

**REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY13, 2020**

The Linden City Council met in regular session on Monday, January 13, 2020 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, Mike Berry, and Kenny Hamilton, and City Councilwoman Jeanie Stevens. The following guests were present: Terressa Wall, Algera Anderson, Eric Lee, Luci Trahan, Christophe Trahan, Thomas Duncan, Clint Slider, Misty Slider, Bob Swisher, and Life Net representatives David Baumgardner and Dave Snavely.

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

Public Comment – Mr. Slider stated he had sewer problems in his pasture and his complaint is that it took almost a year to get the problem fixed. He wants more phone response and wants to get it covered up so he can move his cows. He stated he wants more communications.

Motion by Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Mr. Evans 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.

Donations: None.

LEDC Update: Mr. Trahan stated the month had been busy. He stated the LEDC annual audit is still being worked on and he has been working on reports. He stated the painting of the water tower has been completed with the exception of the ladder. He stated the lights were to be reinstalled on Thursday. He then stated the next small business workshop will be held on February 26th with Tim Wilson. He stated the sales tax reports in December were up from last year and that January is up 4%.

Mr. Swisher stated in 90 days Christus will no longer provide our ambulance service, but that Life Net will pick up service but will reinstate the \$2,500.00 service subsidy per month. He stated there will be a resident benefit program with medical insurance payment covering any service in full.

Motion by Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Mr. Berry to approve the Life Net contract as presented with the beginning payment date of April 1st. All yeas.

Mr. Swisher stated the City of Linden's auditor, Holliday, Lemons, & Cox municipality auditor had recently left the firm and that they were unable to perform the city audit. They recommended Wilf and Henderson. He contacted David Cockrell in Atlanta who stated the City of Atlanta uses the firm Wilf and Henderson and that they are happy with the firm. He stated he had budgeted \$20,000.00 for the audit in this budget. He stated \$18,500.00 was proposed for the audit. He recommended hiring this firm.

Motion by Mr. Lanier, seconded by Mr. Hamilton to contract Wilf and Henderson to do the annual city audit. All yeas.

Allie Anderson stated the city engineer had recommended an engineer to do rough preliminary work for the pedestrian friendly project for the TXDOT Alternate Transportation Grant. She then stated the old Milstep exterior and parking lot construction will be funded by the city and that Christus will be responsible for the interior.

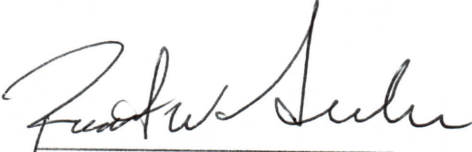
Police Chief Lee went over the monthly police report.

Mr. Luzio stated well #5 has one pump up and running, usage is down to 250,000-260,000 gallons and the wells are keeping up. He stated we need impellers for pump 6 and that Kiron will contact and find out about this repair. He stated city crew had laid about 392 feet of 10" sewer line off of Hwy 155, with about 100 feet to go. He then went over the fire reports with the council for November and December.

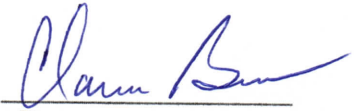
Mr. Swisher stated he had talked with Christus and they are not yet ready to sign the contract on the gym in the old Milstep building. He stated plans are to have a food truck area at the end of the parking lot. He stated Christus will have approximately 6,000 sq. ft. inside the old Milstep building and the city will have the other 5,000 sq. ft. He stated work is going on at Crowe Heath Park and that at the RV Park there are pedestals in the air which should be in the ground. He then stated he has a new person overseeing/cleaning at the RV Park. Mr. Hamilton stated he wanted to apologize for his questioning of the long term rentals at the RV Park at the last council meeting, adding he apparently was not present for the discussion at a previous meeting concerning this matter.

Mayor Burns stated that on February 26th LEDC will hold a small business workshop. He stated on February 15th Hickory Hill will hold their Annual Winter Bluegrass Show at Music City Texas Theater and on March 28th the theater will have Gene Watson.

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



Robert Swisher
City Administrator



Clarence Burns
Mayor