

**MINUTES OF JANUARY 26, 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 26, 2026, 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, 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 Surratt delivered the Invocation, Mayor Pro Tem Wahl 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:***

***COMMITTEE REPORTS:***

***CONSENT AGENDA:***

**A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 12, 2026 PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING**

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

***OLD BUSINESS:***

***NEW BUSINESS:***

**Item #260121 – Discussion and Possible Action – Order May 2, 2026 General Election**

***Orden de el 2 de Mayo del 2026 – Elección General***

Councilman Schoen made a Motion to order the May 2, 2026 General Election for Council Position #5 and #6. Mayor Pro Tem Wahl seconded the Motion. Motion passed unanimously with six (6) for and none (0) against.

*El concejal Schoen presentó una moción para ordenar las elecciones generales del 2 de mayo de 2026 para el puesto del Consejo #5 y #6. El alcalde pro tempore Wahl secundó la moción. Moción aprobada por unanimidad con seis (6) a favory ninguno (0) en contra.*

**Item #260122 – Discussion and Possible Action – Request from Hardin County  
Elections Department to use Lumberton Event Center for Early Voting  
and set up.**

Mayor Pro Tem Wahl made a Motion to approve the request from the Hardin County Elections Department to use the Lumberton Event Center for Early Voting and set up for the March 3, 2026 Republican and Democratic Primary Election. Councilman Maniscalco seconded the Motion. Motion passed unanimously with six (6) for and none (0) against.

***MONTHLY REPORTS:***

Monthly Financial Reports were reviewed and discussed at this time. Councilman Bell stated that on the November 2025 Financial Statement there was a miscellaneous deposit for \$1,100,003.07. This was from closing out a Certificate of Deposit from Bridge City Bank. The CD was closed out because BCB was no longer giving the City a competitive rate. The intention was to take this money and reinvest it in another banking institution with a better rate. The actual amount of the CD reimbursement was \$1,099,473.07. The remaining \$530.00 was from a reimbursement for a Municipal Court Bond refund. The deposit for the CD reimbursement will be transferred from the General Fund to the Money Market account to correct the error.

***MAYOR'S REPORT:***

Mayor Surratt discussed the progress of the FEMA Detention Pond.

***CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:***

None at this time.

***POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:***

Chief Sullins stated that the FLOCK cameras are up and running. Eight cameras have been placed 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 Schoen seconded the Motion. Motion passed unanimously with six (6) for and none (0) against. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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DON Surratt  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

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DARLA HARRINGTON  
CITY SECRETARY