code of Ordinances Chapter 50 (Zoning), Article III – pertaining to accessory buildings, outdoor kitchens, and regulation of carports and other structures as presented. Councilwoman Cline seconded the Motion. Motion passed unanimously with seven (7) for and none (0) against.

Item #240822 – Discussion and Possible Action – Second Reading – Ordinance 24-1283 Amendments to the City of Lumberton’s Fee Schedule, to include permit fees for a carport, massage establishment and outdoor kitchen, and to reauthorize the City’s Building Permit Fees in accordance with Texas Local Gov’t Code §214.908

Councilman Bell made a Motion to accept the Second Reading – Ordinance 24-1283 – amending the City of Lumberton fee schedule and reauthorizing the City’s Building Permit Fees in accordance with Texas Local Gov’t Code §214.908 as presented. Councilman Wahl seconded the Motion. Motion passed unanimously with seven (7) for and none (0) against.

NEW BUSINESS:

Item #240823 – Discussion and Possible Action – Resolution – To support South East Texas Regional Planning Commission – Metropolitan Planning Organization’s effort to redesignate and expand its planning area boundaries to accept Jasper County.

Councilwoman Cline made a Motion to approve the Resolution as presented.

Councilman Maniscalco seconded the Motion. Motion passed unanimously with seven (7) for and none (0) against.

Item #240824 – Discussion and Possible Action – Award City of Lumberton Bank Depository Bid

Councilman Bell, Councilman Wahl, and Councilman Maniscalco made up the committee to oversee the bids for the City depository. Councilman Bell reported that Wells Fargo and First Financial Bank had turned in bids. He stated that after spending a good deal of time looking over the bids, the committee determined that what Wells Fargo offered, along with the high amount of satisfaction that the staff had with them, that it was their recommendation to award the bid to Wells Fargo. Councilman Bell then made a Motion to award the depository bid to Wells Fargo for a period of five (5) years. Councilman Wahl seconded the Motion. Motion passed unanimously with seven (7) for and none (0) against.

Councilman Bell stated that in the process of discussing the bids, there was a discussion about the new CityBank credit cards that the City has recently obtained. Councilman Maniscalco addressed the department heads and thanked them for their attendance. He then explained the process when using them. This will help the accounting department tremendously.

MONTHLY REPORTS:

Monthly financial reports were reviewed at this time.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

None at this time

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager, Steve Clark requested that Mayor Surratt appoint a Budget Committee for the 2024-'25 Fiscal Year Budget. Mayor Surratt appointed Councilman Wahl to form the committee. Councilman Wahl requested that Councilman Bell and Mayor Pro Tem Schoen join him on the committee and they accepted.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:

Chief Sullins stated that he had just attended an annual training school in Round Rock, Texas. He stated that it had been a very informative school and that he had made a lot of new connections.

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 SURRATT
MAYOR

ATTEST:

DARLA HARRINGTON
CITY SECRETARY