

**REGULAR MEETING
MAY 8, 2017**

The Linden City Council met in regular session on Monday, May 8, 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, and Mike Berry ; City Councilwomen Ruth Halleck, Jeanie Stevens, and Sue Lazara; and the following guests: Bob Swisher, Terressa Wall, Robert Luzio, Beverly Freeman, Russell Wright, Alton McWaters, Algera Anderson, Nancy Belford, Kay Stephens, Jerry Harp, Dennis Roe, Frank Lanier, and Richard Bowden.

The Mayor called the meeting to order, Rev. Knight gave the invocation, and the Mayor welcomed the guests.

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

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

LEDC Update: Mrs. Freeman stated the city sales and use tax report was not available. Mayor Burns stated April was down, but FY is up on sales tax. Mrs. Freeman then stated LEDC has 10 applications for the Executive Director position and interviews will be conducted soon. She stated the audit report was received on Friday which will be approved at the LEDC meeting on May 16 and a copy to the city in the June meeting.

Mayor Burns stated Ms. Anderson-Main Street Manager will manage the Façade Grant Program. She stated LEDC will continue to fund this program.

Motion by Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Ms. Lazara to adopt the resolution authorizing the Façade Grant Program be managed by the Main Street Manager. All yeas.

Mr. Knight stated he had to go to the Atlanta Citizens Journal to get the Cass County Sun to print an article in the paper honoring first responders. He then stated he has to go to Atlanta Farmers Market to sell his produce. He stated he has come to the council before about this matter. He requested the city put up a sign to advertise Farmers Market. He then asked how much was funded in the city budget for street maintenance. Mayor Burns stated that 2 years ago money was budgeted for streets. He then stated the city is waiting for water line replacement before starting street work.

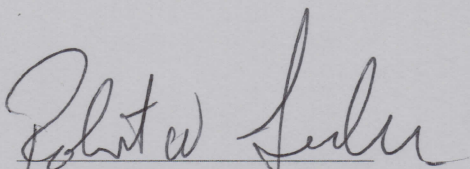
Allie Anderson – Main Street Manager stated on April 30-May 4 she attended training in Pennsylvania and that in June or July she will be certified as Main Street Management. She should have the resource team packet by the end of the month or early June. She stated that on May 9th there will be an Imagine the Possibilities Tour and that visitors can write what business they would like to see go in each store.

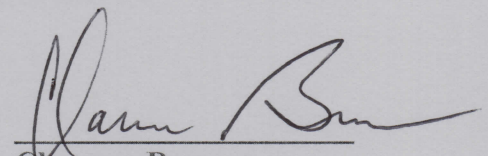
Chief McWaters went over the monthly police report with the council.

Robert Luzio – Public Works Director stated leaks are slow. He went over water usage. He then went over the fire report before Dennis Roach with Champion EMS spoke to the council.

Mayor Burns stated he wanted to thank volunteers for the Cindy Henderson Annual Easter Egg Hunt and Wildflower Trails. He stated Mr. Higdon donated a light fixture for the library and that the floors are ready to finish, and outside work still needs to be done. He stated that on May 20 Stoney LaRue will be at Music City Texas Theatre and on June 3 the Darrin Morris Band Dance will be held there. He then stated there would be a Special Meeting at City Hall on May 16 at 5:30 p.m. to canvass the election and swear in the elected officials.

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


Robert W. Swisher
City Administrator


Clarence Burns
Mayor