

**MINUTES OF September 22, 2025
CITY OF LUMBERTON**

A Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Lumberton was held at 7:00 p.m. on September 22, 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 Surratt then delivered the Invocation; Councilman Schoen led the Pledge of Allegiance and Councilman Bell led the Texas Pledge.

CITIZEN'S PARTICIPATION – MAYOR PRO TEM WAHL PRESIDING

None at this time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CITY BUSINESS:

Mayor Surratt announced that the Lumberton Trade Days would be held on October 3-4, 2025.

City Attorney Curtis Soileau reported he had completed the research that the Council had requested pertaining to the monthly service fees that are collected by the road fund. Mr. Soileau stated that according to the Home Rule Charter, an election is not required if the Council feels the need to adjust the amount of the service fee. The only requirement is that there must be a quorum of the City Council, with an affirmative vote to set the rate.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

CONSENT AGENDA:

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF AUGUST 11, 2025 PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING

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

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Item # 250921 – Discussion and Possible Action – Public nuisance report pertaining to property at 106 Oleander.

City Attorney Curtis Soileau presented this item. Mr. Soileau referred the Council to the report from the City Inspector regarding the Ordinance Violation of Uninhabitable Mobile Home. He stated that the City has received complaint letters from three neighbors complaining of the danger that the mobile home poses. Their complaints included the mobile home poses a fire hazard, a safety hazard, and rodent issues. The property has been abandoned for years. Chief Sullins also reported that the Police Department has received numerous calls about teenagers going into the mobile home. Mr. Soileau stated that, according to the report, the mobile home does pose a significant safety hazard and is a public nuisance. Councilman Maniscalco made a Motion acknowledging that the mobile home at 106 Oleander constitutes a public nuisance and set a Public Hearing for the matter for October 27, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. Councilman Schoen 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:

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, Mayor Pro Tem Wahl made a Motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Schoen seconded the Motion. Motion passed unanimously with six (6) for and none (0) against. The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

DON SURRATT
MAYOR

ATTEST:

DARLA HARRINGTON
CITY SECRETARY