

**REGULAR MEETING  
AUGUST 12, 2019**

The Linden City Council met in regular session on Monday, August 12, 2019 at 6:00p.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, Kenny Hamilton, and Mike Berry. City Councilwoman Jeanie Stevens was absent. The following guests were present: Bob Swisher, Terressa Wall, Algera Anderson, Eric Lee, Luci Trahan, Christophe Trahan, Robert Luzio, Thomas Duncan, Joe B. Lovelace, Cloy Richards, Sammy Bailey, Kay Stephens, Nancy Belford, Jana Bounds, Rhonda Jones, and Shawn Larson.

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

Motion by Mr. Lanier, seconded by Mr. Evans to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. All yeas.

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

Donations: There was a donation of \$2,000.00 from Wal Mart to the Linden Police Department for computers.

Motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Lanier to accept the donation from Wal Mart to the Linden Police Department for computers. All yeas.

LEDC Update: Mr. Trahan stated he had worked on the budget during the month of July. He stated a representative from the Census Bureau spoke to the LEDC Board and that Family Dollar had expanded and added Dollar Tree. He also stated a new wrap had been put on the billboard showing MCT shows. He then stated the July tax revenues were steady with no real changes.

Mr. Lovelace updated the council on the Let Linden Shine project. He stated at the meeting with Longview Lights there were approximately 60 citizens in attendance. He stated the color kinetic system will cost \$32,000.00 and this cost has been met and exceeded, so the excess will be given to the city for maintenance/operation cost of the light system. He named the members of the steering committee and thanked them as he presented them with a framed display. He stated the gala is set for August 24<sup>th</sup> at MCT. He then added that on September 14<sup>th</sup> there will be a Main Street Block Party between 3-9p.m. which will include music, food vendors, and the lighting of the water tower.

**Mrs. Jones from Holliday, Lemons, & Cox went over the annual city audit for fiscal year end September 30, 2018, stating the city has a strong financial position. She stated adjustments will be posted and two small police department bank accounts will be added to the city books.**

**Motion by Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Mr. Berry to approve the city audit as presented. All yeas.**

**Mr. Swisher stated that he recommended the council approve purchase of a \$24,000.00 John Deere boom mower which has an a/c cab.**

**Motion by Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Mr. Lanier to approve \$24,000.00 purchase of a John Deere boom mower. All yeas.**

**Mayor Burns read a resolution to designate authorized signatures for the 2016 Flood Allocation CDBG-DR Program.**

**Motion by Mr. Lanier, seconded by Mr. Hamilton to approve the CDBG-DR Program. All yeas.**

**Mayor Burns read a resolution adopting CDBG-DR Program Civil Rights policies to the council.**

**Motion by Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Mr. Evans to approve the resolution to adopt the CDBG-DR Program Civil Rights policies. All yeas.**

**Mayor Burns stated the month of April is Fair Housing month which needs to be proclaimed to help fulfill the Fair Housing activity obligations as required by the grant.**

**Motion by Mr. Lanier, seconded by Mr. Hamilton to proclaim April as Fair Housing Month. All yeas.**

**Mr. Trahan asked if any council members had questions regarding the LEDC 4A Budget he had presented.**

**Motion by Mr. Lanier, seconded by Mr. Evans to approve the LEDC 4A Budget as presented. All yeas.**

**Mr. Trahan then asked for any questions on the LEDC 4B Budget he had presented. He stated funds were included to support the Veterans Salute and Main Street.**

**Motion by Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Mr. Berry to approve the LEDC 4B Budget as presented. All yeas.**

Mr. Bailey stated concerns he has regarding clean up notices being issued to citizens. He stated he had a lady who came to him saying she was given a warning, court date, and fine by the Linden Police Department. He stated there are several properties that are even worse than this property around town. He asked for all properties to be cited. Police Chief Lee stated the lady was only warned.

Ms. Anderson stated Linden Recycle has redone their store front and the Gingerbread House had opened for business today. She then stated the Linden Library is a State Accredited Library. She then stated work is currently being done on updating 2025 to 2030. She stated she has been working on sidewalks and will be applying the next few years for grants. She also has ideas for bungalow courts, a different housing idea in downtown areas where empty lots exist. She stated the Linden Pride will not meet tomorrow due to excessive high temperatures.

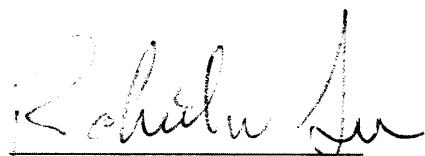
Police Chief Lee went over the monthly police report with the council.

Mr. Luzio stated he came back from a training he was to attend due to the instructor not being able to attend the class. He stated crews have repaired a 5' of a 6" cast iron pipe which blew out and another leak after that one was repaired. He stated crews have repaired the main sewer line to Beech Creek and the walls of the creek need to be restructured. He has found two more leaks that need to be repaired. He then stated the Fire Department Brush Truck hose reel motor needs to be repaired and the Fast Truck Grant paperwork is complete and the department has a 50/50 chance of getting the grant.

Mr. Swisher stated he is still working on the gym. He stated on August 29<sup>th</sup> there will be a Town Hall meeting for the hospital purchaser, stating it will be a multi treatment facility for foster children with 24 hour reception. He stated the facility will be in a state contract with approximately 20 jobs brought in. He stated the children will range in age from 3-12 yrs. and the company is based in McKinney.

Mayor Burns stated the working women's luncheon will be held Wednesday from 11:30-1:30p.m. at the First Baptist Church fellowship hall and that Hickory Hill will be at Music City Texas Theater on Saturday night. He stated the Cass County Championship Rodeo will be held August 16-17.

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



Robert Swisher  
City Administrator

Signed  
Clarence Burns  
Mayor