

**REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 10, 2019**

The Linden City Council met in regular session on Monday, June 10, 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, Bill Thomas, Marsha Thomas, Laura Penny, Shawn Larson-CCS, and Robert Luzio.

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. Evans to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. All yeas.

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

Mr. Swisher stated there were three donations to be approved by the city council. 7th Day Adventist Church made a donation of \$150.00, Friends of Linden Public Library \$200.00, and B2 Ranch \$180.00.

Motion by Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Mr. Evans to accept the donations as presented. All yeas.

LEDC Update: Mr. Trahan stated making Linden a Music City designation is being worked on. He stated he is currently working on a new incentive program application and the cleanup of the old locker plant property is underway.

Richard Bowden spoke to the council on behalf of Kennath Hawkins and Don Henley about the possible purchase of an excavator for the price of \$38,374.00 He stated there was under 400 hours on this equipment. No action was taken.

Mr. Swisher stated the city's boom mower is down and that approximately \$4,000.00 has been spent on repairs. He stated he has located two John Deere tractors a 6405 and a 6410 with cab and mid mount booms for \$18,000.00-20,000.00 with about 9,000 hours on each. He recommended purchasing one with funds from the Capitol Account. He stated this was recommended for use on sewer ponds, parks, and streets. He stated TCEQ has a requirement and that trees/shrubs over a 4" diameter can require recertification from TCEQ.

Motion by Mr. Berry, seconded by Mr. Hamilton to authorize Mr. Swisher to purchase a boom mower up to \$20,000.00, using Capitol Funds which are to be replaced. All yeas.

Mr. Swisher stated the summer reading program at the library started last Thursday and the hours are from 10:30a.m.-12:30p.m. He then stated the 2nd Saturday did not have a very big crowd, but had a bounce house for kids and music in the street. He stated Main Street had a video shot during this to be on FB later this summer. He also stated the possibility of having a food truck lot is being checked into for the old Milstep parking lot.

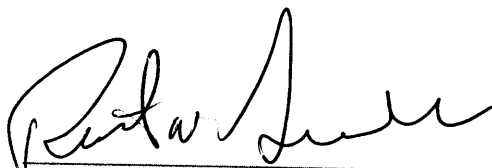
Police Chief Eric Lee went over the monthly police report, stating the trailing dog located three missing children of which the department is very proud.

Public Works Director Robert Luzio stated leaks are being worked on and there have been quite a few sewer problems. He stated Well #5 has old pump out and the new pump has not been installed yet. Well #1 has an impellar out and that Butterfield has been contacted to rebuild it. He then went over the April and May fire report. He informed the council that the fire engine was hit, with damage to the bumper while on an accident call. He also informed them an AED was donated by Christus St. Michael last Wednesday.

Mr. Swisher stated culverts are being focused on, with Smithland area to be started later this week. We will be working on drainage issues. He stated then work on parking ideas with more gravel work instead of cold mix. He stated he will be meeting with Christus St. Michael about a gym in the old Milstep building. He stated on June 20th there will be a lighting of the old water tower to demonstrate how this idea the Linden Heritage Foundation had previously presented to the council would work. He stated he has been completing the work on scanning old ordinances for the codification program and that he and Mr. Lee had met with Judge McMillon on the letters for demolition/repairs on houses with the possibility of use of revolving loans. He stated they wish to concentrate on repairs versus demolition.

Mayor Burns stated the Linden Pride group will meet at 5:30p.m. at City Hall tomorrow and that June 14th is Flag Day. He stated on July 6th Loco will be at MCT and on July 27th Mouse & the Traps will perform there. He commended the L-K Baseball team for winning 2nd place in the state.

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



Robert Swisher
City Administrator

Clarence Burns
Mayor