Linden Town Board Meeting September 29, 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

Town Board President Wade Bennett stated will be introducing Ordinance 2026-5 and Ordinance 2026-6 for 1st reading

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 Bennett presented Ordinance 2026-4 2027 Budget for 2nd reading and adoption. Town Board President Wade Bennett read aloud, Town Board Member Paul Buckles made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2026-4, 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 Bennett introduced Ordinance 2026-5 Water Rate Changes and Ordinance 2026-6 Wastewater Rate Changes. Town Board President Wade Bennett read aloud and stated rate increase percentages and explained financial need. Town Attorney Stewart Weliever explained legal requirements and will need adopted and advertisement completed by November 7, 2026. After discussion, Board Members scheduled 2nd reading and adoption meeting on October 16, 2026, at 1pm, Town attorney will place public notice in legal ad in Journal Review and Town Board agreed to post public notice to Town website.

Park Board Member Donna Cooper reported a request for the Mommy & Me swing to be placed at Stoddard Park; After discussion, board requested pricing for next meeting

Park Board Member Donna Cooper requested Bulldog Park merry-go-round be repaired; After discussion board agreed, Town Employee Rick Smith will repair

Town Board Member Paul Buckles reported the stage build is complete, county will complete final inspection tomorrow and public can use stage area for events all year round. After discussion on availability, cost and event sign up requirement, board agreed anyone wanting to use stage area will need to contact Town of Linden Board Member or employees

Town Employee Rick Smith reported residents location outside of Town limits properties at end of East Walnut Street in the county Bible Addition area has requested town provide snow removal. Town Attorney Stu Weliever reminded Board Member of the risk when agreeing to Town Services outside of Town limits. After discussion; Town Board Member Wade Bennett will contact Montgomery County Highway Department

Town Marshal Mike Taylor reported inquiries into options for 214 E Walnut property to be cleaned up. Town Attorney Stu Weiliver reminded Town Board Members of the nuisance ordinance process. Town Marshal Mike Taylor will proceed with ordinance process

Town Marshal Mike Taylor requested purchasing 2 electronic speed signs to be placed on location on US231 right of way area. Town Board Member Paul Buckles reported along with Town Board President Wade Bennett attended the INDOT meeting on the future drainage project timeline that will involve fixing drainage through Town along US231, after discussion; Board requested price for speed signs

Utility Clerk Donna Cooper presented Right to be Heard utility customer shut off list for board approval. Town Board Member Chasity Surface made a motion to approve shut off list, 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 Member Paul Buckles stated new water plant is up and functioning and will be working with Town Employee Rick Smith and UMAC for flushing hydrants the week of October 12 through October 16 and requested notice placed on utility billing statements and notice on information sign at Library. Town Board President Wade Bennett requested also place notice on social media pages for residents, Township Trustee Greg Fuller stated will place on fire department social media page

Town Board President Wade presented Peerless wells testing quote for board approval and read aloud, well # 1 cost $42,300.00, Well # 2 cost $40,326.00, Well # 5 cost #83,589.00. After discussion; Town Board Member Paul Buckles made a motion to accept quote, 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 presented McCord Electric quote to install surge projection cost $23,210.43 at well #3 and well #4, After discussion; Town Board Member Paul Buckles made a motion to accept and sign McCord Electric quote, 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 reported the need to purchase 20 water meters from Midwest Meter for board approval. After discussion; Town Board Member Chasity Surface made a motion to approve meter purchase from Midwest Meter, 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 presented quote from Banning Engineering cost $3,800.00 for GIS agreement payable from Storm Water fund. After discussion; Town Board Member Paul Buckles made a motion to approve and sign agreement, 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 reported Cargil is currently building office area and will be connecting to utility services, currently estimating cost for wastewater service. Town Employee Rick Smith has upgraded and connected water service

Clerk Treasurer Janet Heide presented Cintas contract changes as follows for board approval; Utility Superintendent Earl Heide last day was August 31 and has returned uniforms and Cintas has removed from contract, Town Employee Rick Smith has returned 8 of 10 uniforms shirts and Cintas has changed contract for 2 rental shirts, Town Employee Rick Smith has changed Cintas delivery to monthly with a paper towel order. After discussion, board approved changes.

Clerk Treasurer Janet Heide presented 2026 PTO record for Earl Heide with totals used and unused days and requested total dollar payout to Earl Heide from board members. After discussion, board members will agree on total dollar payout and email to Clerk Treasurer for October payroll to close PTO record.

Town Attorney Stu Weliever presented CPA Steve Brock requesting confirmation of SRF payment before October 1, 2026. Clerk Treasurer Janet Heide reported payment approved by board August meeting and has been sent

Town Attorney Stu Weliever presented CPA Steve Brock paperwork from HHSB extension for Water Project Credit Line account due October 2026 and extend date due to December 29, 2026 and requesting board approve payoff Credit Line extension from HHSB and sign extension agreement from HHSB. Town Board Member Chasity Surface made a motion to approve and sign Credit Line extension paperwork, Town Board Member Paul Buckles 2nd motion; Town Board President Wade Bennett called for a vote, all in favor say ‘aye’, motion carries

Town Residents Kevin Perkins reported high chlorine levels at his home, described issues having with water and had contacted Town Board Member Paul Buckles. Town Board Member Paul Buckles asked Town Employee Rick Smith if chorine levels were reviewed. Town Employee Rick Smith reported checked chlorine levels. Town Board Member Paul Buckles directed Town Employee Rick Smith to check chlorine levels at Kevin Perkins home

Linden Librarian Kathy Watkins asked if Town could clean up property at 102 S Main St. After discussion; Town Board Member Paul Buckles asked Town Employee Rick Smith to look at property and Town Board President Wade Bennett asked Town Marshal Mike Taylor to handle nuisance ordinance for property

Town Board President Wade Bennett reported will be reviewing drainage issues on properties located west side of town limits and will meet with Town Resident Steve Struck to review damage and options.

Linden Clerk/Treasurer Janet Heide presented meeting voucher register for board signature. Town Board Member Paul Buckles made a motion to accept and sign meeting voucher register, Town Board Member Chasity Surface 2nd motion; Town Board President Wade Bennett called for a vote, all in favor say ‘aye’, motion carries

Linden Clerk/Treasurer Janet Heide presented prior meeting minutes for board signature. Town Board Member Chasity Surface made a motion to accept and sign August 25, 2026, meeting minutes, 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 Members acknowledged and signed August 2026 financials

Town Board Member Paul Buckles made a motion to adjourn; Town Board Member Chasity Surface 2nd motion; Town Board President Wade Bennett called for a vote, motion carries, meeting adjourned 8:50pm

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Linden Town Board Members:	Yea	Nay

Wade Bennett

Paul Buckles

Chasity Surface

Attested by:

Janet Heide, Clerk-Treasurer

transcribed October 4, 2026