

**REGULAR MEETING  
MAY 13, 2019**

The Linden City Council met in regular session on Monday, May 13, 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, and Mike Berry; and City Councilwoman Jeanie Stevens. The following guests were present: Bob Swisher, Terressa Wall, Algera Anderson, Eric Lee, Luci Trahan, Joe Lovelace, Anna Barber, Sandra Scoog, Thomas Duncan, Robert Kenward, Annis Hays, Josh Lane, Jana Bounds, Scott Farris, David Hulme, Richard Bowden, and Christophe Trahan.

**Public Comment:** Anna Barber spoke to the council about concerns with the drainage on Smithland Street. She stated whenever there is a substantial rain, there is flooding and washing out her driveway.

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. Evans 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.

The Friends of Linden Public Library made a donation of \$402.37 to the City with the request that the funds be spent on new books for the library.

Motion by Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Ms. Stevens to accept the donations as presented. All yeas.

**LEDC Update:** Mr. Trahan stated towards the end of April he, Ms. Anderson, Mr. Swisher, Mayor Burns, and 3 LEDC Board Members met with Mr. Don Henley. He stated that he felt it was a good meeting. He went over the sales and use tax reports, stating April was up by about 13% and May continued an upward trend.

Mr. Luzio stated the Linden Volunteer Fire Department is applying for funds with the Fast Track Program. He stated the funds will be used for a new Rescue Pumper with a battery operated Jaws of Life and will replace the 96 Jeep and the 87 Engine.

Mayor Burns read the resolution to the council for the Fast Track Program, stating it will have a 1% match.

Motion by Mr. Berry, seconded by Mr. Evans to approve the resolution to apply for the Fast Track Grant as presented. All yeas.

Mr. Lovelace presented a power point on the Linden Heritage Foundation projects to the council. He went over the repairs the foundation has made to the Old Firehouse building, stating it is not feasible to continue any further work. Adding they will hold and insure it with it up for sale. He then went on to the Old 1934 Water Tower, which he stated the foundation feels is both cultural and architectural. He presented the council with the idea of the Linden Heritage Foundation lighting the tower. He asked for permission from the council for the foundation to seek bids from Longview Lights with a better/best estimate.

Motion by Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Mr. Lanier to move forward on the Linden Heritage Foundation's investigation of lighting of the Old Water Tower. All yeas.

Mayor Burns stated that Graco Homes was the only bidder for the contractor for the Home Program.

Motion by Ms. Stevens, seconded by Mr. Hamilton to approve hiring Graco Homes as the Home Program contractor. All yeas.

Mr. Swisher stated a used bobcat was purchased from TXDOT and that he wants to purchase a dump trailer to use with the bobcat to haul dirt. He stated it has 3 ft. high sides with an electronic dump with cost up to \$8,000, which is the total for the trailer, ramps, etc. He stated to cover this expense he would not repay the Capital Account for the Beech Creek pump station this year.

Motion by Mr. Lanier, seconded by Mr. Hamilton to approve the purchase of the dump trailer and split the cost between W/S and Street Departments as presented. All yeas.

Mr. Hulme stated Music City Texas Theater has a leak on the NE corner of the roof which has been repaired several times, but is needing repair. He stated there have been ongoing A/C system problems where it has frozen up again and thaws and runs down from the ceiling in front of the concession stand. He stated a replacement cost of \$5,275.00 by Jerry Berry A/C & Electric was the lowest bid on the previous unit.

Motion by Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Ms. Stevens to approve Jerry Berry A/C & Electric to replace the Music City Texas Theater A/C and Heat as presented, with Music City Texas Theater to repair the roof. 4 yeas, and 1 abstention from Mr. Berry.

Main Street-Allie Anderson stated April's Treasure Trails was rained out and October will be the next Treasure Trails. She stated Wildflower Trails weather was good and that plans are underway for next year's festival, the 50 year anniversary. She stated that May is National Preservation month, so she will be posting on FB preservation minded activities. Then she stated the Linden Library will be holding a summer reading program. Sydney Goza stated it will be a Universal Story Theme, with weekly story hours. The first Thursday in June will be the start up day.

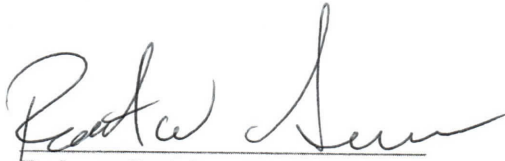
Police Chief Lee went over the monthly police report. He stated he had brought the new police car for the council to see, along with the Bloodhound which will be used for a search/rescue dog for the department. He stated that the Cass County Sheriff's office and Atlanta Police Department will be joining the Linden Police Department in search/rescue program. He stated it will take approximately 6 months to a year to get the program going. He went over the plan for property cleanup, stating owners have two weeks to clean up after notification from the Police Chief.

Public Works Director-Robert Luzio stated there was no rain today, but with all the rain lately there has been a lot of infiltration at the WW Treatment Plants. He stated that sewer lines are broken at Jim's Bayou and Hwy 8/Grubbs Street area. He stated there have been a few water leaks. He stated the pump for Well #5 has come in. He stated the batteries on the '87 Engine and the switch on the Brush Truck will need to be replaced. He stated he hadn't had time to work up the fire report.

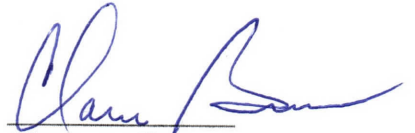
City Administrator-Bob Swisher stated the crews have been working on sewer leaks and culverts for street damage. He stated there will be more drainage work. He stated he has approximately 20 years of ordinances in the codification program and by year end hopefully all ordinances will be on the City website. He stated City Hall will be closing at 3:30 p.m. on Fridays. He stated the office will be open Monday-Thursday from 7:00a.m.-5:30p.m. and on Friday from 7:00a.m.-3:30p.m. He stated the Veteran's Salute will be on the weekend before September 11.

Mayor Burns stated the Linden Pride group will meet at 5:30p.m. on the parking lot behind Texana Bank and then added another group will meet at 3:30p.m. due to another activity some wished to attend. He stated Mr. Fuller has a group of children that are going to start helping the Linden Pride group. He stated on May 29<sup>th</sup> there will be another low cost spay/neuter program.

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



Robert Swisher  
City Administrator



Clarence Burns  
Mayor