

**REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 14, 2016**

The Linden City Council met in regular session on Monday, November 14, 2016 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 Kenny Hamilton, Mike Berry, and Chuck Evans ; City Councilwomen Ruth Halleck and Sue Lazara; and the following guests: Terressa Wall, Robert Luzio, Beverly Freeman, Robert Luzio, Jeanie Stevens, Terri Boland, Thomas Duncan, Jerry Harp, and Police Chief Alton McWaters.

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. Berry to approve the minutes from the previous meetings. All yeas.

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

LEDC Update: Mrs. Freeman stated the sales tax was up from last year for both October and November. She went over the hotel/motel occupancy tax report.

Chief McWaters went over the monthly police report.

Mr. Luzio stated there had been a rash of water leaks during the past two weeks. He then went over the fire report with the council.

Mr. Swisher stated the city was presently under a burn ban, that Cass County had adopted it earlier today. He stated the Texas Downtown Association had given a plaque designating Linden a Main Street town and he said there was interest coming in for the Main Street Program Director position. He stated a community meeting will be held to inform the public about the Main Street Program. He further stated that the Fall Festival was really big. He also stated that Linden United will hold a Winter Wonderland Christmas Ball on December 10, 2016. The cost of tickets will be \$25.00 and will include a sit down dinner, D.J., and silent auction. The goal of this ball is to fund a movie screen for movies in the park next summer. He stated the Christmas on the Square will be held on December 3, 2016, with the parade at 2:00 p.m.

Mayor Burns stated MCT has a show on December 3, 2016 with Asleep at the Wheel performing. He stated the Lions Club Pot Stew will be held on December 2, 2016. He then stated he wanted to thank Linda Grubbs, who is retiring after over 27 years at the end of the year and Chuck Evans for his service of over 10 years on the City Council.

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

Clarence Burns
Mayor

Bob Swisher
City Administrator