

**REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 12, 2017**

The Linden City Council met in regular session on Monday, June 12, 2017 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, Frank Lanier and Mike Berry ; City Councilwomen Jeanie Stevens, and Sue Lazara; and the following guests: Bob Swisher, Terressa Wall, Robert Luzio, Beverly Freeman, Alton McWaters, Algera Anderson, Kay Stephens, Nancy Belford, Cissi Lanier, Ben Woods, Kiron Browning, and Richard Bowden.

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

Kay Stephens stated she wished to publicly thank the Fishermen's Class at Linden United Methodist Church for all their hard work at the Linden Public Library building.

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

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

LEDC Update: Mrs. Freeman went over the city sales and use tax report for the past two months. She stated that Preston Caver will present the LEDC annual audit at the July 10th meeting. She then stated LEDC is almost ready to hire a new executive director, which should be announced at the end of the week or beginning of next week.

Mr. Swisher stated there was very little change to the Home Program revised resolution, stating item no. 5 was the only change.

Motion by Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Ms. Lazara to approve the Home Program Resolution as presented. All yeas.

Mr. Swisher stated the Beech Creek Plant needs to be addressed. He stated that only 1 of 2 pumps are running and the backup power is out. He added that state permit renewals are coming up and the problems need to be resolved.

Kiron Browning – Andy Franks Engineering, recommended that the city bid the job on either system, submersible or above ground pumps. He stated that cost and maintenance should be the deciding factor, with submersible pumps mainly being used right now. \$200,000.00 is the ball park estimate. It was proposed that the \$200,000.00 be taken out of the Capital Fund Account, with \$20,000.00 annual payments made back to that account out of the water/sewer budget.

Motion by Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Ms. Stevens to open bids and go with the recommendations from Andy Franks Engineering and Mr. Swisher and to borrow the funds from the Capital Fund Account. All yeas.

Mr. Swisher stated he would like to set up a sinking account for future projects. He also stated he spends more than half his time on water/sewer problems. He is going to adjust the upcoming budget so that the water/sewer budget pays for things that should actually come from it.

Motion by Mr. Lanier, seconded by Mr. Hamilton to have a public meeting for discussion of a water rate change. All yeas.

Allie Anderson stated that May was a good month, and June is looking good also for the Main Street Program. She stated that June 22nd will be the next board meeting and that the strategy for the upcoming year will be addressed. She stated the Farmer's Market sign was ordered and that LEDC covered the cost. The Farmer's Market will be held every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday from May through September. She then stated LEDC last month had set aside funds and that they are funding this on the new budget also. She stated they should have the first Façade Program application this summer. Then she added the City Hot Tax bank account will be set up tomorrow.

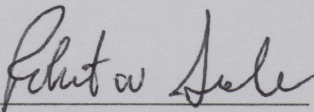
Chief McWaters went over the monthly police report with the council.

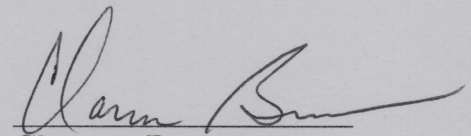
Robert Luzio – Public Works Director stated there have been no major water leaks and that the chlorine at Well # 6 is up and running. He stated water usage is still low, so we are okay there. He then went over the fire report. He informed the council that the brush truck blew a head gasket and a bid for repair was \$6,000.00 from an estimate from Queen City.

Mr. Swisher stated that since the City has taken over the RV Park and City Park the rental at the RV Park has been changed to nightly, weekly, and monthly rates. He stated the Linden Heritage Foundation was holding an event on July 21st in front of County Seat Country Cooking Café and Cass County Front Porch businesses. He then added the Linden United and CSNT are having a Movies in the Park event on July 1st.

Mayor Burns stated that three homeowners have moved into their new homes, making the total new homes 8. He thanked LEDC for funding the Farmer's Market sign. He added that the mosquitoes are bad and to try and encourage homeowners to keep standing water emptied outside.

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


Robert W. Swisher
City Administrator


Clarence Burns
Mayor