

**REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 13, 2018**

The Linden City Council met in regular session on Monday, August 13, 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; and City Councilwoman Jeanie Stevens. City Councilwoman Sue Lazara was absent. The following guests were present: Bob Swisher, Terressa Wall, Algera Anderson, Ben Woods, Robert Luzio, Lucky Boyd, Kathy Boyles, Luci Trahan, Christophe Trahan, and Gus Gustafson.

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

Motion by Mr. Lanier, seconded by Mr. Hamilton to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. All yeas.

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

LEDC Update: Mr. Gustafson stated the sales tax figures are close to last year's figures.

Mr. Swisher stated the public meetings and everything necessary has been completed in order for the council to approve grant submission and paying the percentage of grant if the grant is received. He stated the grant covers flood waters, a retainage pond, and roads which will be around a \$20,000.00 match.

Motion by Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Mr. Lanier to adopt the resolution authorizing submission of the TXCDBG Program grant application. All yeas.

Mr. Swisher then stated a requirement of the grant is approval of a Citizen Participation Plan.

Motion by Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Ms. Stevens to approve adoption of the Citizen Participation Plan. All yeas.

Mr. Swisher stated he had several calls from interested owners and potential owners of older homes for sale who were interested in opening bed & breakfasts here. He added that he felt that anyone opening a bed & breakfast should have water and sewer taps waived.

Motion by Mr. Lanier, seconded by Ms. Stevens to adopt the hotel/bed & breakfast tap resolution. All yeas.

Allie Anderson, Main Street Manager, stated the Façade Grant Project is underway with Conn Auto presently undergoing work from the free design report the business received. She stated a pop up business was possibly going to open a homemade fudge business soon. She stated Dark Horse Coffee will be having their grand opening on Sunday, August 19th. She added the Veterans' Salute will be held on September 8. She also stated that on October 11th-13th there will be an 80 mile yard sale on Hwy. 11, with several towns along this route participating.

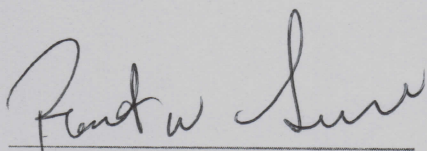
Mayor Burns went over the monthly police report due to Police Chief Lee's absence. He stated there will be school zones in place on Monday, the opening day of school.

Robert Luzio, Public Works Director, stated the pump station work is complete and the Thomas/Rush Street sewer line replacement is underway. He also stated the crew has been working a lot of sewer stop ups. He then went over the fire report.

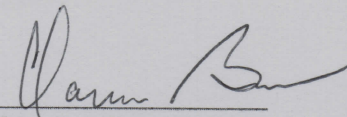
City Administrator Bob Swisher stated the Beech Creek Project, including the engineer, contractor, and generator will be paid out of the Capital Funds. He stated the Veterans' Salute has approximately 30 vendors signed up, a lot of military vehicles, and several bands to play. He also stated a free dinner for 100 Veterans will be held at the Linden United Methodist Church that evening.

Mayor Burns stated Hickory Hill will be performing at Music City Texas Theater on Saturday and the Cass County Championship Rodeo will be held on August 24th and 25th. He stated September 3 is the Labor Day Holiday. He also stated the property values have been received and so the council will be meeting again soon. He stated Center Point Energy has corporate tax cuts and therefore there will be savings appearing on customers gas bills. He added he would like for everyone to support the L-K school activities. He also stated that School Lane is going to be a two way street again and the stop sign will be removed on the corner of Kaufman/School Lane. He stated that Thursday night following the scrimmage game there will be a "Meet the Tigers" rally on the square downtown.

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



Robert Swisher
City Administrator


Clarence Burns
Mayor