



# CITY OF LUMBERTON

## CITY COUNCIL

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Regular Meeting

Council Chambers

11:00 AM

500 N Cedar St, Third Floor, Lumberton, NC  
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### I. Call to Order

- A. Invocation – Councilman Carroll
- B. Pledge of Allegiance – Councilman Cantey

### II. Presentation of Resolution - Lumbee Tribe

Councilman Eric Chavis along with the Mayor and City Council presented the Lumbee Tribal Council with a Resolution Recognizing and Commending the Lumbee Tribe on the full Federal Recognition received on December 18, 2025, from the US Government. The Tribal Chairperson, John Lowery, stated that he thanked the City Council of the City of Lumberton for recognizing this historic event. He stated that as the tribe grows, the city will grow too. He, along with others, were very thankful for the recognition, and he stated that he always tells people that "the City of Lumberton is one of the most diverse cities in North Carolina. He stated that you can go to places and see all races and nationalities coming together. Whether it's baseball, softball or whatever, there is a lot of cultural diversity here.

### III. Public Comment Period

### IV. Public Hearing

- A. Public Hearing Request — Recovery Plans for Hilton Heights and Myers Park Developments - Wayne Horne, City Manager

City Manager Horne opened the public hearing to discuss the Lumberton Housing Authority plans on the proposed demolition of Hilton Heights and the acquisition of Myers Park. City Clerk Mitchell-McIntosh submitted the Affidavit of Publication showing that the hearing was advertised in **The Robesonian**.

City Manager Horne stated that staff recently met with the Housing Authority of the

City of Lumberton in a formal meeting to discuss recovery plans for the Hilton Heights and Myers Park developments, which were severely impacted by Hurricane Matthew. Hilton Heights consists of 42 units and Myers Park consists of (30) additional units that sustained significant damage, with all 30 units located in the flood zone.

The Housing Authority has secured funding through the North Carolina Office of Recovery and Resiliency in coordination with the Federal Emergency Management Agency to relocate both developments to a site outside the designated flood zone.

The Housing Authority respectfully requests that the City conduct a public hearing to consider the following:

- The City's acquisition of the Myers Park property and its intended future plans for the site;
- The Housing Authority's plan to demolish the existing Hilton Heights units;
- Issuance of a letter verifying that the public hearing was held, along with the official meeting minutes; and
- City Council approval of the proposed demolition of Hilton Heights and the acquisition of Myers Park for the purpose of providing affordable housing opportunities.

Adrian Lowery, Executive Director of Lumberton Housing Authority, appeared to speak about hurricane recovery. In October 2016, as you know, we experienced Hurricane Matthew, and it is ten years afterward that we are still recovering from this disaster. Hilton Heights is located on Kings Street with 42 units and Myers Park is located on Halsey Street with 30 units, all located in a flood zone. What we are looking to do is get these units out of the flood zone. We secured property on Caton Road near DSS. It is 30 acres which the City has graciously rezoned and annexed the property into the City.

Mr. Lowery stated that this is a good issue because we have the funding; however, it's from four different sources, and we have to abide by the rules and laws of North Carolina for all four. One of the sources is HUD and for the demolition we have to conduct a public hearing to make you and the public aware of what we are trying to do. As the City Manager stated that we want to demolish those 42 units and rebuild over on Caton.

Councilman Chavis asked how soon you think this project will begin. Mr. Lowery replied that the final HUD Environmental Review was done 5 years ago and has a lifespan of 5 years, so we are having to do that, and we are about 120 days out. At that time, we are looking forward to our funding agreement which will come through HUD and at that point we will be able to move forward. We have already bid the project out with some negotiation with the company now because there can only be a certain

percentage. So, once we get the funding agreement in hand, we will be ready to move forward. State and FEMA monies are ready to go. It's just a matter of receiving that funding agreement from HUD. Once that's done, we are looking at 120 days to schedule to break ground.

