

City Council Special Meeting Minutes
December 28, 2022
Lebo Community Building
320 N Ogden
7:00 p.m.

Mayor Eric Ferguson called the 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, Jim Jones, and Jamie Jasnoski.
Council members absent: Jerry Headley

Mayor opened the bids for the 15 E. Commercial property.

Bids
15 E. Commercial

1. Leo Tastove \$39,800 – Housing but needs to build up ground first
2. Robert Joe Shoemaker \$15,000 – no development plans listed
3. Stewardship Investments \$35,000 no development plans listed
4. Grimmett Construction – \$20,000 4 to 5 houses built within 2 years with an average value of \$225,000 to \$250,000 each

Friend moved and Baker seconded to table discussion on the sale of the property until the January regular meeting to allow the mayor to gather more information, so that the bids can be compared equally. Vote 4/0, motion carried.

James Baugh and Joline Shaner were present to discuss their progress on the uninhabitable structure at 216 E. Sac & Fox. Baugh explained he just recently got laid off and he now has time to work on the removal of the structure. The electricity was just recently disconnected from the building and he has ordered a dumpster from TWS so that they can separate the construction materials from the other materials as required by the landfill. In response to Mayor Ferguson's question on a time frame, Shaner stated the house would be gone by the next council meeting January 9, 2023. Council tabled any formal action until the January 9th meeting. Ed Griffin, owner of adjoining property presented pictures of the property as of today and expressed his deep concern of the current dangers on the property and for the safety of his children and pets by being located next door to the property.

Uninhabit.
Sac & Fox

Clarence Frye and Tom Zink attended the meeting to discuss progress and tentative design of the development of the all veterans' memorial in the city downtown memorial park; a concrete base to cover the entire area, a 15X20 Pavilion, picnic tables, 15' colored concrete star in 16' circle, raised hexagon pedestal with service emblems, American Flag pole in the center surrounded by service flags, park benches, and an all veterans memorial sign/wall. Frye explained this would be the first phase of a several phase project. The American Legion is working on grants and funding. The Coffey County Development director, Bobby Skipper said they would provide some funds for the project. Spring of 2023 is the intended start time of the project. The American legion will provide updates as deemed pertinent.

Vet./Memorial
Park

Jasnoski moved and Baker seconded to enter executive session for 10 minutes at 7:40 to discuss non-elected personnel pursuant to KSA 75-4319 (b) (1). The meeting will open to the public at 7:50 p.m. Vote 4/0, motion carried. Council asked Javier Muro to remain in chambers. Mayor Ferguson opened the meeting to the public at 7:50 p.m. Jasnoski moved and Baker seconded to offer the maintenance position to Scott Hein with the starting wage of \$17.00 an hour and employment to start as soon as possible, preferable within 2 to 3 weeks. Vote 4/0, motion carried. Mayor Ferguson will contact Hein with the offer.

Exec. Session

Scott Hein
Hired

Jasnoski moved and Baker seconded to make the following transfers as allowed by the 2022 Budget:

Budget Transfers

- \$50,000 from the General Fund to the Capital Improvement Fund
 - \$30,000 from the General Fund to the Capital Equipment Fund
 - \$10,000 from the Sewer Fund to the General Fund
 - \$10,000 from the Gas Fund to the General Fund
- Vote 4/0, motion carried.

Sloan stated the council receive^d a letter requesting the vacating of the 3/4 of a block of W. 2nd Street from Oak Street going west to the city limits. The request was submitted by the property owner to the south of the easement. The request was also supported by the property owner to the north of the easement, Brad Scheibmeir. Friend moved and Jones seconded to hold a public hearing at the February City Council meeting. Vote 4/0, motion carried. Sloan will publish the notice and send out notice of hearing to the adjoining property owners.

Request
Vacate Street

Jones moved and Baker seconded to hold the regular January meeting on January 9th due to the New Year's holiday being observed on January 2 as stated in city policy. Vote 4/0, motion carried.


Jan. Reg. Meeting

Baker moved to pay bills, Friend seconded. Vote 4/0, motion carried.

Pay Bills

Jasnoski moved to adjourn, Jones seconded. Vote 4/0, motion carried.

Adjourn

Approved: 
Eric S. Ferguson, Mayor

Attest: 
Carrie J. Sloan, City Clerk