

**REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 13, 2017**

The Linden City Council met in regular session on Monday, March 13, 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, Emily Henderson, Frank Freeman, Lucky Boyd, Jinelle Boyd, Richard Bowden, Ben Woods, and Jerry Harp.

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

Public Comment: Russell Wright presented paperwork the the city council, stating that in the February 2017 meeting Ms. Lazara made three statements that he says were incorrect.

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

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

LEDC Update: Mrs. Freeman went over the city sales and use tax report and then the 4th quarter hotel/motel occupancy tax report. She then stated LEDC had lost the auditor and are getting proposals from two other auditors to conduct their annual audit.

Moving the hotel/motel occupancy tax from LEDC to Main Street was discussed.

Motion by Ms. Halleck, seconded by Ms. Lazara to amend ordinance # 07-06 to move the management of the hotel/motel occupancy tax from LEDC to Main Street. All yeas.

Allie Anderson – Main Street Manager stated the first major project is the new logo. She stated the resource team from Austin was here last week and did extensive research in the downtown area. She stated she conducted an economic impact study at Music City Texas Theatre at the Asleep at the Wheel concert over the weekend. She stated that 165 persons filled out the survey. Then she stated next month the First Lady of Texas will be conducting a tour of Linden – 1st Lady Tour of New Main Street Cities will be on April 18th in the afternoon at the Cass County Courthouse.

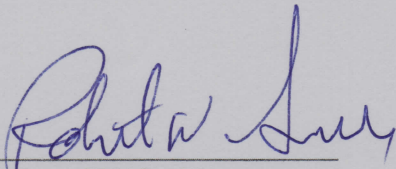
Chief McWaters presented the annual Racial Profiling Report and then went over the monthly police report with the council.

Robert Luzio – Public Works Director stated leaks are about normal, so crews have been doing maintenance and meter work. He then went over the fire report. He then stated the Texas Forest Service Grant Funding has been delayed and will be rescheduled.

Bob Swisher – City Administrator stated he is happy with the Main Street progress. He said they will now discuss how to leverage and what else to do. He thanked MCT and Trico for helping the survey Main Street conducted to be a success, stating Kyle Morgan donated merchandise for the survey winner. He updated the council on the CDBG Block Grant and USDA Grant. He stated Kathy Boyles will be submitting the Home Program application for next year. He stated the city needs to recommend the Linden Housing Authority. Mr. Hamilton asked about hiring of part time summer help and Mr. Swisher confirmed this.

Mayor Burns stated it was recommended to name the units of the Linden Housing Authority. He then stated the upcoming shows at MCT: March 18 – Songwriter's Showcase, May 6 – Community Gospel Concert, June 3 – The Darrin Morris Band. He then reminded everyone of the upcoming Wildflower Trials Festival which will be held on April 28th and 29th.

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



Robert W. Swisher
City Administrator

Clarence Burns
Mayor