Councilman Cantey asked about the quantity of the units. Mr. Lowery responded with We abide by the Faircloth limit. The City of Lumberton was at 720 units, but I think we are designated at 730, and we cannot exceed that. He stated that in the PIT, that's where we put our information, we can't bring any more units online until the old units have been demolished. There is some work to do there as to when we can break ground because those units cannot be in the system at the same time. We plan to go back with 72 units. Councilman Cantey also asked about the vacancy in Lumbee Homes. We have something out there called the Federal Emergency Management Association, while the storm is going on and their boots are on the ground. What a wonderful organization because the things they did for us around Mohr Plaza were just wonderful. They talk about what we are going to do for you, but when we go to access those funds there is every excuse as to why we cannot get access to those funds. That's the reason why Lumbee Homes is like it is. We have 68 units in Lumbee Homes that remain in Hurricane Recovery. Our goal there is to look at maybe taking those units out of public housing and putting them into the Section 8 program. HUD is making a lot of money available to make that transition. But to be honest, it will be maybe 5 years before we can address the situation with Lumbee Homes.

Councilman Cantey asked about the homes at the back of Turner's Terrace. Mr. Lowery stated that the Housing Authority is going to rehab those homes. Councilman Cantey asked about the waiting list and Mr. Lowery stated that it's anywhere from 800 to 1,200 depending on the bedrooms. We have a high demand for 1,2, and 3 bedroom units. We have had our waiting list closed for some time.

City Attorney Moore stated that as a point of clarification, the item reads the acquisition of the Myers Park property. We are not sure that we can even take Myers Park at this point, so that if there is a motion that we can continue to explore this with the housing authority. City Manager Horne stated that we were looking at Myers Park because the infrastructure is already in place, is to demolish those units, and we looked into the Baptist on Mission to do there is build at the flood elevation. We would ask that the parcel be subdivided and single-family homes are built there.

Mr. Lowery stated that as far as the public hearing, this is just us giving you our plans. City Manager Horne stated that we have had preliminary discussions, and we still have some work to do as far as the planning process. City Manager Horne stated that the plan that we have would be to take ownership of the homes similar to what we have done in East Lumberton. We would not maintain ownership. It is the consensus of Council that we will continue to look into the possibility of taking ownership of this property, if it can be done.

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## V. Consent Agenda

- A. Ratification of Council Poll — Engineering Agreement for Downtown Riverfront Retaining Wall Design to The Wooten Company in the Amount of \$137,100. - Wayne Horne, City Manager

Staff conducted a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) process approximately one year ago, to which The Wooten Company was the sole respondent. The procurement process was paused at that time due to the lack of identified funding for the construction phase. After consultation with the City Manager, staff recommends utilizing a portion of the downtown state-appropriated legislative funds to proceed with the design phase.

The attached agreement provides for design services in the amount of \$137,100, to be funded from downtown state appropriated funds. Due to project timelines requiring completion of the design by June, the City Clerk initiated a poll of City Council to authorize award of the contract and allow work to begin as soon as possible.

Ratify the February 18, 2026, Council poll approving the award of the engineering agreement to The Wooten Company in the amount of \$137,100 for the design of the downtown riverfront retaining wall renovation.

**RESULT: Passed (8 TO 0)**

**MOVER:** Precinct 8 Thomas

**SECONDER:** Precinct 7 Chavis

**AYES:** Leroy Rising, Melissa Robinson, John Carroll, Karen Higley, John Cantey, Alfred Douglas, Eric Chavis, Owen Thomas

**ABSTAIN:** None

## VI. Agenda Items

- A. Mission First K-9 Presentation - Kristen Botts, Program Director - Kristen Botts, City Manager

**Mission First K9 - Presentation**  
**Kristen Botts — Co-Founder**

- **Kristen brings 20 years of animal-rescue experience and 5 years of professional K9-handling and assistant-instructor work. Her handler training includes:**

