

**REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 11, 2018**

The Linden City Council met in regular session on Monday, June 11, 2018 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, Mike Berry, and Kenny Hamilton; and City Councilwoman Jeanie Stevens. City Councilwoman Sue Lazara was absent. The following guests were present: Bob Swisher, Terressa Wall, Algera Anderson, Ben Woods, Robert Luzio, Eric Lee, Thomas Duncan, Luci Trahan, and Gus Gustafson.

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

Motion by Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Mr. Lanier to approve the minutes from the previous meetings. All yeas.

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

LEDC Update: Mr. Gustafson stated the LEDC has finalized the sale of the property on Hwy. 8 to Total Highway Maintenance. He stated sales tax is down for the month of June.

Marvin Kelly asked for the projected goals for street repairs within the city. Mr. Swisher stated after year 7 of the 2025 plan when the water project has been completed, he will look at prices for asphalt.

Mayor Burns stated the city will need to move money from the Capital Fund to the W/S fund. Mr. Swisher stated up to \$200,000.00 will need to be moved from the Capital Fund to W/S. He stated it will cost between \$150,000.00-\$165,000.00 for the project with a 15 year payback @ \$10,000.00 per year.

Motion by Mr. Lanier, seconded by Ms. Stevens to move up to \$200,000.00 from the Capital Fund to W/S. All yeas.

Mr. Browning stated sealed bids were opened on May 11, 2018 for the 2018 TXCDBG W/S improvements from Thomas Street to Rush Street sewer line. He recommended awarding the contract to Kampco, Inc. in the amount of \$48,008.98. He stated replacement of 800 ft of sewer line and 2 manholes on Thomas Street and Rush Street will be the city's expense.

Motion by Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Mr. Berry to award Kampeco, Inc. the contract for the TDA CDBG Water & Sewer Improvements Grant for additional sewer work in the amount of \$48,008.98, using a portion of the CDBG funds and paying the remainder from the W/S Contingency Fund. All yeas.

Motion by Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Mr. Lanier to accept the \$1,500.00 donation to the library for computers. All yeas.

Allie Anderson stated Main Street will spend the Summer months regrouping and strategizing. She stated there will be one big event on the evening of July 7th called Imagine the Possibilities. There will be pop-up shops in vacant buildings and a pop-up movie theater showing "Back to the Future". There will also be a big dedication of Attaway Park with a marker with the bio of Brad Attaway. She stated there will be brochures with maps and pictures of the many murals he painted in the area. This event will also have live music and vendors.

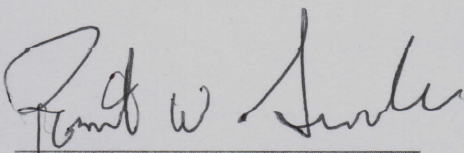
Police Chief Lee went over the monthly police report.

Mr. Luzio stated the pump for Jim's Bayou came in Thursday. He stated there had been a lot of leaks keeping crews busy. He then went over the fire report. He stated there is no burn ban yet.

City Administrator Bob Swisher stated that he attended a City Manager's Meeting at UT in Tyler. He stated the college will be sending people to Chicago in the Fall and they will coordinate with him with the Small Business USDA Rural Small Business Grant. He is working on a General Land Office Grant for the parks. A.L. Franks Engineering and Grant Works will be working on this project which includes an amphitheater and pond. This will be up to a \$2,000,000.00 grant with a 1% match for the city. He stated the LYAA appreciated the remodel at Crowe-Health Park and the mowing the city has taken over also.

Mayor Burns stated September 8th he was informed by Michelle Valentin there will be a Veteran's Dinner provided by AgriLife. He also stated on June 16th Music City Texas Theater will have the LOCO Benefit for the guitars which they distribute to area children who are interested in music. He stated that on July 21st Dale Watson will be at Music City Texas Theater. He then reminded everyone about July 4th.

Motion by Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Ms. Stevens to adjourn. All yeas.



Robert Swisher
City Administrator

Clarence Burns
Mayor