

**REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 9, 2020**

The Linden City Council met in regular session on Monday, March 9, 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, Kenny Hamilton, and City Councilwoman Jeanie Stevens. City Councilman Mike Berry was absent. The following guests were present: Terressa Wall, Algera Anderson, Eric Lee, Robert Luzio, Luci Trahan, Christophe Trahan, Thomas Duncan, Lynn Reynolds, Anna Barber, Ellen Smith, Scott and Belinda Farris, and Bob Swisher.

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

Public Comment – David Hulme, representing Music City Texas Theater, thanked the city council for helping the theater and presented pictures of work done at the theater.

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

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

Donations: None.

LEDC Update: Mr. Trahan stated the second Small Business Workshop held on February 26th had 37 in attendance. He stated they had launched the LEDC website which includes an online business directory. He stated the Open Hearts business is still happening, just a little slower than expected. He stated the February sales tax report was up and the yearly report is expected to be up also.

Mr. Swisher went over the codification package asking the council to recommend changes. He asked for recommendations to be sent to him. He stated he will make changes and afterwards the package would be voted on by council. He stated all the ordinances will be on the city website.

Mr. Swisher discussed residential W/S charges being free to on call city employees.

Motion by Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Mr. Evans to adopt the resolution for free w/s services for on call city employees. All yeas.

Ms. Anderson stated the Wildflower Trails tee shirts have come in and that there are two colors to choose between this year. She then stated the city was again nationally accredited.

Chief Lee went over the monthly police report.

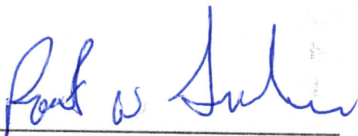
Mr. Luzio stated there had been a lot of sewer stop ups and that the crew had been working on water leaks also. He then went over the fire reports.

Mr. Swisher stated the city will be bidding the new fire truck thru the FAST Grant Program and possibly in September or October be receiving the new fire truck. He stated the GLOW Grant is moving forward. He stated Christus had asked for a draft contract. He stated the contract will be a ten year contract with free rent with the option for extending it for five more years. He stated the city will have to be completely redone with handicapped parking etc. Christus will occupy 6,000 sq ft of the building and he said the end will have a rollup door. He stated Sanitation Solutions is raising other towns garbage rates in other towns, but will not be raising our rates at this time. He stated LEDC extended a loan to Taco Depas Food Truck stating this business will be open again soon. He then stated there will be a sales tax analysis report which will cost \$400.00 ready soon.


Mayor Burns stated the Ag Extension Agent will be holding a meeting at 10:00 a.m. at the extension office and will hold Rainwater Services meeting from 5-7 p.m. on March 12th and on March 26th the Friends of Linden Public Library will meet at the Linden Garden Club building at 5:30 p.m. He stated the next city council meeting will be held on April 13th and LEDC meeting will be held on March 17th. He then stated April 24-25 will be the dates for the Wildflower Trails and Rodeo.

Motion by Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Ms. Stevens to go into executive session. All yeas.

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



Robert W. Swisher
City Administrator



Clarence Burns
Mayor