

**REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 12, 2019**

The Linden City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, November 12, 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: Bob Swisher, Terressa Wall, Algera Anderson, Eric Lee, Luci Trahan, Christophe Trahan, Robert Luzio, Ruth Brown, and Thomas Duncan.

The Mayor called the meeting to order, Mr. Swisher gave the invocation, and the Mayor welcomed the guests.

Public Comment – Ms. Stevens stated she wanted the city council to be made aware that several senior citizens had fallen outside of the Sr. Citizens' Building due to the condition of the parking lot. She asked if repaving the parking lot would be considered.

Motion by Mr. Berry, seconded by Mr. Hamilton 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: A \$100.00 donation to the Linden Library was given by Mr. Ken Hess.

Motion by Ms. Stevens, seconded by Mr. Hamilton to accept the donation for the library. All yeas.

LEDC Update: Mr. Trahan stated the LEDC hired a new executive assistant Authur Kimmel. He also stated LEDC will be hosting a small business workshop which will be about bookkeeping practices. He added that a video will be produced in the future on the website. He stated new wraps are up on the billboards, Open Hearts has closed on the old hospital property, and there was a marginal increase in sales tax.

There was a brief discussion on voting on the Cass County Appraisal District Board.

Motion by Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Mr. Lanier to cast votes for Bryan Baggett for the Cass County Appraisal District Board. All yeas.

Mr. Swisher explained the resolution to designate authorized signators for the 2019 FAST Texas CDBG program contract 7219146.

Motion by Mr. Lanier, seconded by Mr. Evans to adopt the resolution to designate authorized signators for the 2019 FAST Texas CDBG program contract 7219146. All yeas.

Mr, Swisher explained the CDBG Civil Rights policies resolution.

Motion by Ms. Stevens, seconded by Mr. Hamilton to adopt the resolution for CDBG Civil Rights required policies. All yeas.

There was a brief discussion about April Fair Housing Month.

Motion by Mr. Berry, seconded by Mr. Evans to adopt the resolution proclaiming April as Fair Housing Month. All yeas.

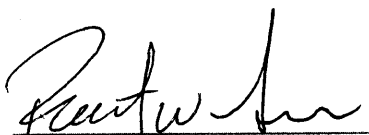
Mr. Swisher stated the British Car Show was held last Saturday which was second Saturday. He stated the Christmas tree lighting, first night time Christmas parade, and PopUp kickoff will be on December 5th. Also, elementary school children will be singing that night. The Linden Lions Club will be hosting a pot stew at noon on December 5th and also that night during the Christmas festivities. He stated there has been an interest in opening a child care facility across from the elementary school and he stated he has received emails from Christus St. Michael's Finance Department and there will be a meeting next Tuesday about the gym on the numbers. He stated the old Milstep building parking lot will be redone and the gym side will have a new electric meter. He stated the Boy Scout building is now occupied by Boy Scouts, with girls included in the troop now, with sponsorship from the Linden VFW. He stated the engineers met with the city to discuss road modification on Hwy. 11, with sidewalks a possibility. This might be funded through the Alternative Transportation Program grant from TXDOT.

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


Mr. Luzio stated water leaks have been repaired on Hwy. 11 and sewer stop ups due to cold weather have been an issue. He then went over the fire report.

Mayor Burns stated the LEDC board meeting will be on November 18th and they will be hosting a small business workshop on November 20th. He stated on November 22nd Randy Rogers will be at Music City Texas Theater. He added that November 30th is Small Business Saturday. He also stated that Rush Street from Dollar General to the Post Office will be repaved with a cost of \$40,000.00 which will come from this years's budget.

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



Robert Swisher
City Administrator



Clarence Burns
Mayor