

Lebo City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
December 4, 2023
Lebo Community Building
320 N Ogden
7:00 p.m.

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

Call to
order

Ferguson led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Council members present: Jerry Headley, Troy Friend, and Will Baker.
Governing body members absent: Jim Jones and Jamie Jasnoski

Baker moved and Headley seconded to approve the minutes of the November meeting Vote 3/0, motion carried.

Approve
Minutes

Also Present: Lucas Langley, Brett Thorne, Garrett Nordstrom and 3 members of the park board,

Mayor Ferguson informed council that Jamie Jasnoski has resigned from the council. She no longer meets the requirements of the State Statutes for council members to be a qualified voter of the city. Ferguson will provide council with recommendation to fill the vacancy at the January meeting. The position has 2 years left on its term.

Jasnoski
Resign

Visitors:

Garrett Nordstrom was present to discuss the beneficial services his company Governmental Assistance Services (GAS) can provide to the city. They provide grant writing, low-to-moderate income surveying, grant administration, environmental reviews and loan application services. They have worked for over 95 communities and completed 220 successful grant applications. Currently Lebo's LMI is at 48.9%. Nordstrom feels a survey of the households in Lebo may prove beneficial like it has in other communities. If the survey provides evidence that the city's LMI is above 51% the city will qualify for CDBG funding. CDBG grants would be very beneficial for the upcoming improvements at the north park. GAS services would be helpful if the city decides to pursue grants for other improvements and expansions for growth in Lebo. No action was taken at this time.

Grant
Writer

Clarence Frye was present to update the council on the all veteran's memorial project. The Legion has hired an engineering firm out of Manhattan, Kansas.

Vet Mem.

Department reports:

Utility reports- Javier Muro, Scott Hein and Scott Smith presented a written report in packet

- Deleted a gas service at an EMP Shield building
- Picked up the Dodge with the new snow blade and salt spreader – it worked well on November 26th snow removal
- Assisted Black Hills with maintenance at the gas regulator shack
- Sold water to Telcom for a boring project on W. Broadway Street
- Turned on gas for new crematory at funeral home
- Repaired and hung Christmas decorations
- Sewer locates

delete gas
Blade/
spreader

Gas Shack

Crematory
XMas Decor

Friend moved and Baker seconded to approve Scott Smith's request to purchase a new mower from Diligent Trailers in Emporia Kansas at a cost not to exceed \$14,000. Vote 3/0, motion carried. The cost will be split between the General Park Fund and the Capital Equipment Fund. Purchase Mower

Muro reported he has spoken with Vance Brothers and APAC about street work for next year. Streets

PWWSD #12 – no report

Council approved the Mayor's recommendation that he will represent the city on the water board following the resignation of Jamie Jasnoski. He will need to provide the board with an alternate representative for the city. Mayor appoint

Police Report – Aaron Cathcard absent – written report in packet

- November written report – 1 traffic citation, 3 verbal warnings, 6 assisting other agencies, 2 Welfare/Public Safety checks, 1 citation for noise ordinance violation, served letters to 2 property owners

Clerks Report – Carrie Sloan reporting

- Written reports in council packets included: clerk's cash report, check registers, bank statements, sales tax report, a notice to Encore Energy to not renew their contract due to selling the natural gas system, election results, grant information and asset purchase agreement from Kansas Gas. Finance Report

Municipal Court- Catherine Griffin reporting:

- One case

Zoning-Catherine Griffin reporting:

- Two permits

Utility Billing-Catherine Griffin reporting

- No report needed

Other Reports:

Park Board- Jenny Tatman reporting

The board has been working on additional grants for the playground systems and ground cover at the west park. WP Grants

New Business-

- Baker moved and Friend seconded to approve two cereal malt beverage licenses for Jill Milota DBA Heidi Inn: 1. For the consumption of the premises, 2. For sale in original and unopened containers and 3. One cereal malt beverage license for Casey's General Store #3919 for sale in original and unopened containers. Vote 3/0. Motion carried. CMB Approved

- Friend moved and Baker seconded to set the yearend meeting to close out all 2023 unfinished business, personnel matters and unpaid bills on Wednesday, December 27th at 6p.m. Vote 3/0, motion carried. Yearend meet.

Old Business-

Review of nuisance properties

Lucas Langley said he was present to represent Deanna and Dakota Joss property. Mayor Ferguson informed the council that the city attorney said the judge of Coffey County District Court ruled the city can enter the property to abate the nuisances after the first of the year. Nuisance Property

Holmes Construction Plus was the only contractor to bid on the nuisance properties. The Mayor and city maintenance workers will coordinate with Holmes after the first of the year about abating the nuisance properties at 502 W. 2nd St. and 213 E. 4th St.


Baker moved to pay bills, Friend seconded. Vote 3/0, motion carried.

Pay Bills


Friend moved and Baker seconded to adjourn. Vote 3/0, motion carried.

Adjourn

Attest:


Carrie J. Sloan, City Clerk

Approved:


Eric S. Ferguson, Mayor