

**MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 28, 2026
CITY OF LUMBERTON**

A Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Lumberton was held at 7:00 p.m. on September 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 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 Wahl led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Councilman Maniscalco led the Texas Pledge.

CITIZEN'S PARTICIPATION – MAYOR PRO TEM THOMAS PRESIDING

None at this time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CITY BUSINESS:

None at this time

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

CONSENT AGENDA:

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF September 14, 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 six (6) for and none (0) against.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Item #260921 – Discussion and Possible Action – Annual Audit Report – FY 2024-'25

Sharon Reed, with Charles E. Reed & Associates came forward to present the FY 2024-'25 audit. Ms. Reed stated that it was their opinion that the financial statements present fairly in all material aspects and further stated that this is a clean, unmodified opinion. She then went through the audit to discuss each item in detail.

Ms. Reed also discussed the Local Government Code Chapter 103 which states the timeframe for municipalities to undergo and file an annual audit. Failure to file these with the State Comptroller results in the City becoming noncompliant. Once the Audit is approved by the Council, then it can be filed and the City will once again be in compliance. Ms. Reed stated that the delay was due entirely to external factors and explained that the third-party CPA firm contracted by the City to prepare and assemble the foundational financial statement experienced unexpected timing delays. Ms. Reed expressed appreciation to the Council for the continued opportunity to work with the City of Lumberton.

Councilman Bell made a Motion to approve the Annual Audit Report for 2024-'25 as presented. Councilman Wahl seconded the Motion. Motion passed unanimously with six (6) for and none (0) against.

Item #260922 – Discussion and Possible Action – Operating Budget – FY 2026-'27

Councilman Wahl made a Motion to approve the Operating Budget for FY 2026-'27 for \$7,243,536.00 as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Thomas seconded the Motion. Motion passed unanimously with six (6) for and none (0) against.

MONTHLY REPORTS:

Monthly Financial Reports were reviewed at this time.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

None at this time.

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 Wahl made a Motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Schoen seconded the Motion. Motion passed unanimously with six (6) for and none (0) against. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

DON SURRATT
MAYOR ATTEST:

DARLA HARRINGTON
CITY SECRETARY