

**Lebo City Council Meeting Minutes**  
**April 6, 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 Will Baker  
Amanda Hopkins entered the meeting at 7:03  
Absent: Jim Jones

Baker moved and Wright seconded to approve the minutes for the March regular meeting.  
Vote 3/0, motion carried.

Appr. Minutes

Jason Hill with Landmark Aquatic attended the meeting to present drawings for a new pool layout. He discussed the benefits of selecting a company that provides both design and construction services and answered questions from the Council. Mr. Hill stated the construction timeline would be approximately six months. To meet a target of opening the new pool by next May, the project would need to begin in July of this year. He also explained that project fees would be billed in phases throughout the duration of the project. Council requested that Mr. Hill provide a contract for review and consideration.

Pool

James and Clarence Frye were present to provide an update on the Veterans Memorial Park plans and design. They requested that the Council consider making a donation toward the project. Their goal is to have Phase 1 of the project completed by July 4 of this year.

Vet. Memorial

*Department Reports:*

*PWWSD #12 – Mayor Eric Ferguson*

Meeting minutes were included in packets. Still discussing new water plant.

*Utility Report – Chuck Shedd*

Maintenance staff included written report in the council packets showing areas of concern.

1. Inventory Completed
2. Water Tower review
3. Culverts – clean out and replacement
4. Equipment serviced
5. APAC street work
6. Power pole replacement -Evergry
7. Lagoon Concerns – KRWA assisting, getting drawings from Kramer
8. KRWA Conference Attendance

Shedd reported to council that the cells for the lagoons need to be dredged. He called three different companies for estimates: Hodges – 1.5 million, Lagoon Pumping and Dredging Inc. - \$400,000 maintenance, Merrell Brothers Inc. required dredge to be transported and disposed in a landfill.

Lagoons

*Police Report – Aaron Cathcard absent*

1 dog at large, 1 citation issued, 3 assisting other agencies, 1 welfare, 3 other.

*Clerk's Report – Catherine Griffin*

Griffin provided March financials.

Hopkins moved and Friend seconded to approve the hire of two city hall summer assistants and 2 summer maintenance workers. Vote 4/0, motion carried.

Financials

Griffin reported that she was working to get numbers from a company that will help digitize city records and set up a cloud-based software to keep those documents backed up and organized.

Summer Help

Baker moved and Hopkins seconded to approve a \$500 donation to the Southern Coffey County Honor Flight program.

Honor Flight

*Municipal Court – Crystina Nolan*

No Court

*Zoning – Crystina Nolan*

4 Permits

*Park and Recreation*

Friend moved and Baker seconded to hire Jerome Ferguson as the summer rec director at \$2200.00 for the summer baseball and softball season. Vote 4/0, motion carried.

Rec Direct.

Mayor, Jones, and others will meet with Mammoth Sports on April 10<sup>th</sup>.

Mammoth

*New Business*

Hopkins moved and Wright seconded to approval the renewal of the city's insurance through EMC with a premium of \$75,871.00. Vote 4/0, motion carried.

EMC Renew

Council discussed the possibility of charging traveling teams for the use of the City's baseball and softball fields. Various options were considered, including charging per player, per team, or per hour of practice. These fees would be used to support the maintenance and upkeep of City facilities. Following discussion, Council tabled the item and plans to establish a fee structure and policy by August.

Travel Teams

Griffin provided a rough draft of a new agreement with the school district for the use of the Jones Park facilities. Griffin requested that the Council review the draft and provide any notes or suggested changes.

USD agreement

Griffin and Nolan presented a list of properties, along with photographs, that will receive notices for cleanup, renovation, or demolition.

Nuisance

Also included in the packets was a list of property owners on the west side of town with tree limbs extending over streets and right-of-way areas. Griffin asked the Council to consider establishing a program similar to the City's street work plan, where a different section of town would be addressed each year by hiring a contractor to trim trees.

Trees

Griffin also recommended considering a small fee added to utility accounts to help offset the cost of this maintenance program. The purpose of the program would be to improve safety and accessibility for larger vehicles, including fire trucks, trash trucks, school buses, and campers.

*Old Business*

Griffin asked the Council for direction regarding the subdivision request to provide water, sewer, and street infrastructure for Phase 1, with an estimated cost of \$1.25 million. It was noted that the projected annual bond payment for the project would be approximately \$90,000. Council directed Griffin to arrange a special meeting with the property owners to further discuss the request.

Subdivision

*Ordinances & Resolutions*

Baker moved and Wright seconded to adopt an ordinance regulating the use of public rights-of-way and easement within the city. Vote 4/0, motion carried. Clerk will assign Ordinance #635.

Ord. 635  
Fiber/Easements

Hopkins moved and Friend seconded to pay all bills. Vote 4/0, motion carried.

Pay Bills

Baker moved and Wright seconded to sign an agreement with JEO Consulting Group, Inc. to create preliminary designs for a city building. Vote 4/0, motion carried.

JEO - Building

Adjourn

Hopkins moved and Friend seconded to adjourn the meeting. Vote 4/0, motion carried.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Eric S. Ferguson, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Catherine Griffin, City Clerk