



**CITY OF LINDEN
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 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 Center located at 707 North Bridge Street, Linden, Michigan 48451.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present. Moments of Silence were observed for military overseas and Councilor Howd's Father who passed away.

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

Absent: Mayor Elizabeth Armstrong, Tom Hicks

Others Present: Ellen Glass, City Manager; Scott Sutter, Chief of Police; Brian Will, Fire Chief; Brooke Card, City Treasurer; Kristyn Kanyak, City Clerk

a. Excuse Absent Member(s)

Link excused Armstrong and Hicks.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

a. Resident Emailed Request Dated: August 31, 2026

b. Resident Emailed Request Dated: September 2, 2026

Link acknowledged receipt of items.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Link reviewed public comment procedure.

Public comment about Redwood development proposal in Fenton Township, shared information and concerns.

Public comment about concerns and correspondence regarding financial reports on agenda; requested investigation and correction and referenced discussion.

Public comment shared role on city boards, commented on Silver Lake Court request and reasoning for one-way; shared concerns about light pole in Triangle Park and reasoning; also thanked City Manager.

Public comment about Charter and commented on Artificial Intelligence (AI).

Public comment shared concerns about the water main easement project and reasoning.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. City Council Meeting Minutes from August 24, 2026
- b. Street Corner Collection Application - LHS Graduation Celebration: Saturday, October 3, 2026
- c. Financial Reports

Motion by Dick, second by Howd to move the Financial Reports down to a Discussion Item. Also, add Item g. proposed agenda changes and address correspondence, supported by Simons. Councilors discussed the motion and including on the October Work Session.

Link clarified the motion for Kanyak.

Motion by Dick, second by Howd to move Consent Agenda Item c. Financial Reports to Discussion Item f. Roll call. Motion carried 5-0.

AYES: Dick, Miller, Simons, Link, Howd

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Hicks, Armstrong

Motion by Dick, second by Simons to add Item g. Proposed Changes to the agenda packet. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Howd, second by Simons that we approve the remainder of the Consent Agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. Ordinance No. 429 Repealing/Adoption of Chapter 111 of the Code of Ordinances: Solicitors/Peddlers

Glass explained drafted by City Attorney. Sutter provided background, reviewed proposed changes and reasoning.

Public comment on door-to-door solicitation, Sutter addressed.

Public comment on how it would apply to an HOA, Sutter responded.

Public comment on difference between solicitation and peddling, Sutter addressed

Public comment on no-soliciting signs.

Council and Sutter discussed the proposed language and public education.

- b. Silver Lake Court One-Way

Public comment on one-way for garbage pick-up and mail delivery.

Councilors discussed reasoning; direction; light and plans from Southern Lakes Parks & Recreation (SLPR).

Public comment requested feedback from Police and Department of Public Works.

Public comment about lighting.

Councilors and Staff further discussed lighting; mail delivery; proposed Traffic Control Order (TCO); LAFF Pathway opening and timeline; and one-way direction for Fire Department.

Public comment about available property for parking.

Staff and Councilors discussed voting this evening and reasoning.

Motion by Howd, second by Miller to approve the Traffic Control Order (TCO) 2026-01 Silver Lake Court one-way. Roll call. Motion carried 5-0.

AYES: Link, Simons, Howd, Dick, Miller

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Armstrong, Hicks

c. 2027 Meeting Schedule (Draft Resolution)

Kanyak reviewed draft resolution and reasoning for proposed changes. Council discussed and no changes were proposed.

d. New Engine Pumper Truck

Chief Will presented on replacement fire engine request.

Public comment about exploring used options and resale of truck options, Will provided responses.

Councilors and Will discussed pricing quotes received; suggested restoring current and cost; grants; pumper truck use; costs; current conditions of trucks; specification details; emissions; used versus new truck and other communities; replacement timeframe; maintenance; warranty; funding and referenced amortization table; previous meetings budget discussions; and ordering timeline.

e. Genesee County Phase II Storm Water Management System Contract Amendment

Glass reviewed topic and referenced documents enclosed within agenda packet. Councilors and Glass discussed wet weather testing; population growth; cost; storm water requirement and management; and amendment approval timeline.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS ITEMS

- a. Monthly Grant Updates: All Pending & Newly Applied for Grants (Written on Regular Meeting Agendas Only)

No update to share.

b. Meeting Recording

Link requested feedback and discussed possible removal after discussion next meeting.

c. Contract Statuses - Museum and Library in Mill Building

Public comment requesting update and progress, Glass provided responses.

d. Loose Van Update

Glass updated we anticipate van receipt in September. Link suggested possible removal of this item after discussion future meeting.

Public comment about West Rolston Road grant requested update, Glass provided a response.

Public comment regarding concern about speed limit sign location and pathway crossing sign, Miller provide a response.

e. Comment Cards Update

Link explained his request and suggested removal of item and reasoning.

f. Financial Reports

Dick explained reasoning for agenda change.

Motion by Dick, second by Howd to pay the bills in the amount of \$785,611.82.

Brief discussion between Miller and Glass regarding Loose travel item in budget, Rules of Procedure and financials.

Roll call. Motion carried 5-0.

AYES: Link, Miller, Howd, Dick, Simons

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Hicks, Armstrong

g. Proposed Agenda Changes

Dick referenced correspondence received, reviewed proposed changes to consent agenda and reasoning. Councilors and Glass discussed City Manager agenda item "Update" versus "Report;" and public comment response.

Public comment regarding concern with historical records; past agenda wording regarding financial reports and check registers; and reasoning.

Glass discussed Robert's Rule of Order; city auditor from PSLZ, referenced past questions raised about voting on bills and accounts and auditor's recommendations, upcoming audit presentation; and the official meeting minutes.

Council discussed proposed changes regarding Treasurer's report; understanding of bills approval all along; requested bring back to discuss and reasoning. Glass confirmed will bring back proposed amended Rules of Procedure. Discussion about Council's past practice, audit requirements and compliance and wording used by Council on agendas.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Glass provided a verbal update on the following items:

- Upcoming Parks and Recreation Commission Senior Kayaking event
- Downtown Day details
- Town Center Family Dental Grand Opening details
- Loose annual survey and upcoming events
- Interview for Police Sergeant position
- Parks benches and paver concrete replacement
- Recent Fire Department training
- Election preparation in Clerk's Department
- Tax collection in Treasurer's Department
- Ribbon cutting for Triangle Park, working with SLPR on light pole
- Referenced parking space concerns

COUNCIL COMMENTS & REPORTS

Miller commented on speed limit sign and speed limit; Sutter addressed. Miller also shared comments on Small Cities and e-bike ordinance.

Dick commented on one-way and lighting for LAFF Pathway, also commented on housing/zoning resolutions Governor is wanting passed.

Howd commented on passing of her Dad; duty and reasoning; Charter; professionalism, working together and positive change.

Simons commented on Tri-County Times articles; suggested all reach out to Governor to keep zoning in local control; thanked staff; meeting access feedback received; shared SLPR update and discussed Small Cities.

Link commented on electric bikes ordinance; Pam's father and thanked everyone.

Simons shared reminder of LAFF Pathway opening location and details.

Public comment on synergy, Small Cities, local school board coordination and Linden Ministerial Association.

Miller shared details for Food for the Soul.

CLOSED SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Mayor Pro Tem Link at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristyn Kanyak, City Clerk

Approved: _____