

Lebo City Council Meeting Minutes
August 7, 2023
Lebo Community Building
320 N Ogden
7:00 p.m.

Mayor Ferguson called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Call to Order

Mayor Ferguson led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Council members present: Will Baker, Troy Friend, Jerry Headley, Jim Jones, and Jamie Jasnosi

Friend moved to approve the July regular meeting minutes, Jones seconded. Jasnosi abstaining. Approve Minute Abstention recorded with popular vote, Vote 5/0, motion carried.

Visitors:

Brett Thorne was present to ask about placing an ice/water machine and possibly other vending machines on the vacate city lot located at the intersection of Ogden and Broadway. Council tabled the matter until information can be gathered.

Thorne Ice

Bart Massey, Bobby Skipper and Jesse Knight attended the meeting. Mr. Massey is from Kentucky, His Company, Secure Semiconductor Manufacturing will be locating plants in Coffey County, one by the Coffey County Airport and one in the old Dream Homes Building in Lebo.

Chip Plant

Christa Lemley was present to ask for more time to get her uninhabitable mobile home at 214 W. 2nd removed from the property. Jasnosi moved and Headley seconded to extend her timeline to October 2nd. Vote 5/0, motion carried.

Lemley
Unsafe
Extention

Mayor Ferguson received a letter from Leo Tastove concerning his property on W. 4th. The mayor said improvements have been made and asked the council to give Tastove one year to renovate or remove the house located on the property. Jasnosi moved and Jones seconded to remove the property from the unsafe/uninhabitable property list to allow Tastove time to work on the property. Vote 5/0, motion carried.

Tastove
Unsafe
Extention

Brian Rosine was present to ask about the city providing incentives for people to build new homes in Lebo. Other towns like Emporia provide a property tax abatement for 10 years. Sloan stated the city and county have one of the lowest property taxes in the state which is already an incentive. The city council is taken measures to calculate how much growth the current city utility systems can handle. Council has hired an engineering firm to do a study on the city's current utility systems.

Rosine
Housing
incentives

Department reports:

Utility report- Scott Smith verbal report

- Mullen Construction did a good job of tearing down the old fire house. The area is clean of all debris
- One new gas tap and one new water tap
- Made repairs to the irrigation system on the football field
- Added gravel to the driveways on the east side of South Ogden after the county resurfaced Ogden Street.
- Shoemaker Construction remove and reset water meters in the old trailer park
- The summer help, Carson Hein, Eli Ellis and Addison Smith, did an excellent job this summer
- The skid steer is broke down

Old Police
Demo-mullen

Utility Taps
FB Irrigat.

Water -Trail.
Park

Summer Help
Skid Steer

- 28 utility locates
- Stone masons will be in this week to look at the old jail

PWWSD #12 – Jamie Jasnoski absent

- The board hired the Pomona representative as an operator for the plant. Pomona will need to appoint someone to fill the vacancy on the board Board
Vacancy

Police Report – Arron Cathcard - written report in packet

Clerks Report –Carrie Sloan

- Finances: clerk’s cash report, bank balances and sales tax report and check registers. The \$5,500 check for Mullen’s to demo the old fire station was written from the non-budgeted Capitol Improvement Fund Finance
Report

Municipal Court- Catherine Griffin

- 2 cases

Zoning- Catherine Griffin

- 2 permits
- Jasnoski moved and Baker seconded to approve the mayor’s recommendations of Adam Tatman and Joanna Ferguson to the Planning Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals. Vote 5/0, motion carried Tatman
Ferguson
Appoint.

Utility Billing-Catherine Griffin – nothing to report

Park & Rec Board-

Jasnoski moved and Headley seconded to approve the mayor’s recommendations of Justin Jones and Darren McBride to the Park and Recreation Board. Vote 5/0, motion carried. Jones
McBride
Appoint.

New Business-

Friend moved and Jones seconded to hold a special meeting Monday, August 14, 2023 @ 7 pm to review the 2022 audit and hold discussion on the 2024 budget needs. Vote 5/0, motion carried. Spec. Meet.
Audit/Budget

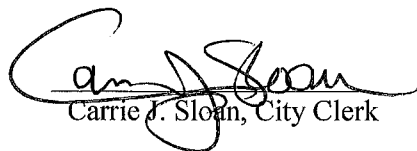
The council agreed with the mayor’s recommendations to seek estimates to place a 30x80 building on the area where the old fire station was located. Headley asked about looking into placing the building on the city property by the east water tower. The mayor will look into the size of the lot and into estimates for a building. Old Police
Rebuild

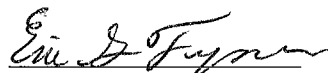
Ordinances and Resolutions- none

Jasnoski moved and Headley seconded to pay bills. Vote 5/0, motion carried Pay Bills

Jasnoski moved and Friend seconded to adjourn. Vote 5/0, motion carried. Adjourn

Attest:


Carrie J. Sloan, City Clerk

Approved: 
Eric S. Ferguson, Mayor