- **Therapy dogs**
- **Service dogs**
- **Tactical K9s specializing in detection and trailing**
- **She played a key role in training veterans during the Paws 4 Vets program in Spokane, Washington, helping veteran–dog teams develop the skills needed for service-dog work.**
- **Kristen is the author of *Jumping Without a Parachute*, an inspirational account of her lived experience as a full-time caregiver for someone struggling with TBI and PTSD. She holds certifications in dementia care and mental-health support, and previously served as the Assistant Director at the Union Gospel Mission (UGM) Women & Children’s Crisis Shelter. In that role, she implemented and taught recovery programs for women facing addiction, homelessness, abuse, and trauma.**
- **Kristen is currently pursuing her Bachelor of Arts in Psychology at Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU).**

#### **Nathan Botts — Co-Founder**

- **Nathan is a 22-year U.S. Army veteran, retired as an Airborne Ranger, and is rated 100% total and permanent disabled. He lives with PTSD, multiple TBIs, and spinal-cord complications, giving him a deeply personal understanding of the healing power of service dogs.**
- **He is the author of *123s: How to Speak Dog* and a certified Master K9 Trainer & Behaviorist through Highland K9. Nathan also holds K9 certifications from ABCT and Stratford, and has extensive experience in canine rehabilitation and behavior modification.**
- **Nathan earned his Bachelor of Science in Animal Science & Behavior from Unity University and is currently completing his Master of Science in Animal Science & Behavior, with an expected graduation date of December 15, 2026.**

**Mission Statement:** Mission First K9 exists to restore purpose, confidence, and connection for veterans and their K9 partners. Through structured training, education, and supportive guidance, we empower veterans with the skills to navigate PTSD, TBI, and other service-related challenges while giving rescue dogs a safe path to a stable, meaningful home. Guided by our mantra, “*15 Seconds of Courage*,” and grounded in our belief that “*Your success is our success*,” we strengthen the bond between veteran and dog, promote emotional wellness, and build a community committed to long-term healing and growth.

- **Mission First K9 is a veteran-support and canine-welfare program co-founded by Nathan and Kristen Botts under the nonprofit Off Road Outreach, led by Executive Director Stacey Buckner.**

#### **What We Do for Veterans**

- We pair carefully selected dogs with veterans who are training their own service dogs to help with **PTSD, Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), and Military Sexual Trauma (MST)**.
- Our work builds on the success of our earlier program, **Paws 4 Vets**, which we ran in Spokane, Washington. Through that program, we supported **52 veterans and their dogs** using a structured training and counseling model.
- All of our training is **free for veterans**.
- Each veteran–dog team receives **up to six months of food, gear, and essential supplies** so they can focus on training without worrying about basic needs.
- We include **group therapy sessions** led by an ordained minister who is also a trained counselor, giving veterans emotional, behavioral, and spiritual support alongside their dog-training work.
- The program pairs carefully selected dogs with veterans training their own service dogs for PTSD, Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), and Military Sexual Trauma (MST).
- It builds on the founders' earlier program, Paws 4 Vets in Spokane, WA, where they supported 52 veterans and their dogs through a structured training and counseling model.
- Training is provided at no cost to veterans, including up to six months of food, gear, and essential supplies for each veteran–dog team.
- Group therapy sessions are integrated into the program and facilitated by an ordained minister who is also a trained counselor, offering emotional, behavioral, and spiritual support.
- Nathan and Kristen also operate a foster-based rehabilitation program for dogs found by community members, law enforcement, or through their own rescue efforts.
- Over the past 20 months, they have rehabilitated 16 dogs for placement into the service-dog pipeline or adoption into qualified homes.
- Mission First K9 collaborates with the Lumberton City Police Department to assist in rehoming dogs in need.
- The program works with the Robeson County Humane Society to identify dogs suitable for veteran placement.
- This dual-impact model supports both veteran wellness and canine welfare, ensuring dogs in need gain stability, purpose, and a second chance.

