

**REGULAR MEETING
JULY 8, 2019**

The Linden City Council met in regular session on Monday, July 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, 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, Christophe Trahan, Robert Luzio, Thomas Duncan, Joe B. Lovelace, and Rebecca Strutton.

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

Public Comment: Joe B. Lovelace stated the Linden Heritage Foundation had received positive comments about the tower lighting, stating there will be 17 colors and will cost \$32,000.00. He stated the Linden Heritage Foundation will donate \$10,000.00 and reminded everyone that this project will be totally private funded.

Motion by Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Mr. Berry 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.

There was a donation of \$325.00 from the Friends of Linden Public Library to go toward a night drop for books at the Linden Public Library.

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

LEDC Update: Mr. Trahan stated phase two on the cleanup of the old locker plant property has been completed. He also stated EDC has voted to support the Cass County Veterans' Salute program. He then stated sales tax for June was up.

Mr. Swisher stated the W/S bad debts total was around \$11,000 from many years. He stated each year he will look back over a 5 year period on this. He also stated he has been forgiving high bills for customers with leaks.

Motion by Mr. Berry, seconded by Mr. Lanier to give Mr. Swisher permission to work on debt collection from past history and debt forgiveness for leaks. All yeas.

Mr. Swisher stated there are extra funds in the budget. He then presented the amendment to the budget to the council.

Motion by Mr. Lanier, seconded by Mr. Hamilton to approve the 2019 Budget Amendment for designated revenue and expense items. All yeas.

Mr. Swisher stated water sales are down and he suggested the council not move \$25,000.00 into the contingency fund. He further suggested increasing the water rates from \$4.00 to \$4.80 per thousand gallons for each 1,000 gallons over the 1st 1,000 gallons of water used.

Motion by Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Mr. Lanier to approve Mr. Swisher's suggestions to raise the water rate for every 1,000 gallons over the 1st 1,000 from \$4.00 to \$4.80 and to make no contingency fund payment. All yeas.

Allie Anderson stated the Linden Pride will meet tomorrow at 5:30 p.m. and that 2nd Saturday is this Saturday, June 13th, with music at Attaway Park. She stated that JoAnna Duncan will be opening a new shop and will participate in 2nd Saturday to give a preview of what her shop will offer. She stated there are two weeks left of the Library Summer Reading Program and that the library is in need of a \$5,000.00 book return. She stated there will be utility plugs added on the old Milstep parking lot for food trucks/vendors.

Public Works-Mr. Swisher stated the new sewer in the alley behind the old Bonner building and Attaway Park is being worked on.

Christus St. Michael gave an EMS report on service, stating response time varied between 6.5-8 minutes.

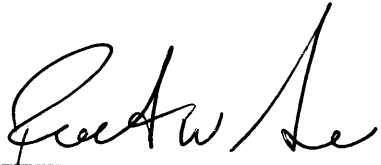
Mr. Swisher stated there will be two roll offs in the city yard on July 19th & 20th for citizens' use. He stated a waterbill/drivers license will be required to prove city residency. He stated the grant for drainage/park is under contract and USDA is moving forward in final drawings etc.

Mayor Burns stated he has had several calls from surrounding towns regarding Linden Pride and how to start a group like this. He mentioned upcoming events.

Motion by Ms. Stevens, seconded by Mr. Evans to go into executive session. All yeas.

The council came out of executive session and went back into regular session.

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



**Robert Swisher
City Administrator**

**Clarence Burns
Mayor**

Budget Amendment July 8, 2019

The City of Linden has exceeded the revenues forecast and has lost some of the expenditures that were budgeted for. In trying to create a working budget that will invest these additional dollars in Linden the City Administrator, Bob Swisher, suggests the following changes to the City Budget.

REVENUES

- 1) Revenues, 01-4050 Fines, be adjusted from \$250,000 to \$385,000 an increase of \$135,000 in total budget.
- 2) Revenues, 01-4061 RV Park, be adjusted from \$20,000 to \$10,000 a decrease of \$10,000.
- 3) Expenditures, 01-501-601, EMS Fee (30,000 reduce to \$9,500 (\$20,500 made available)

Total revenue change of + \$145,500.

EXPENDITURES Increases

- 1) Expenditures 01-502-100, Police Department, salaries increase \$30,000
- 2) Expenditures 01-502-105, Police Department, FICA increase \$1,860
- 3) Expenditures 01-502-106, Police Department, MCARE increase \$450
- 4) Expenditures 01-502-107, Police Department, Retirement increase \$540
- 5) Expenditures 01-502-801, Police Department, Vehicle Grant replenish \$20,000
- 6) Expenditures 01-504-200, Street Department, Supplies increase \$8,000 (additional rock/Paving)
- 7) Expenditures 01-504-542, Street Department, repairs and maintenance equip increase \$3,000
- 8) Expenditures 01-504-542, Street Department, repairs and maintenance, increase \$10,000, New Mower
- 9) Expenditures 01-501-721, General, MILSTEP Bldg, increase \$25,500 (foundation work, Parking Lot)
- 10) Expenditures 01-501-544, General, Repairs & Maint Buildings, \$24,000 (old Police station roofing/remodel (\$9,000), Train Depot brick work/windows (\$4,000), roof repair MCT \$11,000)
- 11) Expenditure 01-504-700, Street Department , Capital Outlay increase \$20,000 (boom mower)

Total is \$143,500