

MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 28, 2026 CITY OF LUMBERTON

A Public Hearing of the City Council of the City of Lumberton was held at 6:30 p.m. on Sept. 28, 2026 pursuant to notice duly posted according to law. The following members were present:

Don Surratt	-	Mayor
Joey Schoen	-	Councilman
Kenneth Wahl	-	Councilman
Wayne Thomas	-	Mayor Pro Tem
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, Zoning Secretary Anita Price, and other guests (see attached Guest Register).

Mayor Surratt called the Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. noting that a quorum was present, and meeting was duly called and posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act. Councilman Wahl then delivered the Invocation; Councilman Schoen led the Pledge of Allegiance and Mayor Pro Tem Thomas led the Texas Pledge.

PUBLIC FORUM:

DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION CONCERNING THE FOLLOWING:

1) CITY OF LUMBERTON – OPERATING BUDGET – FY 2026-‘27

Councilman Bell, presented this item. He advised that this budget includes a four percent across the board pay increase for all city employees resulting in a “bottom-line” total budget of \$7,243,536.00. He discussed the changes in the format of the first three line items stating that the first line represents the total sales tax receipts, the second line item reflects the 25% of the sales tax receipts that go directly to the City of Lumberton Industrial Development Corporation, and the third line is the Net sales tax receipts from which the budget is created from.

Councilman Bell discussed the \$500,000.00 that is allotted for streets and also explained that the Mosquito Control Fund has money in it that can also be used to clean up some of the ditches. City Manager Steve Clark stated that there are some plans already in progress. Mayor Surratt stated that he would like to see some of the outfall ditches lined with concrete.

City Manager Steve Clark also pointed out the Franchise Fees from our Sanitation Service is about \$40,000.00 less. Ecowaste is on a future Agenda to discuss.

2) ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Public Hearing adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

DON SURRETT
MAYOR

ATTEST:

DARLA HARRINGTON
CITY SECRETARY