## REGULAR MEETING DECEMBER 10, 2018

The Linden City Council met in regular session on Monday, December 10, 2018 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, Mike Berry, and Chuck Evans; City Councilwoman Jeanie Stevens and City Councilman Kenny Hamilton were absent. The following guests were present: Bob Swisher, Terressa Wall, Algera Anderson, Eric Lee, Thomas Duncan, Brenda Swisher, Clayton & Anna Eddings, Anna Barber, Lucky Boyd, Luci Trahan, Gus Gustafson, and Christophe Trahan.

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

Motion by Mr. Berry, seconded by Mr. Lanier to approve the previous meetings. All yeas.

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

LEDC Update: Mr. Gustafson stated the sales tax numbers were not in yet, but he thinks they will probably be down. He stated the old locker plant has been taken down and they are clearing the surrounding brush. He added the next step will be discussed at the next LEDC meeting. He also stated that the bill board wrap on Hwy 59 was installed on Wednesday morning.

Mr. Swisher stated TXDOT has agreed to cover up to \$10,000.00 to sandblast the current rails downtown and for new undercoat and paint. He then stated he has a price from J & A Coating of \$9,500.00 to do this job.

Motion by Mr. Lanier, second by Mr. Evans to adopt amendment #1 to the hand rail resolution. All yeas.

Mayor Burns read the 2018 tax roll resolution to the council.

Motion by Mr. Berry, seconded by Mr. Lanier to adopt the 2018 tax roll as presented. All yeas.

Allie Anderson stated the library open house and the Christmas tree lighting had a good turnout. The Linden Library will be open beginning in January and will hold a grand opening the end of January. She stated the Pop Up week event had a total of 14 vendors, with one vendor looking for a building downtown, and several others looking at stocking items in existing stores. She stated Main Street will now be in Wildflower Trails planning.

Police Chief Lee went over the monthly police report with the council.

Mr. Swisher stated the crew had been working on a major water leak until recently, so therefore Mr. Luzio was not here. He stated there was a major water leak on Sunday and another one this afternoon. He stated USDA funds are expected soon.

Mr. Swisher stated we should be hearing from the General Land Office Grant soon on grant paperwork for repairing drainage and work at the City Park. He also stated we are considering "whiteboxing" the old Milstep building. The plan is to have a gym with the remainder being retail space.

Mayor Burns thanked all the volunteers for working at the Bellamy Brothers concert, getting the Christmas tree up, and for the parade.

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

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Clarence Burns

Robert Swisher

City Administrator