

**MINUTES OF MAY 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 May 26, 2026, pursuant to notice duly posted according to law. The following members were present:

Don Surratt	-	Mayor
Lynette Barks	-	Councilwoman
Joey Schoen	-	Councilman
David Maniscalco	-	Councilman
Dan Bell	-	Councilman

And absent:

Kenneth Wahl	-	Councilman
Wayne Thomas	-	Mayor Pro Tem

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 and the Pledge of Allegiance, and Councilman Bell led the Texas Pledge.

CITIZEN'S PARTICIPATION – COUNCILMAN JOEY SCHOEN PRESIDING

Linda Richmond and Catherine Colligan came forward on behalf of the Lumberton Historical Museum. Ms. Richmond reported that the progress of the museum is moving along nicely. All the murals have been installed, the track lighting has been installed, there are several display cases that are filling up and the replica of the cabin has been completed. She invited the Council to a tour of the museum on June 8, 2026 from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Mrs. Kristen Carpenter also came forward to address the Council regarding her chickens. She explained that her family has six (6) chickens that are in a clean and well- built pen and have actually become like pets to her son. She asked for the Council's consideration when amending the Ordinance regarding chickens.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CITY BUSINESS:

Mayor Surratt announced that the Chamber of Commerce Banquet will be June 2, 2026.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

CONSENT AGENDA:

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY 11, 2026 PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING

Councilman Schoen made a Motion to accept the Minutes as presented.

Councilman Maniscalco seconded the Motion. Motion passed unanimously with five (5) for and none (0) against.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Item #260521 – Discussion and Possible Action – Appoint/Reappoint Library Advisory Board Members

Councilman Maniscalco made a Motion to reappoint Linda Surratt and Joleen Hernandez to serve a two (2) year term on the Library Advisory Board. Councilman Bell seconded the Motion. Motion passed unanimously with five (5) for and none (0) against.

MONTHLY REPORTS:

Monthly Financial Reports were reviewed at this time.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Surratt stated that for the past four to five legislative sessions there have been several bills regarding chickens that have been presented but have not passed. He asked City Attorney Curtis Soileau for his input. Mr. Soileau confirmed that at this time, there is not a State statute in place regarding owning chickens. Mr. Soileau discussed the City's current ordinance and the considerations and changes that would have to be placed in the amended ordinance. There was much discussion on the specifics of the ordinance such as placement of coops, how close to the property line the coop can be, lot size specifications, etc. Mr. Soileau said that he will generate the Ordinance and it will have to go through the Planning and Zoning Commission before being put on the Agenda.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

None at this time.

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. Councilwoman Barks seconded the Motion. Motion passed unanimously with five (5) for and none (0) against. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

DON SURRATT
MAYOR

ATTEST:

DARLA HARRINGTON
CITY SECRETARY