

**MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 23, 2026
CITY OF LUMBERTON**

A Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Lumberton was held at 7:00 p.m. on February 23, 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, 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, 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:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

CONSENT AGENDA:

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 9, 2026 PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING

Councilman Bell stated that there was an error on Item #260211 wherein it was not noted that Councilman Bell seconded the Motion and that there was a unanimous vote of six (6) for and (0) against. Corrections were made prior to the City Council Meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Wahl made a Motion to accept the Minutes as corrected. Councilman Maniscalco seconded the Motion. Motion passed unanimously with six (6) for and none (0) against.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Item #260221 – Discussion and Possible Action – Accept City Secretary Certification of Unopposed Candidates
Discusión y Posible Acción - Aceptar Secretario de la Ciudad Certificación de Candidatos Únicos

The City Secretary must Certify that all deadlines have passed and there are no opposed races. Mayor Pro Tem Wahl made a Motion to accept the City Secretary Certification of Unopposed Candidates as presented. Councilman Schoen seconded the Motion. Motion passed unanimously with six (6) for and none (0) against. *El alcalde pro tempore Wahl presentó una moción para aceptar la certificación de candidatos sin oposición por parte del Secretario Municipal. El concejal Schoen secundó la moción. Moción aprobada por unanimidad, con seis (6) a favor y ninguno (0) en contra.*

Item #260222 – Discussion and Possible Action – Order May 2, 2026 General Election Cancelled

Discusión y Posible Acción - Orden 2 de mayo de 2026 Elección General Cancelado

Councilman Shoen made a Motion to cancel the May 2, 2026 General Election. Councilman Thomas seconded the Motion. Motion passed unanimously with six (6) for and none (0) against.

El concejal Shoen presentó una moción para cancelar las elecciones generales del 2 de mayo de 2026. El concejal Thomas secundó la moción. Moción aprobada por unanimidad con seis (6) a favor y ninguno (0) en contra.

MONTHLY REPORTS:

Monthly Financial Reports were reviewed at this time.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Surratt announced that Jasper County Judge Mark Allen is now the new Chairman of the Transportation Committee.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

Mr. Clark stated that he had been contacted by a representative from the Nutrition and Services for Seniors regarding public transportation opportunities for Lumberton residents. There will be a representative that will be presenting this free benefit to the Council at a future Council Meeting.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:

Chief Sullins announced that Councilwoman Barks is currently in the hospital awaiting a heart valve replacement surgery.

Chief Sullins also stated that he has hired a new Police Officer. Officer Blake Dougharty started duty this month.

Chief Sullins also made mention of the progress that Lumberton Fire Department has made. He stated that they now have approximately 30 volunteers and feels like the Fire Department is in better shape than it has been in a long 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 six (6) for and none (0) against. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

DON SURRATT
MAYOR

ATTEST:

DARLA HARRINGTON
CITY SECRETARY