

Linden Town Board Regular Meeting Minutes July 31 2018 @ Town Hall meeting room

Roll Call: Board Members Present: Wade Bennett, Andrew Traylor, Clerk/Treasurer Janet Heide

Town of Linden Board meeting called to order by Town Board President Wade Bennett at 7pm

Town Board President Wade Bennett announced WindFarm discussion will be given 15 minutes then will move onto agenda items. Kim Lowe, Janet Linton, Jamie Basse, Bill Millan, Richard Watkins, Seth Howell, Rick Yates, Kathleen Howell spoke of turbine issues and need for Town Board to sign ordinance. Town Board President Wade Bennett discussed the issues of enforcing the ordinance and Town Board Member Paul Buckles discussed School Board Members and County Council having taken no actions and placing this issue on the small towns

Town Marshal Brian Riehle reported 308 N Main Street was sent a letter and has been mowed. Town Board Member Andrew Traylor stated Greg the next door neighbor mowed this property not the home owner. Town Marshal Brian Riehle asked Board decision to hire mowing company or Town mowing properties. Town Marshal Brian Riehle stated enforcement of the ordinance is a certified courteous letter, if property is not mowed have property mowed, invoice property owner for mowing expense and fines, if no payment received, place expenses on property as a lien. Town Board Members agreed for the 2018 mowing season to hire outside mowing company, Town Board Member Andrew Traylor will contact mowing services, send invoice and fine certified to property owner, if no payment received place a lien on property.

Town Residence Janet Linton and John King expressed concerns of multiple properties in violation of ordinance. Town Board Brian Riehle clarified the enforcement of ordinances

Town Marshal Brian Riehle submitted monthly report; Town Board President Wade Bennett read aloud, Board Members accepted and signed report

Resident Larry Miller asked when new police care will be purchased; Town Marshal Brian Riehle stated waiting on the 2019 models

Resident Larry Miller asked how many dumpsters used for dumpster days, Town Clerk/Treasurer Janet Heide indicated 2 dumpsters

Town Board Member Paul Buckles asked if fence at ball diamonds removed; Town Board President Wade Bennett will contact Aaron

Town Board President Wade Bennett stated Gary Blankenship inquired about having Linden Night Out September 16, 2018 from 2pm-4pm on the Bulldog park area and ball diamond area. Board okay with date and place

Clerk/Treasurer Janet Heide requested to hire Ampstun to archive/clean up utility billing system costing \$500.00. Town Board Member Paul Buckles made a motion to hire Ampstun to archive/clean up utility billing system. Town Board Member Andrew Traylor 2nd motion, Town Board President Wade Bennett called for a vote; Motion carries

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Clerk/Treasurer Janet Heide presented information and asked Board Members if willing to upgrade utility billing system costing up to \$15,000.00 depending on added features. Board agreed to look at options available.

Resident John Gipson stated he would be okay with paying a fee for credit card or online bill payment. Clerk/Treasurer Janet Heide updated the multiple ways to pay utility billing with no cost to customers; ACH, credit cards, drop box on High Street at Town Hall

Clerk/Treasurer Janet Heide reported credit card upgrade estimate monthly costing \$110

Town Board Member Paul Buckles requested update on when pine tree trimming at Ed Hopkins and Sewage Plant drive will be completed, Street Superintendent Earl Heide reported contacted tree trimming companies

Water Superintendent Earl Heide reported new upgrade meters are being installed

Wastewater Superintendent Earl Heide reported UV system project permit received and Engineer has contacted the contractor

Clerk/Treasurer Janet Heide submitted voucher register for Board approval. Board Reviewed. Town Board Member Andrew Traylor made a motion to accept voucher register. Town Board Paul Buckles 2nd motion; Town Board President Wade Bennett called for a vote; Motion carries

Clerk/Treasurer Janet Heide presented prior monthly meeting minutes for board approval. Town Board Member Paul Buckles made a motion to accept meeting minutes. Town Board Member Andrew Traylor 2nd motion; Town Board President Wade Bennett called for a vote; Motion carries

Resident Jessica Burget asked when meter is online, Water Superintendent Earl Heide updated meter readings are online as soon as replaced. Clerk/Treasurer Janet Heide updated will have information on how to review water usage online

Town Board President Wade Bennett presented quotes to purchase a backhoe from Humphrey Kubota and West Side Tractor and lease options from West Side Tractor. Board Members agreed to purchase. Town Board Member Paul Buckles made a motion to purchase Kubota, contact Booth Machinery and not exceed \$65,000.00, approve Town Board President Wade Bennett to sign purchase agreement; Town Board Member Andrew Traylor 2nd motion; Town Board President Wade Bennett called for a vote; Motion carries

Town Board Member Paul Buckles made motion to adjourn, Meeting adjourned 8:45pm

Linden Town Board Members action:

Board Member Name

Yea

Nay

Wade Bennett

Paul Buckles

Andrew Traylor

Attested by:

Janet Heide, Clerk-Treasurer

Transcribed August 4, 2018

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