

**MINUTES OF AUGUST 24, 2026
CITY OF LUMBERTON**

A Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Lumberton was held at 7:00 p.m. on August 24, 2026, pursuant to notice duly posted according to law. The following members were present:

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

And absent:

Kenneth Wahl	-	Councilman
Lynette Barks	-	Councilwoman

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 Maniscalco led the Texas Pledge.

CITIZEN'S PARTICIPATION – MAYOR PRO TEM THOMAS PRESIDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CITY BUSINESS:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

CONSENT AGENDA:

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF AUGUST 10, 2026 PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING

Mayor Pro Tem Thomas 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:

Item #260821 – Discussion and Possible Action – Second Reading - on an ordinance amending various sections of Chapter 42 (Subdivisions) and Chapter 50 (Zoning) of the Code of Ordinances to clarify language, correct inconsistencies, and enhance administrative interpretation, including amendments to Sections 42-6(a), 42-15, 42-25(g); 50-202(e) and (i), 50-236(e) and (g), 50-263(e) and (f), and 50-266(g).

There were no changes from the First Reading. Councilman Bell made a Motion to approve the Second reading of Ordinance No. 26-1291 pertaining to annual amendments to various sections of Chapter 42 (Subdivisions) and Chapter 50 (Zoning) of the Code of Ordinances to clarify language, correct inconsistencies, and enhance administrative interpretation. Councilman Schoen seconded the Motion. Motion passed unanimously with five (5) for and none (0) against.

Item #260822 – Discussion and Possible Action – Second Reading – on an ordinance to amend the City of Lumberton’s Fee Schedule to include the City’s Specific Use Permit Fee.

There were no changes from the First Reading. Councilman Bell made a Motion to approve the Second Reading of Ordinance No. 26-1292 pertaining to the City of Lumberton’s Fee Schedule to include the City’s Specific Use Permit Fee. Councilman Maniscalco seconded the Motion. Motion passed unanimously with five (5) for and none (0) against.

Item #260823 – Discussion and Possible Action – Second Reading – on Resolution No. R-2026-001 adopting an amended Investment Policy of the City of Lumberton in accordance with the Public Funds Investment Act.

Councilman Bell made a Motion to approve Resolution #R-2026-001 setting up the Investment Policy of the City of Lumberton and naming the City Manager, by title, as the Investment Officer. Councilman Schoen seconded the Motion. Motion passed unanimously with five (5) for and none (0) against.

NEW BUSINESS:

None at this time.

MONTHLY REPORTS:

Monthly Financial Reports were reviewed at this time.

MAYOR’S REPORT:

Mayor Surratt stated that Mayor Pro Tem Thomas had an update about the progress of the Lumberton City Park Veterans Memorial. Mayor Pro Tem Thomas explained that the layout had to be adjusted by approximately 20’ in diameter which caused the cost to go from \$78,000.00 to \$89,000.00. He stated that there would be 1800 bricks that would be placed around the memorial which could be engraved with a Veteran’s name on it. There was much discussion on how this process would be done and the cost of having it done.

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT:

City Manager Steve Clark stated that there was a strong interest in the possibility of Christmas lights being installed down Main Street and LHS Drive. He has made contact with Entergy regarding placing and cost. At this time, he wants to get the Council’s opinion on whether they would be interested in this project. He stated that it would be funded by the Industrial Development Corporation. It was the opinion of the Council that they would like to have more information before making a decision.

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 Thomas seconded the Motion. Motion passed unanimously with five (5) for and none (0) against. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

DON SURRATT
MAYOR

ATTEST:

DARLA HARRINGTON
CITY SECRETARY