### **What We Do for Dogs in the Community**

- We run a **foster-based rehabilitation program** for dogs found by community members, law enforcement, or through our own rescue efforts.
- Over the past **20 months**, we've **rehabilitated 16 dogs**, preparing them either for service-dog training or for adoption into qualified homes.
- We work closely with the **Lumberton City Police Department** to help rehome dogs that need immediate support.
- We also partner with the **Robeson County Humane Society** to identify dogs

that may be a good fit for our veteran service-dog pipeline.

### **Our Impact**

- Our model supports **veteran wellness** and **canine welfare** at the same time.
- Veterans gain stability, purpose, and a trained partner who helps them navigate daily life.
- Dogs in need receive structure, rehabilitation, and a second chance—often becoming life-changing partners for the veterans they’re matched with.

### **Closing Statement for the Presentation**

- As we continue building Mission First K9 here in Lumberton, Kristen and I are committed to making this program a long-term asset for both our veterans and our community. We’ve seen firsthand how the right dog, the right training, and the right support system can change a veteran’s entire trajectory. We’ve also seen how many dogs in this county simply need structure, safety, and a chance to thrive. Our program brings those two needs together in a way that strengthens families, reduces strain on local resources, and creates real, measurable impact.
- We’re proud of the work already happening, but we know we can do even more with the support of our town leadership and community partners. Mission First K9 is not just a service-dog program—it’s a wellness program, a rehabilitation program, and a community program. It’s a way to give veterans purpose and dogs a second chance, all while building something positive right here in Lumberton.
- Thank you for taking the time to learn about what we’re doing. We look forward to working together to expand this mission and continue serving the people—and the animals—who need it most.
- Councilman Douglas asked where they were located. Mrs. Botts stated that we are located at Tarheel Road and Hwy 41. The Botts stated that they are seeking any type of funding or assistance from the Council. It was the consensus of City Council that they would discuss funding at the Workshop.

#### **B. Agenda Request for Support from Lumberton High Booster Club for Golf Tournament Sponsorship - Donnie Douglas, City Council**

Lisa Douglas appeared before the City Council and stated that Mr. Douglas would be here, but he is out recruiting teams for this event. She stated that there are 700 children that participate with 40 different teams. She stated that they need football helmets because the ones they are using are not entirely safe. So we are seeking your support.

The City Council made the designation as follows: P1 - \$100 P2 - \$100 P3 - \$100 P4 - \$100 P5 - \$50 P6 - \$100 P7 - \$150 P8 - \$100 and the Mayor \$100 for a total of \$900.

C. Main Street Lumberton Update - Mrs. Dencie Lambdin - , City Manager

Mrs. Dencie Lambdin appeared before the Council and provided a brief update on activities taking place in Downtown Lumberton. She reported on the completion of the Legacy Mural, which was funded through the American 250 grant. Mrs. Lambdin also noted that four business owners have successfully completed improvement projects as a result of the recent increase in the Facade Grant. Additionally, she shared that staff is currently working with Historic Robeson to refurbish the City's Christmas decorations.

Councilman Cantey thanked Mrs. Lambdin for the update but stated that a question had been raised regarding who currently serves as the Downtown Coordinator. He also mentioned that concerns have been brought to his attention, suggesting there may be some tension among business owners, with the perception that one individual may be exerting control over others.

In response, Mrs. Lambdin explained that Sarah Beth serves as the Downtown Development Coordinator. She further stated that Friends of Main Street has hired a part-time Downtown Events Coordinator who will oversee events sponsored by Friends of Main Street. Mrs. Lambdin indicated that she was not aware of any hostility among the downtown business owners.

D. CDBG-NR Legal Service - Stephanie Canady, Planning & Neighborhood Services

Stephanie Canady, Community Development Coordinator appeared before Council and stated that the Adams Company directly solicited bids for Legal services for the CDBG-NR program. Two bids were received, from Graham Law Firm, PLLC in the amount of \$350.00 per property and Huggins, Davis and Associates LLP in the amount of \$650.00 per property.

Staff recommends awarding the bid for legal services to Graham Law Firm, PLLC at the cost of \$350.00 per property.

