

**MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 23, 2024
CITY OF LUMBERTON**

A Public Hearing of the City of Lumberton was held at 6:30 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, and other guests (see attached Guest Register).

Mayor Surratt called the Public Hearing to order 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 Schoen led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Councilman Maniscalco led the Texas Pledge.

PUBLIC FORUM

No one came forward to address the Council at this time.

DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION CONCERNING THE FOLLOWING:

1) PROPOSED CITY BUDGET – FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025

Councilman Wahl, Budget Committee Chairman discussed the changes made to the budget. He advised that this is a conservative budget which includes a four percent across the board increase for all city employees. Councilman Bell discussed the budget for road repairs. He stated that \$325,000.00 was budgeted for road repairs for this fiscal year and \$350,000.00 for the past two years. At the end of the fiscal year, the funds had not all been used. He suggested that all funds from the road repairs that are not used should go back into the General Fund. The total budget for FY 2024-'25 is \$7,048,505.00.

City Manager Steve Clark pointed out that a new line item had been added for the Event Center. Councilman Wahl suggested that a policy needs to be created for rental of the Event Center. After much discussion, Mayor Surratt requested that Councilman Wahl form a committee to create the policy. Councilwoman Cline and Councilwoman Barks offered to assist with creating the policy. As there was no additional discussion on the details of the budget, no further action was taken or required.

2) ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion. The Public Hearing adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

DON SURRETT
MAYOR

ATTEST:

DARLA HARRINGTON
CITY SECRETARY