

**MINUTES OF OCTOBER 27, 2025
CITY OF LUMBERTON**

A Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Lumberton was held at 7:00 p.m. on October 27, 2025, 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 7:15 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, Councilwoman Barks led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Councilman Maniscalco led the Texas Pledge.

CITIZEN'S PARTICIPATION – MAYOR PRO TEM WAHL PRESIDING

Shannon McFarlin came forward to address the Council about the problem that she is having regarding the train whistle keeping her awake at night. She stated that she and her husband bought a house on Trahan Road about three months ago and she has not had one night of good sleep due to the train whistle waking her up at all hours of the night. Mrs. McFarlin requested that the Council look into establishing a “Quiet Zone” within this area. City Attorney Curtis Soileau explained that it is a very expensive and complicated process.

Dana Hancock also came forward to re-introduce herself. Ms. Hancock is the Deputy District Director for Representative Janice Holt. She stated that they have an office at the Hardin County Courthouse and that they were available if the Council ever needed them.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CITY BUSINESS:

Mayor Surratt announced that the Christmas Parade would be December 5th and the Christmas Tree Lighting at the City Park would be December 6th this year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

CONSENT AGENDA:

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 27, 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 seven (7) for and none (0) against.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Item #251021 – Discussion and Possible Action – Council’s consideration and possible action regarding the public nuisance and violation of Chapter 6, Article VIII – Dilapidated Buildings, Section 6-327 of the City of Lumberton’s Code of Ordinances pertaining to structures located upon 106 Oleander, Lumberton, Texas (P#14-30-B; A0014 Duncan Elisha Acres 0.29)

Councilman Bell made a Motion to adopt the Order, send it to the property owner and the mobile home owner, and to instruct the City Manager to take the appropriate action to bring the property into compliance. Councilman Schoen 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.

Councilman Bell stated that there are some accumulated funds in the Mosquito Control Fund and he would like to see some of these funds used to clean out the ditches in the City. He instructed the City Manager to use some of these funds to get this work done.

MAYOR’S REPORT:

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT:

City Manager Steve Clark announced that there are approximately seven new businesses that are planning to open up in the City in the near future.

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, Councilman Schoen made a Motion to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Wahl seconded the Motion. Motion passed unanimously with seven (7) for and none (0) against. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

DON SURRETT
MAYOR

ATTEST:

DARLA HARRINGTON
CITY SECRETARY