E. Traffic Control Request — Linwood Avenue and Eisenhower Street - Michael McNeill, Police

Councilwoman Higley received a citizen request for the installation of a three-way stop at the intersection of Linwood Avenue and Eisenhower Street and subsequently asked the Police Department to conduct an assessment to determine the feasibility of such traffic control measures.

Following a review and traffic safety evaluation, the Police Department has determined that installing a three-way stop at this location could potentially create a more hazardous condition rather than improve safety. Based on these findings, the department recommends addressing concerns through enhanced enforcement strategies, including increased patrol presence, targeted speed enforcement, and other appropriate traffic safety measures.

Staff Recommendation:

Deny the request for installation of a three-way stop at Linwood Avenue and Eisenhower Street and authorize the Police Department to address traffic concerns through enforcement and patrol measures.

**RESULT: Passed (8 TO 0)**

**MOVER:** Precinct 4` Higley

**SECONDER:** Precinct 5 Cantey

**AYES:** Leroy Rising, Melissa Robinson, John Carroll, Karen Higley, John Cantey, Alfred Douglas, Eric Chavis, Owen Thomas

**ABSTAIN:** None

F. Concrete Crushing for Aggregate Base Course - Rob Armstrong, Public Works

Corey Walters, Deputy Director of Public Works, stated that PW has several ongoing projects that require aggregate base course in the construction process. We typically crush recycled concrete debris as our base course material. We have used up the crushed material from our last crushing operation last year. We only received one quote to perform the crushing operation again. Pelton Aggregates quoted a not to exceed price of \$54,000 to crush approximately 5,000 tons of concrete debris. This equates to \$10.80 per ton of material compared to purchasing crushed quarry granite at \$29 per ton.

Staff Recommendation:

Public Works is requesting Council approve the Pelton Aggregates agreement for \$54,000 to crush approximately 5,000 tons of concrete debris to be paid for from the water and sewer capital reserve fund.

**RESULT: Passed (8 TO 0)**

**MOVER:** Precinct 1 Rising

**SECONDER:** Precinct 4` Higley

**AYES:** Leroy Rising, Melissa Robinson, John Carroll, Karen Higley, John Cantey, Alfred Douglas, Eric Chavis, Owen Thomas

**ABSTAIN:** None

G. Public Works Fuel Management Contractor - Corey Walters, Rob Armstrong, Public Works

Corey Walters, Deputy Director of Public Works, appeared before Council and stated that On 2/17/2026 there was a fuel spill at the Public Works Fuel dispenser #1. NC DEQ was notified of the spill, Public Works began a coordinated clean-up effort that was overseen by NC DEQ. Geological Resources, Inc. was recommended to Public Works by NC DEQ to be able to help coordinate reports, further clean-up efforts, future monitoring, and coordination with NC DEQ. Public Works met with Geological

Resources, Inc. and developed a management plan going forward and received a quote in the amount of \$41,578.49 for this service.

Staff Recommendation:

Public Works recommends council approval of the contract with Geological Resources, Inc. to manage this fuel spill going forward in the amount of \$41,578.49 with funds being made available from the Water & Sewer Capital Reserve Fund.

Councilman Cantey asked if Corey knew how much fuel was lost before they corrected the error. He stated 200 to 300 gallons.

**RESULT: (8 TO 0)**

**MOVER:** Precinct 8 Thomas

**SECONDER:** Precinct 4 Higley

**AYES:** Leroy Rising, Melissa Robinson, John Carroll, Karen Higley, John Cantey, Alfred Douglas, Eric Chavis, Owen Thomas

**ABSTAIN:** None

H. Stuart McNeill - Request to Develop a Food Truck Park Ordinance - Council - ArTriel Kirchner, Planning & Neighborhood Services

Dr. Kirchner, Planning Director, appeared before City Council and stated that the Planning Department received a request from Stuart McNeill to amend the Land Use ordinance to create a standalone ordinance allowing food truck parks within the City's jurisdiction. I've researched several ordinances and created a draft I believe is suitable for the City of Lumberton. The Planning Board held the public meeting on February 17, 2026, and unanimously recommended that Council approve the final draft.

