

**REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 14, 2020**

The Linden City Council met in regular session on Monday, September 14, 2020 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 Frank Lanier, Chuck Evans, Mike Berry, Kenny Hamilton, and City Councilwoman Jeanie Stevens. The following guests were present: Terressa Wall, Algera Anderson, Bob Swisher, Luci Trahan, Christophe Trahan, Denise Hass, Mary Dowd, Joe B. Lovelace, Marvin Kelly, Allene Kelly, Anna Barber, Malthus Northcutt, Glen D. Henderson, Ennis Northcutt, Horace Hodge, Mason Barrett, Clint Slider, Misty Slider, Larry Love, Pat Love, and Flo Stevenson.

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

Public Comment: Joe B. Lovelace thanked Police Chief Eric Lee and the LPD for the way they responded/handled a call. Clint Slider presented pictures and invoices for dirt work following sewer repairs on his property. Anna Barber discussed a possible forum for city council candidates to be held at Music City Texas Theater. She also made a complaint about pot holes on Smithland/Frazier.

Motion by Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Mr. Berry to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. 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 LEDC board meeting will be tomorrow. He stated the sales tax for August and September is up 20-21%. He also stated he is looking into the labor markets to keep jobs here.

Mayor Burns briefly discussed the Cass County Appraisal Board nominee with the city council.

Mayor Burns discussed with the city council and citizens in attendance about the possibility of designating a section of highway between Hwy. 11 and Hwy. 8 as Barrett or MS Barrett Loop.

Motion by Mr. Lanier, seconded by Mr. Berry to adopt a resolution to designate a section of highway between Hwy. 11 and Hwy. 8 as Barrett or M S Barrett Loop. All yeas.

Mayor Burns briefly discussed the proposed budget for the city with the city council.

Motion by Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Mr. Evans to approve the city budget as presented. All yeas.

Building ordinance issues were discussed. Ms. Anderson will get suggestions to change the existing ordinance and present at next month's meeting.

Motion by Ms. Stevens, seconded by Mr. Berry to bring the ordinance for approval to update the current building ordinance. All yeas.

Allie Anderson-Main Street stated there has been a new business to open, My Cousin's Place, located on N. Kaufman/Houston. The business will be open on weekends and 2nd Saturdays.

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

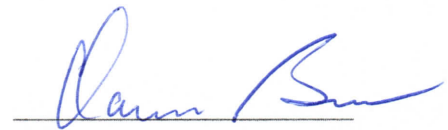
Robert Luzio-Public Works Director was absent because he was attending a BQ dinner being held by Focused Care for the LVFD, who met with transports to unload patients moved from hurricane areas to the Focused Care at Linden facility.

Denise Haas-Linden Public Librarian stated she has worked with Linden Together to have Noah Rattler, writer of childrens books come here to speak. The date will either be September 23 or September 30. He will present a homelessness speech.

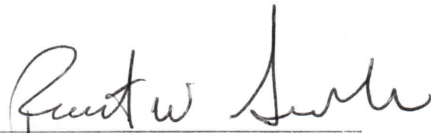
Mr. Swisher stated we had a backhoe down, but crews have been doing taps and putting in culverts. He stated the GLO grant, which is for bridges, Kaufman and Center Hill, a pond, and amphitheater should be coming in October. He stated the bid should be in November. He stated the USDA grant for w/s is underway, speaking with bondsman. This should be bid in February or March. He stated the Downtown Renovation Grant should be coming in about a month or so. He added that on September 24th there will be a parade downtown and on September 26th there will be a Block Party from 6:00-8:00p.m.

Mayor Burns stated on Friday around 3:00p.m. there will be another Farmers to Family event with free produce boxes distributed at the old Milstep building.

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



Clarence Burns
Mayor



Robert W. Swisher
City Administrator