

**REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 13, 2018**

The Linden City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, November 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, Chuck Evans, Kenny Hamilton; and City Councilwoman Jeanie Stevens. The following guests were present: Bob Swisher, Terressa Wall, Algera Anderson, Eric Lee, Brenda Swisher, Clayton & Anna Eddings, Lynn Reynolds, Luci Trahan, and Christophe Trahan.

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

Mr. Clayton Eddings discussed the advertisement of businesses on the bill boards at the edge of town with the council.

Ms. Lynn Reynolds discussed the condition and repair of the rails in the downtown area with the council. She also asked about striping along Main Street and the sidewalks in front of the Front Porch and County Seat Café, which she feels are unsafe.

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

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

LEDC Update: Mr. Trahan stated the sales tax was down for October and then back up for November. He stated the FY total was down by 9%.

Mayor Burns discussed the votes the city has to cast for the Cass County Appraisal District Board members with the council.

Motion by Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Mr. Lanier to cast all 91 city votes for Bryan Baggett for the Cass County Appraisal District Board members. All yeas.

Mr. Swisher stated Allie Anderson, Main Street Manager has been overseeing the Library and that she has a degree in Parks. He stated he would like to recommend her title be changed to Director of Community Development/Main Street Manager.

Motion by Mr. Lanier, seconded by Ms. Stevens to change Allie Anderson's title to Director of Community Development/Main Street Manager. All yeas.

Mr. Swisher stated two things he has been asked about by concerned citizens are: (1) hand rails and (2) pot holes in the streets. He stated he would recommend adding hand rails where needed along with repainting existing rails. He stated there were 30% of the rails that were 1" too high. He stated TXDOT has agreed to give the city \$10,000.00 to repair the rails. Mr. Swisher wants to add rails in front of Uncle Juan's Mexican Restaurant, the Front Porch, and County Seat Café and have them in place so that they may be painted when the existing rails are painted.

Allie Anderson stated Main Street will be working on a \$10,000.00 Way Finding Signage Project and Gateway Monuments on outskirts of town. They will also continue working on Facade Grants. She stated the Library is having an Open House on the 29th with Santa Claus. PopUp Week will run from Dec 1st-8th with minimum hours of operation being 5-9 p.m. each day, with optional extended hours. Christmas on the Square will be held on Dec. 1st. She stated with the Community Development there will be in the FY: Land Use Planning and a 2025 update with a Walkability Ordinance for Downtown Investment.

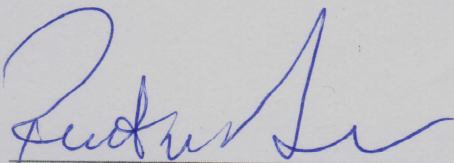
Mr. Swisher, in Police Chief Lee's absence, went over the monthly police report, adding the department had one new full time officer, John D. Laurentz.

Robert Luzio stated the sewer line by Dr. Holder's is open and flowing, and that there is a motor out on the pump at Well # 5, stating an impeller was worn out. He stated on Hwy. 11, crews had flushed a fire hydrant which had caused low water pressure for a short time. He then went over the fire report. He stated the brush truck needs brakes, but the fuel tank is ok.

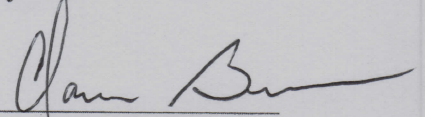
Mr. Swisher stated grant approval with the General Land Office which is for the parks, etc. is in the final running. This includes bridges, pond, etc. He stated the CDBG project is complete. He is working on the old Milstep building, purchased for business incubation with Rural Development and Federal Commerce Department to seek grants and is looking at models for this.

Mayor Burns stated Music City Texas Theater will have the Bellamy Brothers on December 8th. He reminded everyone the Christmas Parade will be held on Dec. 1st at 2:00p.m. and the Lion's Club Chicken Pot Stew will be held on Friday, Nov.30th.

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



Robert Swisher
City Administrator



Clarence Burns
Mayor