

Lebo City Council Meeting Minutes
March 2, 2026
Lebo Community Building
320 N. Ogden
7:00 p.m.

Mayor Ferguson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the pledge of allegiance.

Call to Order

Council members present: Troy Friend, Hatti Wright, and Amanda Hopkins
Absent: Jim Jones and Will Baker

Hopkins moved and Wright seconded to approve the minutes for the February regular meeting and the two February special meetings. Vote 3/0, motion carried.

Appr. Minutes

Wendy Charboneau attended the meeting on behalf of Phyllis and Winston Johnson to request a change to their reserved parking spots on W. 4th Street. Council agreed to have the Lebo Police Department enforce the reserved parking spaces and directed maintenance staff to convert their two existing parking spaces into one larger parking space to better accommodate their walking assistive devices.

W. 4th Parking

Brett Stewart, the City's insurance agent, attended the meeting to review the insurance renewal. He went through coverage details for all city properties, equipment, drivers, and policies. Total premium without changes is currently \$83,000. Council discussed the information and noted a few changes, including adjustments to coverage on deteriorating buildings and updates to the list of authorized drivers.

City Insurance

Department Reports:

PWWSO #12 – Mayor Eric Ferguson

Meeting minutes were included in packets. Engineer should be at next meeting to further discuss improvements to the water plant.

Utility Report – Chuck Shedd & Eric Smith

Maintenance staff included written reports and photographs in the council packets showing areas of concern. Smith reviewed several of these items with the Council:

1. Photos provided of natural waterway that goes from the railroad south to Sac & Fox St. and continues toward Dickinson St. Smith is looking for possible solutions to address erosion issues and concerns related to the sewer main that runs through this area.
2. Lagoons – Smith reported that the number of total suspended solids and the infiltration and inflow (I&I) are increasing. Excess rainwater is infiltrating the sewer system. One recommendation to help alleviate these issues is having the entire sewer system cleaned by Dave's Pumping. This process would remove roots from city mains and seal small holes allowing groundwater into the system. Several nearby towns have used this service to improve their sewer systems. The quote received was \$31,000. Council asked Smith to obtain an additional quote for comparison.

Waterway/erosion
Concerns

Lagoon Concerns

- Maintenance staff are also working to raise several manholes that currently sit too low, allowing rainwater to pool and infiltrate the sewer system.
3. A rep from KRWA visited and worked with maintenance staff. Smith is also looking into the possibility of conducting lagoon testing in-house, which would allow the city to be more selective about when testing is conducted. Mayor Ferguson mentioned the fire department is considering purchasing a flat-bottom boar for water rescues at the city lake. This could potentially be a cost-share item between the city and the fire department and could also be used for lagoon testing. KRWA Assist
 4. Smith discussed the condition of the jet rodder, which is old and often unable to clear sever blockages in the sewer system. Staff recently had to call Osage City to remove a root blockage from sewer line on west side of town. Jet Rodder
 5. Lift stations – A tech recently inspected the north lift station and determined it is in good condition for its age. Staff were also shown how to properly maintain the newer lift station to keep it in good working order. The lift station located at the park that services the concession stand and pool will need to be replaced. Smith recommended installing a septic system when the new pool is built, as the lift station only services the pool and concession stand. Both structures are more than 100 feet from a sewer main, which meets the city ordinance requirements for septic systems. This option would be more cost effective than replacing the lift station. Lift Stations
 6. Smith provided maps showing culverts around the city that need replaced. He plans to begin addressing these areas, along with a few culvert installations requested by homeowners. Culverts
 7. South St. Drainage – portions of South St. are already breaking down due to water drainage issues. A culvert will be added at the intersection of this street and S. Elm street to help improve drainage. Staff are also exploring options to redesign the south ditch along this road to further improve water flow. South St.
6th St.
 8. Issues were discussed regarding road edge deterioration at 6th & Cedar and 6th & Ogden. Council approved widening the road at 6th and Ogden.

Griffin pointed out a letter from KDHE included in the council packets regarding. Lead and Copper Rule notifications that were not completed in 2025. Griffin will work with KDHE to address the issue and bring the city back into compliance. Lead & Copper

Police Report – Aaron Cathcard absent

1 dog at large, 1 warning, 2 assisting other agencies, 1 domestic, 1 juvenile, 5 other.

Clerk's Report – Catherine Griffin

Griffin provided February bank statements and presented the 2026 Fireworks contract; this year's budget was raised from \$5,000 to \$8,000. Friend moved and Hopkins seconded to approve the contract. Vote 3/0, motion carried.

Municipal Court – Crystina Nolan

2 Court Cases

Zoning – Crystina Nolan

3 permits

Park and Recreation

Board is still looking for summer ball director.

New Business

Friend moved and Hopkins seconded to contract with TWS to provide dumpsters for the Coffey County Spring Cleanup on April 13 and 14th. Vote 3/0, motion carried.

Spring Clean
Dumpster

Old Business

Griffin presented a quote from APAC for 2026 street work. The quote included milling and building up N. Sycamore and S. Walnut, as well as the purchase of extra millings to spread on these roads throughout the year to build them up in preparation to be sealed in 2027.

2026 Streets

Nolan provided information on three 2026 ford trucks for council's review. After discussion council tabled the matter.

Maint. Truck

Hopkins moved and Friend seconded to pay all bills. Vote 3/0, motion carried.

Pay Bills

Hopkins moved and Wright seconded to adjourn the meeting. Vote 3/0, motion carried.

Adjourn

Approved: _____
Eric S. Ferguson, Mayor

Attest: _____
Catherine Griffin, City Clerk