

**REGULAR MEETING  
DECEMBER 9, 2019**

The Linden City Council met in regular session on Monday, December 9, 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, 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, Jennifer Prosperie, David Lorance, Peggy Lorance, James Johnston, and Thomas Duncan.

The Mayor called the meeting to order, Mrs. Murphy gave the invocation, and the Mayor welcomed the guests.

Public Comment – None.

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

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

Donations: None.

LEDC Update: Mr. Trahan stated the month had been busy. He stated the first of more to come small business workshops was held and he attended Morris County Collaborative where he spoke on economic development. He stated work on the water tower is going well and hopefully it will be complete by the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of December. He stated the annual audit is underway. He then stated the sales tax revenue report was not available.

Mayor Burns stated action needed to take place on the proposed rate hike from Center Point Energy.

Motion by Mr. Berry, seconded by Mr. Hamilton to deny the proposed rate hike from Center Point Energy. All yeas.

Mr. Johnston spoke to the council about the stray dog problem. He told the council about specific personal incidences involving dogs.

Police Chief Lee stated the police department wants to establish safety zones for sex offenders within the city limits. He stated without a city ordinance in place sex offenders not on probation can live anywhere. The state allows a radius of up to 1,000 ft. The police department suggested a 600 ft. radius, which will cover the Linden Elementary School campus and other possible child care facilities. Mrs. Prosperie stated there is interest in a State Certified Child Care facility opening across the street from the elementary school campus which would be covered by the ordinance proposed.

Motion by Ms. Stevens, seconded by Mr. Hamilton to adopt the sex offender residence ordinance as presented. All yeas.

An amended Memorandum of Agreement with the Linden Volunteer Fire Department was presented to the council.

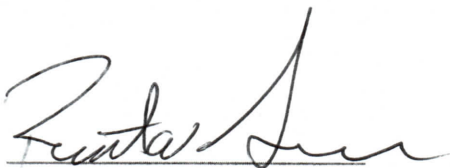
Motion by Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Mr. Evans to approve the amended Memorandum of Agreement with the Linden Volunteer Fire Department. All yeas.

Ms. Anderson stated the city Christmas party will be held on December 19. She then asked everyone to shop local on this coming Saturday which is 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday. Then she stated a library assistant will be hired to work on the librarian's day off and to fill in as necessary. She stated Kiron Browning the city engineer has a contact with a firm in Arkansas which will look into the feasibility of the sidewalk project on W Houston. She stated nothing has been finalized yet on the gym, but the finance department in the Atlanta office has stated it looks good.


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

Mr. Hamilton had comments and questions concerning the city r v park rentals. He wants this to be an agenda item at the next council meeting.

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



Robert Swisher  
City Administrator

  
Clarence Burns  
Mayor