

**REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 10, 2020**

The Linden City Council met in regular session on Monday, February 10, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at the Mary Daughety Senior Citizens' Center, 507 S. Kaufman, Cass County, Linden, Texas.

Members present were: Mayor Clarence Burns; City Councilmen Frank Lanier, Chuck Evans, Mike Berry, and Kenny Hamilton, and City Councilwoman Jeanie Stevens. The following guests were present: Terressa Wall, Algera Anderson, Eric Lee, Luci Trahan, Christophe Trahan, Thomas Duncan, Lynn Reynolds, Mr. & Mrs. James Hitchcock, and Bob Swisher.

The Mayor called the meeting to order, Mr. Swisher gave the invocation, and the Mayor welcomed the guests.

Public Comment – None.

Motion by Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Mr. Berry to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. All yeas.

Motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Ms. Stevens to approve the current bills and bank statements. All yeas.

Donations: \$300 donation was given to the city by the National Plant Society in appreciation of use of the Mary Daughety Senior Citizens' Center for their meetings.

Motion by Mr. Lanier, seconded by Ms. Stevens to accept the donation by the Native Plant Society as presented. All yeas.

LEDC Update: Mr. Trahan stated the month had been busy. He stated after doing a review of the USDA interest rates he found the interest rate is lower now than previously. He has worked on grants for businesses existing for over a year. He stated on February 26th at County Seat Café at noon LEDC will host the 2nd Small Business Workshop with Tim Wilson as the speaker. He stated the sales tax report was unavailable.

Mr. Swisher stated the zoning variance for placing a double wide mobile home at 1302 Texas Street by James Hitchcock was in order. He stated Mr. Hitchcock had followed all the rules and suggested the council approve the variance request.

Motion by Mr. Lanier, seconded by Mr. Evans to approve the mobile home variance on Texas Street as requested by Mr. Hitchcock. All yeas.

Mr. Swisher explained the budget amendments that he has requested stating reasons for this request were as follows: The expenses of codification, ambulance service, police dept. supplies and travel & meeting, Rush Street paving, the old Milstep building parking lot paving, and LED lighting around the square were the expenses discussed. A copy of these budget amendments will follow these minutes. He stated that Christus will be having another meeting to discuss the gym on February 13th.

Motion by Mr. Lanier, seconded by Mr. Berry to approve the budget amendments as presented. All yeas.

Allie Anderson stated the Treasure Trails will be held on the second weekend in April, followed by Wildflower Trails which will include the annual rodeo and a MCT concert as well. She stated the Linden Area Chamber of Commerce will host a chamber mixer on February 24th from 5-7 p.m. at the Mary Daughety Senior Citizens' Center. She stated she has signed up for a course and will be taking the test in April related to Community Development.

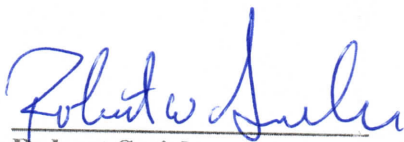
Police Chief Lee went over the monthly police report and stated one of the department's Tahoes had the transmission go out, so that will have to be replaced. He stated the new Dodge is in shipping process and will arrive possibly next month.

Mr. Luzio stated the crew has been working on leaks and the sewer repair on Mr. Slider's property. He stated he has a quote requested for the impellers and the rotating assemblies we have at Well # 6 will have new bearings installed. He stated contractors will be coming in for ground samples for the legs of the new water tower which is part of the new water project. He then went over the fire reports.

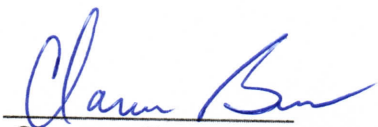
Mr. Swisher stated new LED light on the square will be brighter. He stated Christus will be having another meeting to discuss the gym on February 13th. He stated the old Milstep building will have one half of the interior of the building, which is 6,000 sq. ft. on the north end remodeled by Christus. He stated the city will repave the parking lot for food trucks at the south end and flower beds for plants/trees will be placed in the parking lot area. Councilman Hamilton asked about ideas on making the parking lot at the senior citizen center safer. This was discussed briefly.

Mayor Burns stated the Hickory Hill show will be held on February 15th at Music City Texas Theater and the LEDC meeting will be on the 18th. He stated the 2nd Small Business Workshop will be held on March 8th. He stated daylight savings time starts on March 9th and Gene Watson will be at Music City Texas Theater on March 28th.

Motion by Mr. Lanier, seconded by Mr. Hamilton to adjourn. All yeas.



Robert Swisher
City Administrator


Clarence Burns
Mayor