

**REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 11, 2019**

The Linden City Council met in regular session on Monday, March 11, 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, and Kenny Hamilton. City Councilwoman Jeanie Stevens was absent. The following guests were present: Bob Swisher, Terressa Wall, Algera Anderson, Eric Lee, Luci Trahan, Thomas Duncan, David Lorance, Clay Eddings, Anna Eddings, Lucky Boyd, Anna Barber, Sam Bailey, Preston Caver, David Hulme, and Christophe Trahan.

Public Comment: David Hulme, Music City Texas Theater representative, updated the council about all the shows to be held there in the next few months and about the items to be discussed that need to be on the agenda for next month.

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

Motion by Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Mr. Lanier to approve the minutes from the previous meeting with the addition of Mike Berry to the Building Maintenance Ordinance Committee on the last page. All yeas.

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

LEDC Update: Mr. Trahan stated there was a change in his position to LEDC Director. He then stated Mr. Caver would go over the LEDC Audits. He discussed the wraps on the billboards and updated the cleanup of the South Main property. He stated the sales tax figures are up.

Mr. Caver went over the LEDC 4A audit with the council.

Motion by Mr. Berry, seconded by Mr. Hamilton to approve the LEDC 4A audit as presented. All yeas.

Mr. Caver went over the LEDC 4B audit with the council.

Motion by Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Mr. Berry to approve the LEDC 4B audit as presented. All yeas.

Police Chief Lee discussed the status on the USDA Grant for police vehicles which was expected in January. He stated that there is a delay due to government shut down, stating there is no information available. He went over the vehicles the department has in service and the problems they are having with them. He requested the council approve the purchase of one used vehicle for the department. He stated that Atlanta, Texas has been purchasing the Missouri State Police used vehicles which are Dodge Chargers. He stated the price would range between \$14,000-\$17,000. Mr. Swisher stated as far as funds go that he believes the city has the funds to purchase one car.

Motion by Mr. Lanier, seconded by Mr. Hamilton to approve the purchase of one vehicle for the police department, using \$10,000.00 of match funds, and with a cost of up to \$17,000.00. All yeas.

Mr. Swisher stated the city website has approximately 2,000 hits per month. He stated he will scan ordinances into a file during codification this year and a company will produce an online capability to search them. They will review and ensure old ordinances that have been superceeded are removed. He stated this will have to have a vote to accept at completion. He stated he will also cut out some info, keeping city info, with a link to other sites for the other information.

Main Street-Allie Anderson stated the program is nationally accredited and Linden Recycle has applied for the façade grant. She stated the Wildflower Trails tee shirts are in the mail and should come in this week. The Main Street Board voted to spend \$2,000.00 for FB to show Expedition Texas, which previously did a clip on the Old Linden Firehouse and MCT. This will feature 4 local businesses with 4 minute clips of each and will be filmed in April. There is discussion on extending the library hours to possibly 23 hours per week to make it more accessible. She stated they have been working on state accreditation for the library and are adopting a long range plan and a policy/procedure manual. She also stated that she and the Main Street Design Committee Chair, Catherine Knapp will be speaking at the Linden Lion's Club.

Police Chief Lee went over the monthly police report.

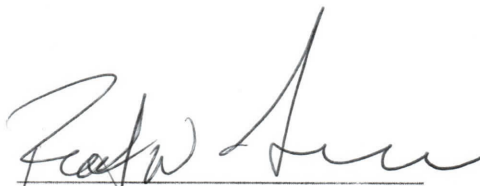
Public Works Director-Robert Luzio stated TCEQ inspection of the WW Plants reports have come in with violation/correction that has been made. The state had gone from paper reporting to computer reporting and the reports have been sent in. He stated vegetation around the ponds still needs to be addressed.

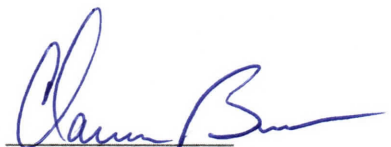
Mr. Swisher then stated the city needs to purchase a boom mower and will be budgeting for this equipment soon. He stated he was going to talk with Brett to see if the city can borrow the county's boom mower to do the mowing around the ponds. Mr. Luzio then stated in January or February TCEQ performed the water system inspection. He stated that some corrections have already been made from the comments during the inspection. He is waiting on this report. He then went over the monthly fire report.

City Administrator-Bob Swisher stated the Building Ordinance Committee met and a public meeting was held to discuss ideas. He stated the first of next week there will be a Building Ordinance Committee meeting to go over the suggestions from the public meeting. He then stated at the April city council meeting he will present an updated ordinance. He stated there will be a public meeting held to discuss the General Land <sup>Office</sup> Grant. Mr. Berry asked about SWEPCO putting up new electric poles, but leaving old poles due to Windstream lines on them. Mr. Swisher stated that Windstream has filed for Chapter 11 Bankruptcy and will probably restructure, but they will not remove poles right now.

Mayor Burns stated that March 20 is the first day of Spring and that citizens can only burn leaves and wood. He stated on April 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:30p.m. in front of City Hall, the first meeting of the Linden Pride will be held. He then reminded everyone about the Linden Cemetery Ancestry Celebration on April 13<sup>th</sup> and stated the Wildflower Trails Festival and Cass County Championship Rodeo will be April 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> this year. He then informed everyone that Christus St. Michael had taken over the ambulance service and as of January 1<sup>st</sup> is no longer requiring the city to pay the \$2,500.00 monthly service subsidy.

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

  
Robert Swisher  
City Administrator

  
Clarence Burns  
Mayor