

**REGULAR MEETING  
AUGUST 14, 2017**

The Linden City Council met in regular session on Monday, August 14, 2017 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 Kenny Hamilton, and Mike Berry, City Councilman Frank Lanier was absent; City Councilwomen Jeanie Stevens, City Councilwoman Sue Lazara was absent; and the following guests: Bob Swisher, Terressa Wall, Beverly Freeman, Alton McWaters, Algera Anderson, Ben Woods, Karen Whatley, Daniel Delese, Nancy Belford, Russ Wright, and Luci Trahan.

The Mayor called the meeting to order, Mr. Boyd gave the incocation, and the Mayor welcomed the guests.

Motion by Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Mr. Berry to approve the minutes from the previous meetings with the Mayor's request to amend the first paragraph on page 2 by adding I69 to the route study. All yeas.

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

LEDC Update: Mr. Gustafsun went over the sales/use tax summary for July and August, stating both months were up. He also stated the LEDC has adopted the new City logo.

Karen Whatley discussed her request for use of the center for twirling lessons. She asked for the council to approve her use of the center for once a week between the hours of 4:15-8:30 p.m. She stated she would be happy to pay a monthly fee of \$75.00

Motion by Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Ms. Stevens to allow twirlers to meet at the Mary Daughety Senior Citizens' Center once a week for \$75.00 per month. All yeas.

Mr. Johnson discussed the water on S. Hamilton Street. He wanted to check on the status of this project. Mayor Burns stated bids have been let, that there will be a construction meeting held at City Hall on August 22 at 10:30a.m., and that the engineers stated the project should be completed by November.



There was a discussion of the USDA Grant/Loan.

Motion by Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Mr. Berry to approve the resolution to continue the USDA Grant/Loan. All yeas.

Allie Anderson – Main Street Manager stated Main Street had broken out separate line items in the budget for FY 2017-2018. She discussed the trainings and memberships which were included in the \$50,000.00 budget for Main Street.

Motion by Ms. Stevens, seconded by Mr. Hamilton to approve the Main Street Budget. All yeas.

Police Chief McWaters discussed rifle proof body armor for the Linden Police Department. He stated there would be application for five bullet proof vests costing approximately \$700.00-\$800.00 apiece. He stated he was requesting approval of the resolution presented.

Motion by Mr. Berry, seconded by Ms. Stevens to adopt the resolution to approve submission of the rifle proof body armor for the Linden Police Department. All yeas.

Mayor Burns discussed the committee he suggested for the new police chief search. He stated he would like the committee to be composed of the following people: City Councilman Mike Berry, City Judge Barbara McMillon, Atlanta Police Chief Jay Womack, Cass County Sherriff Larry Rowe, Mayor Clarence Burns, and City Administrator Bob Swisher as a non-voting member.

Motion by Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Ms. Stevens to approve the Mayor's suggested committee for the new police chief search. All yeas.

Main Street – Allie Anderson stated Main Street has a plan of work for 2017-2018. She stated the budget will be added on the web site and Facebook. She stated there will be changes made to the Main Street bylaws in the next month or so. She will attend the LEDC meeting tomorrow to propose funding for Main Street projects and she stated the Main Street Board meeting will be on Thursday.

Chief McWaters went over the monthly police report.

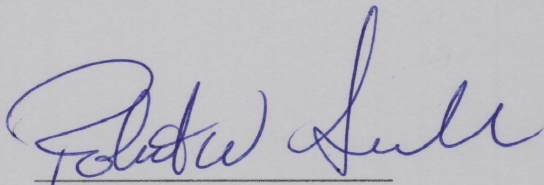
Public Works – Robert Luzio stated water usage is down and things have been going pretty smoothly. Damages from previous lightning storms will be or have been repaired. The start date for the culvert repairs at CSNT and the Linden United Methodist Church is Monday, August 21, 2017. He added the plugging of Well #2(TCEQ requirement) will be completed also. He then went over the fire report.



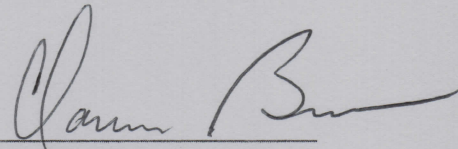
Mr. Swisher stated the CDBG is being handled and the USDA Grant/Loan has been approved. He noted the Water Wars is being held on August 19<sup>th</sup> at 4:00p.m. at the soccer site of the City Park with a movie being shown afterwards. There will be a Linden Cemetery clean-up on the backside of the cemetery on August 19<sup>th</sup>. He stated he has been working with Kerry Wells of the Linden Athletic Association to move the ballfield at Legion Field to Crow Heath Ball Park by next ball season. Also, renovation to the snack bar and building a new restroom at Crow Heath is being discussed. He stated city workers will mow at the park.

Mayor Burns stated the previous Music in the Street sponsored by the Linden Heritage Foundation was a success. He then stated Hickory Hill will have a bluegrass show at Music City Texas Theater on August 19<sup>th</sup>. He added there will be a public tax rate meeting held on August 17<sup>th</sup> and on August 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:30p.m. another public meeting, followed at 6:00p.m. a special meeting. The Cass County Championship Rodeo will be held on August 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>.

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



Robert W. Swisher  
City Administrator



Clarence Burns  
Mayor