

Linden Town Board Meeting February 24, 2026

Town Board Member Paul Buckles started meeting video recording

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

Roll Call all present; Town Board President Wade Bennett, Town Board Member Paul Buckles, Town Board Member Chasity Surface, Clerk/Treasurer Janet Heide

Town Board President Wade Bennet presented Banning Engineering water project Patterson Horth Claim #10 total \$262,139.13 and change order #3 for board approval. Town Board Member Paul Buckles made a motion to approve and sign Patterson Huth claim # 10 and change order #3, Town Board Member Chasity Surface 2nd motion, Town Board President Wade Bennett called for a vote, all in favor say 'aye', motion carries

Town Board Member Chasity Surface presented Ordinance 2026-1 Prohibiting Parking on South High Street in the Town of Linden for 2nd reading and adoption. Town Board Member Chasity Surface made a motion to adopt and sign Ordinance 2026-1, Town Board Member Paul Buckles 2nd motion, Town Board President Wade Bennett called for a vote, all in favor say 'aye', motion carries

Town Board President Wade Bennet presented Ordinance 2026-2 Amending and Restating Rates and Charges for the use of the Water and Sewage system and related services of the Town for 2nd reading and adoption. Town Board Member Paul Buckles made a motion to adopt and sign Ordinance 2026-2, Town Board Member Chasity Surface 2nd motion, Town Board President Wade Bennett called for a vote, all in favor say 'aye', motion carries

Town Board President Wade Bennet introduced Ken Clarke with Trinity to present an overview of Trinity Mission and answer any questions, local contact will be Jeff, building has been remodeled with a community room in the basement for residences to use. Contact Ken or Jeff Trinity Life Ministry, Cell/Text: 765 430-8055, Office: 765 742-1060, ext. 100, ken@trinitylifeministry.com

Town Board President Wade Bennet presented Busse's Excavating quote for 2026 Port-A-Pot cost \$155 for each wheelchair unit one at Stoddard Park and one at Bulldog Park. After discussion. Town Board Member Paul Buckles made a motion to accept and sign Busse's Excavating quote for 2026 Port-A-Pot cost \$155 for each wheelchair unit starting March 1st and ending November 1st, one at Stoddard Park and one at Bulldog Park, Town Board Member Chasity Surface 2nd motion, Town Board President Wade Bennett called for a vote, all in favor say 'aye', motion carries

Town Board President Wade Bennet presented Utility accounts past due on shut off list for Right to be Heard. Town Board President Wade Bennett read aloud. After discussion, Town Board Member Chasity Surface made a motion to move forward to shut off services, Town Board

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Member Paul Buckles 2nd motion, Town Board President Wade Bennett called for a vote, all in favor say 'aye', motion carries

Town Board President Wade Bennet presented 2025 Annual Financial Report submitted to Gateway by Clerk/Treasurer Janet Heide. Town Board Member Paul Buckles made a motion to accept 2025 submission of Annual Financial Report on Gateway. Town Board Member Chasity Surface 2nd motion, Town Board President Wade Bennett called for a vote, all in favor say 'aye', motion carries

Friends of Linden representative Mary Broadstreet presented 2026 activity plans and stage proposal with cost paid with fundraising and grants. Setting stage position on east side of ball field area and requested Board agreement to release the stage to Friends of Linden. After discussion, Town Board Members approved event dates and agreed for Friends of Linden to move forward with stage proposal and more discussion on electrical and stage build area

Town Board President Wade Bennett stated resident John King has withdrawn from 2026 Park Board Member Committee. Town Board President Wade Bennett stated 2026 Park Board Members are Sandra Conley, Donna Cooper and Deb Fagan

Utility Superintendent Earl Heide reported water project was held up due to weather conditions and new system is not online

Utility Superintendent Earl Heide suggested to build fence on East side of Ball Field area to separate residential from stage area

Town Marshal Mike Taylor reported speed sign on East South Street is still not working after updated programing and battery changes and requested to send in for repairs or purchase new one. After discussion, Board requested current speed sign removed and requested quotes for repairs and cost to purchase new

Town Employee Rick Smith reported has been picking up trash around town, getting mower ready for mowing season, repairs to pavilion roof from wind damage and requested approval to pick up and haul away with resident paying for the large items placed outside and contacted T&S and Walden for pricing. After discussion, Board agreed to dumpster day April 25th at Bull Dog Park on paved area and Town Board President Wade Bennet will contact D&D for containers and cost.

Town Board Member Paul Buckles stated minutes clarification on January 27 2026 meeting statement should read as ' no one is worth 50% pay increase without additional responsibilities or training' and salary ordinance passed January 2nd for Street Superintendent and Water superintend pay was not total board thought they were passing from 2026 salary on Ordinance 2025-6 and presented a recommendation to decrease pay to \$53,650.00 from Ordinance 2025-6A \$77,500.00 error with employee paying back the over payment. Town Board Member Paul Buckles made a motion to adopt recommendation presented #2026-B to replace Street Superintendent and Water Superintendent 2026 salary. Town Board Member Chasity Surface 2nd

