



**CITY OF LINDEN
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2026 AT 6:30 P.M.

LOCATION: LOOSE SENIOR CENTER, 707 NORTH BRIDGE STREET, LINDEN, MI 48451

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro tem Jerry Link. The meeting was held at the Loose Senior Citizens Center located at 707 North Bridge Street, Linden, Michigan 48451.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present. A Moment of Silence was observed for First Responders, medical personnel and our Troops.

City Council Present: Mayor Pro tem Jerry Link, Brad Dick, Tom Hicks, Pam Howd, Denise Miller, Brenda Simons

Absent: Mayor Elizabeth Armstrong

Others Present: Ellen Glass, City Manager; Brian Will, Fire Chief; Don Grice, Director of Public Works; Kristyn Kanyak, City Clerk; Pat Parker, City Attorney

a. Excuse Absent Member(s)

Link excused Mayor Armstrong.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

(A) Letter Received – MTA Millage Proposal

(B) Letter Received – Law Day Proclamation

Link acknowledged receipt of items.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Link reviewed public comment and consent agenda item comment procedures

Public comment from K.C. Baran, 67th District Court Judge candidate; shared details of experience and personal background; and requested support.

Public comment on Community Soup for the Soul, shared information and sponsoring organizations. Also commented on parking concerns during car show.

Public comment from car show applicant, provided background on the car show and reasoning; businesses and people support, and opportunities.

Public comment about the car show, parking and small business support.

Public comment regarding car show support and shared experiences.

Public comment on car show support, experiences, parking and walking.

Public comment on car show, activities and parking.

Public comment on experience with cars and car show significance.

Public comment about car show meaning; experience and reasoning.

Public comment about car show support; non-resident attendance; parking; business support; and Karaoke starting.

Councilors discussed the car show; previous parking concerns, since addressed; personal experiences and opportunities. Link confirmed with Glass, no questions from comments to address.

CONSENT AGENDA

(A) City Council Meeting Minutes from March 9, 2026

(B) Application to Use Public Property: Sunset Corals Classic Car Cruise-In:
Thursday, May-October

(C) Financial Reports

Motion by Miller, second by Howd to approve the consent agenda. Roll call. Motion carried 6-0.

AYES: Dick, Miller, Hicks, Simons, Link, Howd

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Armstrong

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

(A) Ordinance No. 425 Amending Section 154.064 of Zoning Ordinance: Home Occupations

Link briefly explained topic. Councilors discussed approval process and purpose.

Motion by Howd, second by Miller to adopt the text amendment to Section 154.064, Home Occupations, of the City of Linden Zoning Ordinance, as recommended by the City of Linden Planning Commission. Roll call. Motion carried 6-0.

AYES: Link, Simons, Howd, Dick, Miller, Hicks

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Armstrong

(B) Revised Draft of Proposed Zoning Amendments (Referral to Planning Commission) Link reviewed the purpose of the topic. Glass further explained reasoning. Discussion with Councilors, Glass and Parker regarding nonconforming businesses, commercial and residential; reasoning for return to Planning Commission and all changes will come back to Council.

Motion by Howd, second by Miller to move this to the Planning Commission. Motion carried 6-0.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Glass provided a verbal update on the following items:

- Box City planning
- Budget

Grice presented an update on the Mill and another change order pertaining to foundation complications; and findings.

Public comment regarding elevator, Grice addressed.

Councilors and Grice discussed septic field; additional cement; coffer dam; rock-use; regarding footings and columns; and cost.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

None.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Link thanked the Departments for their reports which included reports from the Police Department, Code Enforcement, Fire Department and Loose Senior Services Department. Glass referenced Senior Services monthly report and explained the Annual Report, presented to Southern Lakes Parks and Recreation (SLPR).

COUNCIL COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Miller thanked everyone.

Howd explained Metro meeting moved and can share update after; thanked for car show support and its meaning; and grateful for Tessa.

Hicks commented on turnout for car show and thanked everyone.

Simons commented on car show and thanked Director of Senior Services and Community Engagement (Tessa) and for report, Vice Chair of SLPR and improvements; and looking forward to evening activities.

Dick commented on Networking at Noon; VFW Easter Bingo; and shared information for Genesee County Master Plan revisions.

Link thanked everyone for car show support and no complaints since change last summer.

CLOSED SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Miller, second by Howd to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned by Mayor Pro tem Link at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristyn Kanyak, City Clerk

Approved: _____