

**MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 24, 2025
CITY OF LUMBERTON**

A Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Lumberton was held at 7:00 p.m. on February 24, 2025, 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
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, 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. Councilman Wahl then delivered the Invocation; Mayor Pro Tem Schoen led the Pledge of Allegiance and Councilman Maniscalco led the Texas Pledge.

CITIZEN'S PARTICIPATION – MAYOR PRO TEM SCHOEN PRESIDING

Robert Martin came forward to introduce himself to the Council. He announced that he was running for the Lumberton Independent School District School Board and asked for the Council's support.

*****PROCLAMATION – SOUTHEAST TEXAS VETERANS STAND DOWN*****

Kristen White, the Hardin County Veteran's Service Officer came forward to accept the Proclamation and thank the Council. Tina Martinez also thanked the Council for their support and for welcoming the Southeast Texas Veterans Stand Down event in the City.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CITY BUSINESS:

None at this time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

CONSENT AGENDA:

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 10, 2025 PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING

Councilman Maniscalco made a Motion to accept the Minutes as presented. Councilman Wahl stated that there needed to be a correction wherein Mayor Pro Tem Joey Schoen's name had been omitted. Councilwoman Barks seconded the Motion. Motion passed unanimously with six (6) for and none (0) against.

OLD BUSINESS:

Item # 250221 – Discussion and Possible Action - Variance request submitted by Kevin Boykin of Boykin Homes, to approve the Preliminary Plat of Copper Point Phase 5. He would also like to drain the rear of lots 171-174 to the rear of the property. The property is located in Abstract Number 46, in the R C Rogers Survey, Lumberton, Hardin County, Texas.

City Engineer Troy Whitehead stated that the Preliminary Plat had been reviewed and completed on this date. After reviewing the construction plans, he discussed with Mr. Boykin some notes and details that need to be added. Mr. Boykin told Mr. Whitehead that he would have the revisions done by Feb. 25, 2025.

Councilman Bell asked if these revisions referred to the cement stabilization and Mr. Whitehead confirmed that it was and that it will be shown on the plans. Councilman Maniscalco made a Motion to approve the Preliminary Plat of Copper Point Phase 5 contingent upon Mr. Whiteheads approval. Mayor Pro Tem Schoen seconded the Motion. Motion passed unanimously with six (6) for and none (0) against.

Item #250222 – Discussion and Possible Action – Variance request submitted by Kevin Boykin of Boykin Homes, to approve the Preliminary Plat of Copper Point Phase 6. He would also like to drain the rear of lots 225, 226, 203-212 to the rear of the property. The property is located in Abstract Number 46, in the R C Rogers Survey, Lumberton, Hardin County, Texas.

City Engineer Troy Whitehead confirmed that the revisions for the Preliminary Plats have been completed. Councilman Maniscalco made a Motion to approve the Preliminary Plat of Copper Point Phase 6 and the variance request to drain Lots 225, 226, 203-212 to the rear of the property. Councilwoman Barks seconded the Motion. Motion passed unanimously with six (6) for and none (0) against.

Item #250223 - Discussion and Possible Action – Final Plat Approval - Copper Point Phase 4 - Abstract Number 46, in the R C Rogers Survey, Lumberton, Hardin County, Texas.

There was discussion about Phase 4 and it was found that the review is complete and the Final Plat is ready for signatures. Councilman Bell made a Motion to approve the Final Plat of Copper Point Phase 4. Councilman Maniscalco seconded the Motion. Motion passed unanimously with six (6) for and none (0) against.

NEW BUSINESS:

Item #250224 – 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 the deadline to file an application for a place on the ballot has passed and there are no opposed races. Councilman Bell made a Motion to accept the City Secretary Certification of Unopposed Candidates as presented. Councilman Maniscalco seconded the Motion. Motion passed unanimously with six (6) for and none (0) against.

El Secretario de la Ciudad debe certificar que la fecha límite para presentar una solicitud para un lugar en la boleta electoral Ha pasado y no hay carreras opuestas. El Concejal Bell presentó una moción para aceptar la Certificación del Secretario de la Ciudad de los Candidatos sin Oposición tal como se presentó. Concejal Maniscalco secundó la moción. La moción fue aprobada por unanimidad con seis (6) a favor y ninguno (0) en contra.

Item #250225 – Discussion and Possible Action – Order May 3, 2025 General Election Cancelled

Discusión y Posible Acción - Orden 6 de mayo de 2023 Elección General Cancelado

After the Certification of Unopposed Candidates is presented, the Council must Order the General Election Cancelled. Councilman Wahl made a Motion to cancel the May 3, 2025 General Election. Councilman Maniscalco seconded the Motion. Motion passed unanimously with six (6) for and none (0) against.

Después de que se presente la Certificación de Candidatos sin Oposición, el Consejo debe ordenar a la Asamblea General Elección cancelada. El concejal Wahl presentó una moción para cancelar las elecciones generales del 3 de mayo de 2025. El concejal Maniscalco secundó la moción. La moción fue aprobada por unanimidad con seis (6) votos a favor y en contra. Ninguno (0) en contra.

MONTHLY REPORTS:

Monthly financial reports were reviewed and discussed at this time.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

This item was moved to the beginning of the meeting.

Proclamation – Southeast Texas Veterans Stand Down

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

None at this time.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:

Chief Sullins submitted the Annual Contact Report (formerly Racial Profiling Report) and is pleased to report that there have been no profiling complaints filed against the Department.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council entered into closed Executive Session under Section 551.074 at 7:30 p.m. and reconvened in Open Session at 8:12 p.m.

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. Councilman Maniscalco seconded the Motion. Motion passed unanimously with six (6) for and none (0) against. The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

DON SURRETT
MAYOR

ATTEST:

DARLA HARRINGTON
CITY SECRETARY