

**REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 9, 2018**

The Linden City Council met in regular session on Monday, April 9, 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, and Kenny Hamilton; City Councilwomen Jeanie Stevens and Sue Lazara. City Councilman Mike Berry was absent. The following guests were present: Bob Swisher, Terressa Wall, Algera Anderson, Ben Woods, Robert Luzio, Eric Lee, Lucinda Trahan, Barbara McMillon, Hollie Cates, and Teresa Price.

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

Municipal Judge Barbara McMillon was sworn in by Mayor Clarence Burns.

LEDC Update: Mayor Burns stated the sales tax report was not available. He then introduced Carla Roadcap as the new LEDC board member appointed to fulfill the unexpired term of Chris Spencer.

Motion by Ms. Stevens, seconded by Mr. Hamilton to approve LEDC appointing Carla Roadcap to fulfill the unexpired term of Chris Spencer on the LEDC board. All yeas.

Mr. Swisher discussed CARD membership and billing of their legal services with the city council. He recommended not participating in CARD, stating we have not budgeted for open ended spending on this service.

Motion by Ms. Lazara, seconded by Mr. Hamilton stating the City of Linden will not participate with CARD at this time. All yeas.

Mr. Swisher recommended for the city to accept the rate reduction from SWEPCO.

Motion by Ms. Lazara, seconded by Ms. Stevens to adopt the resolution to accept SWEPCO reduction in rates. All yeas.

Mr. Swisher stated GRIP rate proposed in the past was accepted with a 45 day delay.

Motion by Ms. Lazara, seconded by Mr. Hamilton to accept Center Point GRIP rate proposal with a 45 day delay. All yeas.

Allie Anderson, Main Street Manager stated we are just under 3 weeks away from Wildflower Trails of Texas Festival. She stated that Friday is Western Wear Day and that Main Street will be replanting the box planters. She added that she received certification at the Main Street Conference in Kansas City. She stated there is a post on Main Street's FB page from Expedition Texas of the Old Linden Fire House and Music City Texas Theater. She then updated the council on the Linden Public Library status saying ETEX phone/internet, concrete sidewalks by the end of the month and ADA parking will all be completed. The program is also working with the TXDOT-Design Team on the signage project.

Police Chief Eric Lee went over the monthly police report.

Robert Luzio stated the sewer line on Graham street is finished and that the sewer on Blaylock/Vance streets will be done in the future. He stated all the rain has caused the ground to shift causing lots of problems at Well # 6. The control valves for the pumps were not working and so they had to shut down this well. The valves are being reworked, trying to build new part if possible, if not bids will be submitted for new valves. Jim's Bayou has sand in the sewer lines so the pumps are shut off to be rebuilt. The Beech Creek generator is in route. The lift station there will be done in the 2020 plan and paving will be done in year 6 or 7 within the Main Street area and thoroughfares. He stated contractors have commented that many streets are narrow with no sidewalk capabilities. He then went over the fire report.

City Administrator Bob Swisher stated the bathrooms at Crow Heath Park look awesome and the snack bars look great.

Mayor Burns stated April 11th Linden-Kildare is hosting the District Tract Meet, Chamber of Commerce Banquet is on April 14th, Music City Texas Theater on April 21st has JB & the Moonshine Band, April 27th-28th is the Wildflower Trails of Texas Festival, and on May 12th there will be another Glow Run at the City Park.

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

Clarence Burns
Mayor

Robert W. Swisher
City Administrator