

**MINUTES OF APRIL 27, 2026
CITY OF LUMBERTON**

A Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Lumberton was held at 7:00 p.m. on April 27, 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, 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 Bell led the Texas Pledge.

Proclamation – Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month

Councilman Schoen read the proclamation for Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month. Mr. John Chevalier came forward to thank the Council for recognizing May as Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month.

CITIZEN’S PARTICIPATION – MAYOR PRO TEM WAHL PRESIDING

None at this time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CITY BUSINESS:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

CONSENT AGENDA:

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF APRIL 13, 2026 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 #260421 – Discussion and Possible Action – Approve drainage easement consisting of approximately 0.2098 acres located in the S.K. Van Meter League, Abstract No. 53, Hardin County, Texas from Richard Scott Dunman and Jill C. Dunman in favor of the City of Lumberton, and authorize execution of the Drainage Easement Deed.

Councilman Maniscalco made a Motion to approve the drainage easement agreement between the City of Lumberton and Richard Scott Dunman and Jill C. Dunman. Councilman Bell seconded the Motion. Motion passed unanimously with seven (7) for and none (0) against.

Item #260422 – Discussion and Possible Action – Approve drainage of a 20-foot-wide drainage easement containing approximately 0.102 Acres, located in the S.K. Van Meter League, Abstract No. 53, Hardin County, Texas, from Stanley Kevin Kemp (aka S. Kevin Kemp) and Stacy Doniece Kemp (aka S. Doniece Kemp) in favor of the City of Lumberton, and authorize Execution of the Drainage Easement Deed.

Councilman Maniscalco made a Motion to table this item until the property owners can sign the agreement. Councilman Schoen seconded the Motion. Motion passed unanimously with seven (7) for and none (0) against.

Item #260423 – Discussion and Possible Action – First Reading- Ordinance amending Chapter 48 of the City of Lumberton Code of Ordinances to regulate sound amplification systems in vehicles.

Chief Sullins stated that he has requested that this Ordinance be amended due to the increase in calls from citizens complaining about the loud music that some people are playing in their vehicles. Councilman Bell made a Motion to approve the First Reading of the Ordinance amending Chapter 48 of the City of Lumberton Code of Ordinances to regulate sound amplification systems in vehicles. Councilman Thomas seconded the Motion. Motion passed unanimously with seven (7) for and none (0) against.

MONTHLY REPORTS:

Monthly Financial Reports were reviewed at this time.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Proclamation – Proclaiming May as Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month

This item was moved to the beginning of the meeting.

Mayor Surratt stated that he rode by the detention pond that is being built and saw that the work has begun. City Engineer Troy Whitehead stated that they had started working on it last week.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Steve Clark announced that he has started working on the 2026-'26 IDC Budget and that a Budget Meeting has been set for May 18, 2026.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:

Police Chief Danny Sullins stated that he is very pleased with the success of the FLOCK cameras.

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 Thomas seconded the Motion. Motion passed unanimously with seven (7) for and none (0) against. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

DON SURRETT
MAYOR

ATTEST:

DARLA HARRINGTON
CITY SECRETARY