Staff Recommendation:

The planning staff recommends that Council review the final draft and make comments at the next scheduled meeting. Also, the staff recommends council authorize the Planning Director to set the date of the public hearing.

Councilman Rising asked Dr. Kirchner if there are any type of sanitation requirements. Dr. Kirchner stated that they would have to get a permit from the County.

City Attorney Moore stated that it would take 2 or more trucks to create a park.

Councilman Rising asked Dr. Kirchner if she had received any applications. She stated yes, one from Mr. Steward off of 1st Street.

I. Request for an Ordinance Amendment- Street Renaming Policy - ArTriel Kirchner, Planning & Neighborhood Services

Planning Director, Dr. ArTriel Kirchner, appeared before City Council and stated that

in light of the recent request to rename a street and the absence of an ordinance addressing street renaming, the Planning Department was tasked with drafting an ordinance to address street renaming. We have developed a draft ordinance suitable for the City of Lumberton. Please review and provide comments on the attached draft of the street renaming policy.

Also, the planning department asks the council to set the application fee at \$350 to cover advertisements and other required notices.

Staff Recommendation:

The planning staff recommends that Council review the draft and make comments at the next scheduled meeting in April. Also, the staff recommends council authorize the Planning Director

to set the date of the public hearing.

**RESULT: Passed (8 TO 0)**

**MOVER:** Precinct 1 Rising

**SECONDER:** Precinct 3 - Mayor Pro Team Carroll

**AYES:** Leroy Rising, Melissa Robinson, John Carroll, Karen Higley, John Cantey, Alfred Douglas, Eric Chavis, Owen Thomas

**ABSTAIN:** None

J. Plaza Shades Appreciation Plaque - Sarah Ward, City Attorney

City Attorney Moore stated that this is an information item. A plaque of appreciation has been created and is planned to be installed where the mark is shown on the first attachment. The second attachment is the plaque rendering. The plaque has been created and staff just wanted Council to be aware before it was installed.

K. Partial Release of Easement - Carthage Road - , City Attorney

City Attorney Moore stated that the Legal and Public Works staff have worked together to release a portion of the utility easement which is no longer needed on the site where the Econolodge was beside El Zarape restaurant. The portion of the easement needed for any current or future utility work has been retained. This is being brought to you due to real estate being involved.

Recommendation for consideration is to release the portion of the easement no longer needed by the City.

**RESULT: Passed (0 TO 0)**

**MOVER:** Precinct 8 Thomas

**SECONDER:** Precinct 7 Chavis

**AYES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

- L. Scottish Packing Structural Assessment & Architectural Agreement - Brandon Love, City Manager

Deputy City Manager (DCM) Love, appeared before City Council and stated that at the February 9, 2026, City Council meeting, Council approved the selection of Evoke Studio to provide a structural assessment and architectural design services for the remaining structure of the former Scottish Packing facility. The City has been awarded a grant from the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation, which will fund the design work for the adaptive reuse of the structure in conjunction with the newly constructed boat ramp and pier.

At that meeting, staff advised Council that the item would be brought back for consideration once a formal agreement had been prepared for Council's review.

Staff has reviewed the attached agreement and respectfully requests that Council review and approve the agreement with Evoke Studio for the structural assessment and architectural design services for the remnants of the former Scottish Packing facility. DCM Love stated that the base fee is \$30K.

- M. Meadow Branch - Lumberton Loop Engineering Contract - Brandon Love, City Manager

At the previous City Council meeting, Council approved the Review Committee's recommendation to proceed with contract negotiations with Kimley-Horn for the Lumberton Loop: Meadow Branch Floodplain Restoration Project. Staff has since completed those negotiations and received the proposed agreement, including the associated fee schedule, for the requested services.

The negotiated contract is now presented to City Council for consideration and final approval. Funding for this project is provided by a \$600k NCEM allocation.

Staff Recommendation: That Council review and approve the final contract with Kimley-Horn for the Lumberton Loop Meadow Branch Floodplain Restoration Project.

