

**MINUTES OF JULY 28, 2025
CITY OF LUMBERTON**

A Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Lumberton was held at 7:00 p.m. on July 28, 2025, pursuant to notice duly posted according to law. The following members were present:

Don Surratt	-	Mayor
Joey Schoen	-	Councilman
Kenneth Wahl	-	Mayor Pro Tem
Wayne Thomas	-	Councilman
David Maniscalco	-	Councilman
Dan Bell	-	Councilman

And absent:

Lynette Barks	-	Councilwoman
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Also present were City Manager Steve Clark, City Attorney Curtis Soileau, 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 Pro Tem Wahl then delivered the Invocation; Mayor Surratt led the Pledge of Allegiance and Councilman Thomas led the Texas Pledge.

CITIZEN'S PARTICIPATION – MAYOR PRO TEM WAHL PRESIDING

Dana Hancock, the Deputy District Director for State Representative Janis Holt, came forward to speak to the Council. Ms. Hancock wanted the Council and citizens to know that they now have an office at the Hardin County Courthouse to serve the citizens of Hardin County.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CITY BUSINESS:

None at this time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

CONSENT AGENDA:

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JULY 14, 2025 PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING

Councilman Maniscalco made a Motion to accept the Minutes as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Wahl seconded the Motion. Motion passed unanimously with six (6) for and none (0) against.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

***Item #250721 – Discussion and Possible Action – Zoning Commission Recommendation
Variance request submitted by Frankie Randazzo, of Loose Boot Holdings, LLC., to approve a 20’ building setback line on the north side of Lot 364-A, as well as the rear of both lots. The properties are located at 364 N LHS Drive and 364-A N LHS Drive, Abstract No. 2, in the Francisco Arriola Survey, Tract 31, P# 2-49 and P# 2-49-A, Lumberton, Hardin County, Texas.***

Councilman Maniscalco made a Motion to accept the Zoning Commission Recommendation to approve the 50’ building setback line with 20’ of green space, 20’ of concrete for employee parking only, and 10’ of concrete as part of the 24’ fire lane. Councilman Schoen seconded the Motion. Motion passed unanimously with six (6) for and none (0) against.

Item #250722 - Discussion and Possible Action – Annual Audit Report – FY 2023-24

Ms. Sharon Reed, with Charles Reed and Associates, came forward to present this item. Ms. Reed discussed each item in detail. She stated that the City presented fairly the financial position of the governmental activities in each major fund of the City of Lumberton. She stated that this was a clean, unmodified opinion. Ms. Reed also stated that in their opinion, the schedule of expenditures of federal awards is fairly stated in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole. Ms. Reed thanked the management for full cooperation in obtaining the required documentation and stated that the books and records are fairly stated and in good condition. She also thanked the Council for the continued relationship with Reed and Associates. Councilman Bell made a Motion to approve the 2023-24 Annual Audit by Reed and Associates as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Wahl seconded the Motion. Motion passed unanimously with six (6) for and none (0) against.

MONTHLY REPORTS:

Monthly Financial Reports were reviewed at this time.

MAYOR’S REPORT:

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT:

Mayor Surratt stated that it was time to form a Committee to plan the 2025-26 Budget. He appointed Mayor Pro Tem Wahl to head the committee. Mayor Pro Tem Wahl asked Councilman Bell to join him and Councilman Schoen volunteered to help as well.

POLICE CHIEF’S REPORT:

Chief Sullins stated that he is still waiting on TXDOT for the FLOCK Cameras. He stated that there will be a total of eight (8) cameras installed in various places within the City.

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, Mayor Pro Tem Wahl made a Motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Thomas seconded the Motion. Motion passed unanimously with six (6) for and none (0) against. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

DON SURRATT
MAYOR

ATTEST:

DARLA HARRINGTON
CITY SECRETARY