

REGULAR MEETING
JULY 10, 2017

The Linden City Council met in regular session on Monday, July 10, 2017 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 Mike Berry ; City Councilwomen Jeanie Stevens, and Sue Lazara; City Councilman Kenny Hamilton was absent; and the following guests: Bob Swisher, Terressa Wall, Beverly Freeman, Alton McWaters, Algera Anderson, Kay Stephens, Ben Woods, and Tommie Wilkinson.

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

Motion by Mr. Lanier, seconded by Mr. Berry 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 stated the city sales and use tax report was unavailable. She stated the LEDC had been processing a number of loans which will be reviewed within two weeks and resolved. She also stated Preston Caver will present the audit. She stated Gus Gustafson was hired as LEDC executive director and that Tuesday, July 18th is the next board meeting.

Mr. Caver stated there were no findings on LEDC A or B. He stated there was good internal control, good board interaction, and the audit was very clean overall.

Motion by Ms. Stevens, seconded by Mr. Lanier to accept LEDC A audit as presented. All yeas.

Motion by Mr. Berry, seconded by Ms. Stevens to accept LEDC 4B audit as presented. All yeas.

Mayor Burns stated that Kiron Browning with Andy Franks Engineering prepared a letter recommending acceptance of Barnwell Industries low bid of \$169,691.00 for the 2016 CDBG Water/Sewer Project.

Motion by Ms. Lazara, seconded by Ms. Stevens to approve the recommendation of Mr. Browning to accept the low bid from Barnwell Industries of \$169,691.00. All yeas.

Mr. Swisher stated the area, including Linden, Atlanta, and Cass County entities are asking TXDOT to extend the I69 Route Study through Queen City.

Motion by Ms. Lazara, seconded by Ms. Stevens to adopt the resolution supporting the I69 Route Study for Cass County. All yeas.

Mr. Swisher went over the water rate increase.

Motion by Mr. Lanier, seconded by Mr. Berry to change the base wastewater rate for 1,000 gallons to \$15, change the water and wastewater rate to \$4 for each additional \$1,000 gallons. All yeas.

Motion by Ms. Stevens, seconded by Ms. Lazara to create a reserve fund for water/wastewater from funds generated and create a budget item. All yeas.

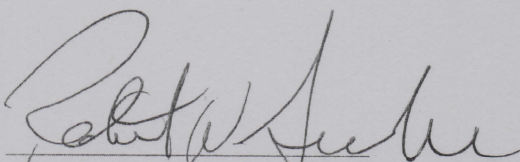
Allie Anderson – Main Street Manager stated an advisory board meeting was held and they had chosen two strategies: Arts/Entertainment and Destination Empty Nesters. She stated that July 20th there will be a board meeting to discuss the 2017-2018 plan of work.


Chief McWaters went over the monthly police report.

Mr. Swisher stated there was damage from several lightning strikes: the booster pump at well #5 and meters were hit by lightning. He stated the city had purchased a new truck, hired a new employee, and that Robert was on vacation. He stated on July 21st the Linden Heritage Foundation is sponsoring Music in the Street. He also stated the culvert work on Rush Street at Linden United Methodist Church and CSNT will begin soon and that the Linden United event in July was successful. He added that RV usage was up. He stated budget meetings will begin.

Mayor Burns stated the budget meetings will be held in August.

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


Robert W. Swisher
City Administrator


Clarence Burns
Mayor