

**REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 9, 2019**

The Linden City Council met in regular session on Monday, September 9, 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, Kenny Hamilton, Mike Berry, and City Councilwoman Jeanie Stevens. The following guests were present: Bob Swisher, Terressa Wall, Algera Anderson, Eric Lee, Luci Trahan, Christophe Trahan, Robert Luzio, Thomas Duncan, Lacy Gross, and Brandon Logan.

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 meeting. All yeas.

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

Donations: There was a donation of \$1,000.00 from Swepeco for lights at Crowe Heath Park.

Motion by Mr. Hamilton seconded by Ms. Stevens to approve the donation from Swepeco for lights at Crowe Heath Park. All yeas.

LEDC Update: Mr. Trahan presented the council with LEDC board members appointments for the city's approval.

Motion by Ms. Stevens, seconded by Mr. Hamilton to approve the LEDC Board appointments as presented. 4 yeas, 1 abstention from Mr. Lanier.

Motion by Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Mr. Evans to adopt a tax rate of 0.650000 per \$100, which exceeds the lower of the effective or rollback tax rate. All yeas.

Motion by Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Mr. Evans to approve the FY 2019 budget as presented. All yeas.

Allie Anderson stated the lights will be installed on the water tower by Wednesday. She then stated on 2nd Saturday will be Saturday, September 12 from 4-7, with extra activities including lighting of the water tower. She stated there will be 2 ribbon cuttings at 3:00 The Gingerbread House and at 3:30 Barbwyre Boutique/Olde 1852 Market Co. She stated Dennis Jones will do book signings at the Olde 1852 Market Co. and that Marlon Sullivan and Pat Roberson will do lighting of the tower countdown between 8:00-8:30p.m. She added there will be 10 different themes for the lights. Treasure Trails will be held second weekend in October, along with 2nd Saturday activities. She stated the library is open 6 days per week and that the Friends of Linden Library will meet September 12 at 6:00p.m. She then reminded everyone that Linden Pride will meet tomorrow at 5:30p.m.

Police Chief Lee presented Sgt. Brandon Logan as Linden Police Department's Officer of the Year. He then went over the monthly police report with the council.

Mr. Luzio stated well #6 is up and running, 400,000 gallons is the current water usage, and leaks have been found with lines being rerouted. He went over the fire reports, adding the county is under a burn ban as of today.

Mr. Swisher stated he and the Mayor decided there will be no water bill for the police officer of the year, and in the future possible no water bills for all on call/on alert employees. He stated the A/C is out at the old Milstep building which will cost approximately \$11,500.00 and that contractors for Christus will be here Friday to figure cost of building updates. He stated he wants a commitment from Christus, giving them free rent if they do remodel job, x amount of years, and how much space they want. He stated the Music City Texas Theater roof could not be patched, so the roof was recovered to reflect heat with a cost of \$4,900.00 by Thornton Roofing. It has a 10 year guarantee. He stated we are moving forward on grants.

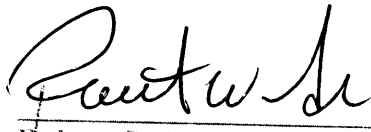
Mayor Burns stated that on October 19 at Music City Texas Theater there will be a T-Bone Walker Concert with Whitey Johnson.

Motion by Ms. Stevens, seconded by Mr. Berry to go into executive session to discuss property. All yeas.


Motion by Ms. Stevens, seconded by Mr. Lanier to accept the letter of agreement reference Project 1934. All yeas.

Motion by Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Mr. Lanier to amend the LEDC Budget to include project. All yeas.

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



Robert Swisher
City Administrator


Clarence Burns
Mayor