

**MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 23, 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 23, 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, 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; Councilwoman Barks led the Pledge of Allegiance and Councilman Bell led the Texas Pledge.

CITIZEN’S PARTICIPATION – MAYOR PRO TEM SCHOEN PRESIDING

None at this time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CITY BUSINESS:

Mayor Surratt announced that Lumberton Trade Days will be the weekend of October 5th and 6th. Councilwoman Barks reminded everyone that the annual Christmas Tree Lighting will be December 6th at the City Park.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

CONSENT AGENDA:

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2024 OF PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING

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

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Item #240921 – Discussion and Possible Action – Operating Budget FY 2024-’25

Councilman Wahl made a Motion to approve the Operating Budget for FY 2024-’25 with the stipulation that road and bridge funds that are not used are to go back into the General fund.

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

MONTHLY REPORTS:

Monthly financial reports were reviewed at this time.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Surratt reported that he had attended the kickoff meeting for the Lumberton Detention Pond at the Hardin County Courthouse on Monday, September 16, 2024. He stated that the City will be responsible to pay approximately \$476,000.00 towards the construction.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

None at this time.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:

Chief Sullins reported that he had previously addressed the Council about Beaumont Police Department's real time crime center. He explained how this camera system has helped to solve several crimes including a hit-and-run case that happened in Lumberton. He stated that Sour Lake PD is getting on the same system and will pay \$18,500.00 per year for four (4) cameras. This will be paid for through their IDC funds. Hardin County Sheriff's Office is also going to get on the system. Chief Sullins stated that he would like for Lumberton to get eight (8) cameras.

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 7:22 p.m.

DON SURRATT
MAYOR

ATTEST:

DARLA HARRINGTON
CITY SECRETARY