

REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 8, 2018

The Linden City Council met in regular session on Monday, January 8, 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; City Councilwoman Sue Lazara, Jeanie Stevens was absent; and the following guests: Bob Swisher, Terressa Wall, Alton McWaters, Algera Anderson, Ben Woods, Robert Luzio, Kiron Browning, Barbara McMillon, Eric Lee, Gus Gustafson, Renee Murphy, Lucinda Trahan, Kay Stephens, Nancy Belford, and Thomas Duncan.

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

Judge McMillon administered the oath of office to the new Police Chief Eric Lee.

LEDC Update: Mr. Gustafson stated the sales tax report was not in yet.

Kiron Browning – Andy Franks Engineering went over the Beach Creek Lift Station, recommending the city accept Kampeo's base bid of \$119,572.91.

Motion by Ms. Lazara, seconded by Mr. Hamilton to accept Mr. Browning's recommendation to accept contract awarding to Kampeo in the amount of \$119,572.91, with a completion date 60 days after contract execution. All yeas.

Mayor Burns read the proposed library resolution to the council and guests.

Motion by Mr. Lanier, seconded by Mr. Hamilton to adopt the library resolution as presented. All yeas.

Allie Anderson-Main Street Manager stated last month's meeting was mainly discussion over the success of the program. She stated Main Street will be heavily involved with the Wildflower Trails Festival this year and will hold the first board meeting next week.

Chief McWaters went over the monthly police report.

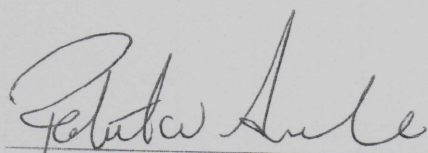
Mayor Burns presented retiring Police Chief Alton McWaters with a plaque for 30 years of service. He then stated there will be a retirement party held in his honor on January 23rd at Music City Texas Theater at 6:00 p.m.

Robert Luzio-Public Works stated at the end of the month there were a lot of water line breaks. He stated a main line broke over the weekend and that there had been many sewer stop ups also. He then went over the fire report. He informed the council that at the December 14th Cass County Firefighters Association meeting he was elected President of the association.

Mr. Swisher stated antifreeze was put into the old water tower but the tower still froze and the casing was split and the tower emptied. He is checking with the engineers about the tower having water and what options there are on this. Mr. Berry stated that he remembered previously an engineering firm had suggested filling the tower with sand versus water. Mr. Hamilton asked about updates on the library. Mr. Swisher stated he had been in contact with ETEX to discuss the telephone and internet for the building. He stated plans are to hire a librarian, lay out the sidewalks, ADA access, and the parking. He stated plans are to hire a part time librarian, possibly in February. Mr. Swisher reminded the council that the plan is to borrow money for the Beach Creek Lift Station from the Capitol Fund. Then repay it, for example \$150,000.00 repaid over five years.

Mayor Burns stated there would be a Martin Luther King Parade on January 13th at 11:00 a.m. and that Hickory Hill will hold a concert at Music City Texas Theater on February 10th. He then asked Police Chief Eric Lee if he wished to speak about his first week. Mr. Lee stated there will be a few changes, adding the secretary will have more duties, two part time temps now and later a full time officer will be hired.

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



Robert W. Swisher
City Administrator

Clarence Burns
Mayor