- N. NSA 12 U Dodgers Team - Leroy Rising, City Council

P-1 would like to contribute \$100 of CRF to the NSA 12 U Dodgers Team who have been invited to play in Cooperstown, NY, July 12-19, 2026. There are 12 team

members and 3 coaches. The cost per player and coach is \$1,500.00.

This group of young men are trying to fund-raise and acquire sponsors for this lifetime opportunity. No amount of sponsorship is too small.

For sponsors who contribute \$500 or more, your name will appear on the team banner that will hang in Cooperstown during the tournament and in their facility afterwards.

If anyone would like to contribute to this request, it would be much appreciated. Many of these young men are from Lumberton, and it would be nice to have Lumberton City Council shown on the banner as they play in Cooperstown, NY.

This NSA (Norman Showcase Academy) Dodgers Team does have a 501c3 and can supply you with a W-9 if requested.

Recommendation for consideration: Approve the designation as follows: P1-\$100 P2 - \$50 P3 -\$100 P4-\$100 P5 -\$50 P6-\$50 P7-\$100 P8 -\$100 and Mayor - \$100 for a total of \$750.

**RESULT: Passed (8 TO 0)**

**MOVER:** Precinct 1 Rising

**SECONDER:** Precinct 3 - Mayor Pro Team Carroll

**AYES:** Leroy Rising, Melissa Robinson, John Carroll, Karen Higley, John Cantey, Alfred Douglas, Eric Chavis, Owen Thomas

**ABSTAIN:** None

O.

Request for Community Revitalization Funds – Memorial Program for Master Trooper Stien Davis

- John Cantey, City Council

Councilman Cantey respectfully requests approval of Community Revitalization Funds in support of the Memorial Program honoring Trooper Stien Davis, who was killed in the line of duty. Trooper Davis was memorialized on March 4, 2026, and a memorial program was held on March 1, 2026, to recognize his dedicated service and sacrifice to our community and state. Funding is requested in the total amount of \$230.50, allocated as follows:

\$160.50 payable to Shackelford Signs for the production of a memorial banner; and

\$70.00 reimbursement to Councilman Cantey for roses purchased for the Davis family in honor of the memorial program.

These funds will assist in covering expenses associated with honoring Trooper Davis’

life, service, and ultimate sacrifice. (Invoice and Receipt attached).

Approve the allocation of \$230.50 from Community Revitalization Funds for the Memorial Program for Master Trooper Stien Davis as follows: P1 - \$50 P2 - \$50 P-3 \$50 P4 - \$50 and P6 - \$50.00 for a total of \$250.00.

**RESULT: Passed (8 TO 0)**

**MOVER: Precinct 5 Cantey**

**SECONDER: Precinct 8 Thomas**

**AYES: Leroy Rising, Melissa Robinson, John Carroll, Karen Higley, John Cantey, Alfred Douglas, Eric Chavis, Owen Thomas**

**ABSTAIN: None**

P. Lumberton High School Soccer Team - John Carroll, City Council

Councilman Carroll wishes to designate \$100 of CRF to the Lumberton High School soccer team. These funds will be used to purchase new equipment.

Approve the designation as follows: P1 - \$100 P2 - \$100 P3 - \$100 P4 - \$100 P5 - \$50 P6 - \$50 and P7 - \$100 for a total of \$600.

**RESULT: Passed (8 TO 0)**

**MOVER: Precinct 3 - Mayor Pro Team Carroll**

**SECONDER: Precinct 1 Rising**

**AYES: Leroy Rising, Melissa Robinson, John Carroll, Karen Higley, John Cantey, Alfred Douglas, Eric Chavis, Owen Thomas**

**ABSTAIN: None**

Q. Noir Street Cleaning Report - Corey Walters, Public Works

A report on the cleaning of Noir Street prepared by The Wooten Company is presented to Council for their information. This report will be discussed at a later date.

## **VII. Adjournment**

[MIN\_SIGNATURES]