

**REGULAR MEETING  
APRIL 8, 2019**

The Linden City Council met in regular session on Monday, April 8, 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, and Mike Berry; City Councilwoman Jeanie Stevens. City Councilman Kenny Hamilton was absent. The following guests were present: Bob Swisher, Terressa Wall, Algera Anderson, Eric Lee, Luci Trahan, Thomas Duncan, Clay Eddings, Anna Eddings, Lucky Boyd, Anna Barber, Sam Bailey, Nancy Belford, JoAnna Duncan, Kay Stephens, Herbert Kurtz, and Christophe Trahan.

Public Comment: Linden Area Chamber of Commerce presented 4 certificates from the Chamber Banquet. Robert Luzio was given 2 certificates – Linden Volunteer Firefighter and Veteran, and Bob & Brenda Swisher were each given a certificate for being Veterans.

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

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

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

LEDC Update: Mr. Trahan stated the billboards are up. He also stated a representative from the state was here to take a tour of downtown. He then stated the sales and use tax was not available.

Mr. Swisher went over the Center Point Energy rate hike request with the council.

Motion by Mr. Lanier, seconded by Ms. Stevens to adopt a resolution to delay the Center Point Energy rate hike request for 45 days. All yeas.

Mr. Swisher went over the building ordinance the committee had approved.

Motion by Mr. Evans, seconded by Ms. Stevens to adopt the building ordinance as presented. All yeas.

Mr. Bailey thanked Mr. Swisher for help with the water meter issue and the street light he requested.

Mr. Swisher stated that Grant Works was the only company to apply for the FAST GRANT administrator.

Motion by Ms. Stevens, seconded by Mr. Lanier to select Grant Works as grant administrator for the FAST GRANT. All yeas.

Main Street-Allie Anderson thanked the people who attended the meet/greet. She stated the Linden Public House reopens next week. She also stated the low cost spay/neuter program will be here again on May 29<sup>th</sup>. She stated there are still Wildflower Trails tees available. She stated this year there will be a street dance on Thursday night, and the rodeo on Friday and Saturday nights. She stated the Treasure Trails will be held this weekend, Thursday-Saturday and that this Saturday is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday with downtown shops being open from 4-7 p.m. with specials. She reminded everyone the Linden Cemetary is having a celebration at 2 p.m. and stated several gyms are being considered for the old Milstep building. She went over the quarterly report for the Linden Library, stating there were 4800 catalogued volumes in the adult section, with 192 patrons, and a collection value of \$70,000.

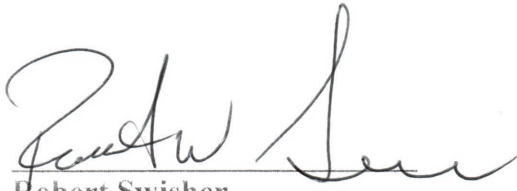
Police Chief Lee went over the monthly police report.

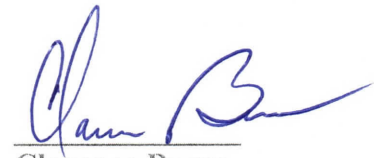
Public Works Director-Robert Luzio stated the leaks have been small and that usage is around 300,000 gallons per day. He stated the city needs to refurbish the Ground Storage Tank at Well #5, which was a TCEQ issue. He then went over the fire report and stated the EMS calls were 42 calls, with response time of 8 minutes 24 seconds.

City Administrator-Bob Swisher stated Linden Pride will meet on April 9<sup>th</sup> behind Texana Bank. He restated the information about the Linden Cemetary and reminded everyone about the Cindy & Royce Henderson Annual Easter Egg Hunt at the City Park. He stated they are trying to figure out what type of gym can be in the old Milstep building. He will be attending an illegal dumping seminar on May 2-3 in Longview. He stated the handrails around downtown will be repainted this week. He stated there will be a meeting with Mr. Browning to finalize the drawings tomorrow for the USDA Grant. He stated the city has been receiving a large amount of online water payments and that he wants people to go to the City's online site for information. He stated a payment will be made to the Capital Account and the annual \$7,500.00 payment for the Milstep Building will be made to Cass County Bank this month.

Mayor Burns stated Music City Texas Theater has the following upcoming shows:  
4/20 Asleep at the Wheel and 5/25 Gene Watson. He informed everyone that this is  
the 6<sup>th</sup> year that the City of Linden Municipal Court received the TXDOT award.

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

  
Robert Swisher  
City Administrator

  
Clarence Burns  
Mayor