

**MINUTES OF JUNE 22, 2026  
CITY OF LUMBERTON**

A Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Lumberton was held at 7:00 p.m. on June 22, 2026, pursuant to notice duly posted according to law. The following members were present:

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| Don Surratt      | - | Mayor         |
| Joey Schoen      | - | Councilman    |
| Wayne Thomas     | - | Mayor Pro Tem |
| David Maniscalco | - | Councilman    |
| Dan Bell         | - | Councilman    |

And absent:

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| Lynette Barks | - | Councilwoman |
| Kenneth Wahl  | - | 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, Councilman Schoen led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Mayor Pro Tem Thomas led the Texas Pledge.

***CITIZEN'S PARTICIPATION – MAYOR PRO TEM THOMAS PRESIDING***

Mrs. Kelly Minter came forward to address the Council about the possible new Ordinance pertaining to chickens. She discussed her research and what she discovered other town's restrictions and/or ordinances. Mrs. Minter also expressed her appreciation for the Council and the excellent job that they have done for the City.

Mr. Jesse Herin came forward to express his appreciation for the opportunity to open a new business in Lumberton for Dog/Cat Boarding and pet care.

Natasha Lerette also came forward to address the Council regarding the possible new Ordinance pertaining to chickens. She expressed how important her chickens are to her and her family as they provide a source of food for them.

***ANNOUNCEMENTS/CITY BUSINESS:***

***COMMITTEE REPORTS:***

***CONSENT AGENDA:***

**A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JUNE 8, 2026 PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING**

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

Mayor Pro Tem Thomas seconded the Motion. Motion passed unanimously with five (5) for and none (0) against.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

### **Item #260621 – Discussion and Possible Action – Second Reading - Discussion of and possible action to adopt an amendment to the City’s Zoning Ordinance under Chapter 50 to authorize a Specific Use Permit for Commercial Animal Care Facilities and establish conditions and regulations governing operation.”**

City Attorney Curtis Soileau stated that no changes have been made to this amendment since the First Reading. He also clarified that this amendment was created because the City did not prohibit kennels expressly, but that they were simply not mentioned specifically in the City’s Ordinances. Councilman Bell made a Motion to accept the Second Reading as presented. Councilman Maniscalco seconded the Motion. Motion passed unanimously with five (5) for and none (0) against.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **Item #260622 – Discussion and Possible Action – First Reading - to amend Chapter 4 (Animals) of the City’s Code of Ordinances regulating the keeping of backyard chickens on residential properties**

City Attorney, Curtis Soileau explained that the current Ordinance does not provide any instruction for chickens except that the property must consist of at least three (3) acres or more which makes it considered a farm, the coop must be 100’ from the property line. Also, there have been no proposed statutes adopted by the legislature that addresses this issue. If legislature passes a law pertaining to chickens, this law takes precedence over the City Ordinance. Mr. Soileau then thoroughly explained the details of the new Ordinance. There was much discussion between Mr. Soileau, the Council, and the citizens regarding the proposed Ordinance. Councilman Bell made a Motion to approve the First Reading of the proposed Ordinance. Councilman Maniscalco seconded the Motion. Motion passed unanimously with five (5) for and none (0) against.

## **MONTHLY REPORTS:**

Monthly Financial Reports were reviewed at this time.

Councilman Bell requested an update from City Manager Steve Clark regarding the funds to be invested in a CD. Mr. Clark advised that he will get the funds invested and get the information to him as soon as possible.

## **MAYOR’S REPORT:**

Mayor Surratt stated that the work on the Hardin County Detention Pond is moving along. He explained that the City had paid for twenty-five percent (25%) of the cost and according to the grant the City will be reimbursed six percent (6%) of the funds paid in. Mayor Surratt said that he would like to see these funds put towards lining two and a half culverts on Hwy 69 around the Boykin Subdivision.

## **CITY MANAGER’S REPORT:**

Mr. Clark gave an update on the progress of the Veteran’s Memorial at the City Park.

## **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, Mayor Pro Tem Thomas made a Motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Schoen seconded the Motion. Motion passed unanimously with five (5) for and none (0) against. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

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DON SURRATT  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

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DARLA HARRINGTON  
CITY SECRETARY