

**MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2024
CITY OF LUMBERTON**

A Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Lumberton was held at 7:00 p.m. on September 9, 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
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. Mayor Surratt delivered the Invocation, Councilwoman Barks led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Councilman Maniscalco led the Texas Pledge.

CITIZEN'S PARTICIPATION - MAYOR PRO TEM SCHOEN PRESIDING

Denise Anderson with Costcorde, LLC came forward to ask the Council if there were any questions regarding the replat listed as Item #240911. There were no questions asked at this time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CITY BUSINESS:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

CONSENT AGENDA:

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF August 26, 2024 REGULAR MEETING

Councilman Maniscalco made a Motion to accept the minutes as presented. Councilwoman Cline seconded the Motion. Motion passed unanimously with six (6) for and none (0) against.

OLD BUSINESS:

None at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

Item #240911 – Discussion and Possible Action – Zoning Commission Recommendation

Request submitted by Denise Anderson, of Costcorde, LLC., to replat Lot 3A and Lot 4A Park Central, Vol. 4, Pg. 312, Plat Records, into Lot 3B Park Central. The property is located at 285 Country Lane, Park Central, Lot 3A, Abstract No. 46 in the R C Rogers Survey and Abstract No. 14 in the Elisha Duncan League, and 206 S LHS Drive, Park Central, Lot 4A, Abstract No. 46 in the R C Rogers Survey, and Abstract No. 14 in the Elisha Duncan League, Lumberton, Hardin County, Texas.

Councilman Bell made a Motion to accept the Zoning Commission Recommendation and approve the replat of Lot 3A and Lot 4A into Lot 3B. Councilwoman Cline seconded the Motion. Motion passed unanimously with six (6) for and none (0) against.

Item #240912– Discussion and Possible Action – Zoning Commission Recommendation

Request submitted by Travis Odom to encroach upon his side building setback line to widen and extend his existing concrete driveway to within 2’ of the side property line. The property is located at 6636 Georgetown Lane, Westwood Heights, Block 11, Lot 6, Lumberton, Hardin County, Texas.

Mayor Pro Tem Schoen made a Motion to accept the Zoning Commission Recommendation and approve the request as presented. Councilman Maniscalco seconded the Motion. Motion passed unanimously with six (6) for and none (0) against.

Item #240913 – Discussion and Possible Action - Zoning Commission Recommendation

Request submitted by Clayton and Jennifer Gregory to replat Lot 3A and Lot 3B into Lot 3. Abstract 21 in the Charles A. Felder League. The property is located at 360 Fletcher Road, Lumberton, Hardin County, Texas.

Councilwoman Cline made a Motion to accept the Zoning Commission recommendation and approve the request to replat Lot 3A and Lot 3B into Lot 3. Councilman Maniscalco seconded the Motion. Motion passed unanimously with six (6) for and none (0) against.

Item #240914 – Discussion and Possible Action – Liveoak Environmental, LLC – Request for rate increase.

Sonny Hubbard with Liveoak Environmental, LLC came forward to present this item. Mr. Hubbard explained that Liveoak Environmental is requesting a 3.8% rate increase. This will raise the single residential rate from \$13.78 to \$14.30 per month. There was much discussion regarding the issues that residents have been having with Liveoak Environmental such as late pickup, billing issues wherein residents are not receiving their bill and then receiving threatening letter from the company for non-payment, lack of ability to reach the company by phone, and poor customer service. Mr. Hubbard acknowledged that the issues with billing and the phone service were their fault and that the company is working to resolve the issues. Councilman Bell stated that because the increase is not based on performance but is based on information from the Consumer Price Index, he made a Motion to approve the 3.8% rate increase, effective October 1, 2024. Mayor Pro Tem Schoen seconded the Motion. Motion passed with four (4) for and Councilwoman Cline and Councilman Maniscalco (2) 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:

None at this time.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:

None at this time.

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. Councilwoman Barks seconded the Motion. Motion passed unanimously with six (6) for and none (0) against. The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

DON SURRATT
MAYOR

ATTEST:

DARLA HARRINGTON
CITY SECRETARY