

**MINUTES OF JANUARY 12, 2026
CITY OF LUMBERTON**

A Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Lumberton was held at 7:00 p.m. on January 12, 2026, pursuant to notice duly posted according to law. The following members were present:

Don Surratt	-	Mayor
Lynette Barks	-	Councilwoman
Joey Schoen	-	Councilman
Kenneth Wahl	-	Mayor Pro Tem
Wayne Thomas	-	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. Mayor Pro Tem Wahl delivered the Invocation, Mayor Don Surratt led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Councilman Maniscalco led the Texas Pledge.

CITIZEN'S PARTICIPATION – MAYOR PRO TEM WAHL PRESIDING

None at this time

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CITY BUSINESS:

None at this time

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

CONSENT AGENDA:

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 8, 2025 PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING, AND DECEMBER 11, 2025 REGULAR MEETING

Councilman Thomas made a Motion to accept the Minutes as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Wahl seconded the Motion. Motion passed unanimously with seven (7) for and none (0) against.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

**Item #260111 – Discussion and Possible Action – Zoning Commission Recommendation
Variance request submitted by Jake Fears, of JHF Engineering, PLLC., to
approve the replat of Lot 3B1, Highland Park being a replat of Lot 3B,
Highland Park, Volume 4, Page 145, P.R.H.C.T. The property is located at
118 S LHS Drive, Abstract No. 490, in the J. Walea Survey and Abstract No. 2,
in the Francisco Arriola League, Lumberton, Hardin County, Texas.**

Councilman Maniscalco made a Motion to accept the Zoning Commission recommendation and approve the replat request for Lot 3B1 located at 118 S. LHS Drive. Mayor Pro Tem Wahl seconded the Motion. Motion passed unanimously with seven (7) for and none (0) against.

**Item #260112 – Discussion and Possible Action – Zoning Commission Recommendation
Variance request submitted by Tim James to approve the replat of Tract 2B of
the replat of Tract 2 of the Minor Plat of Newell Subdivision and Tracts
1 & 2. The property is located at 579 Jordan Drive, Abstract No. 2, in the
Francisco Arriola League, Lumberton, Hardin County, Texas.**

Councilman Bell made a Motion to accept the Zoning Commission recommendation and approve the request for a replat for the property located at 579 Jordan Drive. Councilman Maniscalco seconded the Motion. Motion passed unanimously with seven (7) for and none (0) against.

**Item #260113 – Discussion and Possible Action – TXDOT proposed railroad project and
proposed Advance Funding Agreement for Local Governmental
Maintenance. (AFA)**

The proposal from TXDOT stated that they will provide required railroad warning signage and railroad pavement markings at every grade crossing within the City of Lumberton. This project would be entirely funded by Federal Highway Administration, Section 130. After the improvements were made, it would be the City's responsibility to maintain the crossings. After discussion weighing the benefits to the City, City Attorney Curtis Soileau stated that he did not see any benefit to the City taking over the maintenance and signage responsibility of the crossings. Councilman Bell made a Motion to deny the proposal from TXDOT. Councilman Maniscalco seconded the Motion. Motion passed unanimously with seven (7) for and none (0) against.

MONTHLY REPORTS:

Monthly Financial Reports were reviewed and discussed at this time.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

None at this time.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Steve Clark announced that there is a lot of commercial land being cleared for prospective new businesses.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:

Chief Sullins announce that he had received an email from Flock Safety stating that they will begin installing their cameras in Lumberton beginning the week of January 12, 2026. He relayed another incident wherein the Flock cameras assisted in helping apprehend another criminal. He said that a woman had been shot in Beaumont and then kidnapped. The incident was caught on video. Flock cameras started getting hits on the vehicle in Beaumont. Then there was a Flock hit on the vehicle going into Sour Lake. When there were no hits on the the vehicle going out of Sour Lake, Law Enforcement Officers were able to locate and apprehend the offender.

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 Schoen made a Motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Thomas seconded the Motion. Motion passed unanimously with seven (7) for and none (0) against. The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

DON SURRATT
MAYOR

ATTEST:

DARLA HARRINGTON
CITY SECRETARY