

Lebo City Council Meeting Minutes
June 2, 2025
Lebo Community Building
320 N. Ogden St. Lebo, Kansas
7:00 p.m.

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

Call to ORDER

All Governing Body members present:

Mayor Eric Ferguson

Councilmembers Will Baker, Troy Friend, Amanda Hopkins, Jim Jones, and Nick Sanchez.

Mayor Ferguson led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Friend moved, and Baker seconded the motion to approve the May regular meeting Vote was 5/0, motion carried.

Appr. Minutes

Visitors:

Several Lebo area citizens, PWWSO #12 board member Brandon Smith, and County Commissioners Todd Barker and Wayne Thomsen, were in attendance for the Lebo Lake Dam renovation discussion. Mayor Ferguson informed the public that the council did not have plans to vote on draining the lake, as many citizens had heard. He explained that the city council planned to discuss the dam renovation project with Ben Kramer, Kramer Consulting. Kramer Consulting who has been working on the state-required Plans and Specs for the dam. Due to the large number of attendees, Mayor Ferguson announced he would open the floor for comments and asked the public to limit their comments to 2 minutes. A few comments were made expressing support for repairing the dam. Joe Shoemaker again voiced his opinion about draining the lake to allow for new housing around the lake area. Kramer explained that the Plans and Specs to renovate the entire dam area are almost complete and ready to send to the State for approval. Hopkins moved and Friend seconded to hold a special meeting on Monday, June 16th at 7 pm to meet with Kramer to discuss the Plans and Specs for the dam. Also on the special meeting agenda will be the 2026 budget preliminary discussion. Vote 5/0, motion carried.

o Lake Dam

Brandon, Public Wholesale Water Supply District 12 operator, was present to discuss the advantages of the GSI mapping for the water and sewer systems. Mapping is available through KRWA. Muro provided in the council packets pricing proposals from KRWA. Discussion on the matter will be added to the 2026 budget.

Utility Maps

Department reports:

PWWSO #12 – Mayor Eric Ferguson reporting

PWWSO12 will be implementing a Free Chlorine Burnout on their system from May 26th to June 23rd

Utility report- Javier Muro absent, Scott Hein and Scott Smith present

Written report included: worked on water main valves with KRWA, repaired two water leaks, flushed and exercised fire hydrants, sprayed and mowed, finished cleaning and filling the swimming pool, cleaned curbs and guttering, APAC overlay and chip sealed streets, and 61 utility locates.

Field Maint.

Electric W.
Tower

Hein reported Arlan Company has completed a majority of the ball field maintenance that the council approved last month. Hein also reported the electrical project to restore power to the pit at the 100,000 gallon water tower should be completed this month.

Muro asked the council about the road easements in town that remain undeveloped but now have houses located past the existing pavement: Sycamore Street north of 5th St., Walnut south of College St., and Cedar St. south of 2nd Street. Discussion was held about the private road on the Murphy's Elevator property. The property is within the city limits, the entrance to the property

Rd. Easements

off of South Ogden is a railroad right-of-way, after that, it becomes a private road to the city limits. Hopkins moved and Sanchez seconded to table discussion on road improvements until budget discussion. Vote 5/0, motion carried.

Baker moved and Friend seconded to approve Muro's request to purchase the Vermeer EVT1002, EV 150 Trailer EV150GT, 3500 GVWR, 1X40 Gallon water tank for \$38,730 with funding coming from the city's non-budgeted Equipment Reserve Fund. Vote 5/0, motion carried.

Purchase Potholer

Muro reported he has spoken with APAC about the excessive road chips that were left along S. Walnut today when they were chip sealing.

APAC

Police Report –Aaron Cathcard reporting

Written report for May:

2 citizen complaints, 5 traffic control, 5 assisting other agencies, 1 juvenile issue, and 4 other types of calls.

Clerk's Report –Carrie Sloan

- Reports in the packet included the clerk's cash report; income and expense reports, checking account register; sales tax distribution; Westar franchise fees report; a flyer outlining the event time-line for the Wall That Heals, group of motorcycles and classic vehicles will travel from the Lebo American Legion to the Emporia American Legion where the Wall That Heals will be on display in Emporia; a letter from Janice A. Nielsen of Hawaii concerning research she had done on the "Doolittle Raid" and Harold Spatz. She bought a Seat of Honor plaque for Harold, it is on the back of Seat B-4 in the Pearl Harbor Aviation Museum. She submitted her research on for those who want to know more about the Seat of Honor individuals. She is working to get Harold Spatz's name added to the Notable list buried at Punch Bowl, the National Cemetery in Hawaii, 2025; election information; draft financing analysis to help finance a new pool and an email from the Office of Rural Prosperity informing Lebo that our proposal for the Towns Grant did not get funding. They had received over \$673,000 in requests and only \$100,000 in funding available. The Lebo application did well, there were many strong applications, and they encouraged Lebo to re-submit the application when additional funding opportunities are available. Sloan plans to resubmit the application to the SEEDS Grant Program this fall.

Finance Report

Wall that Heals

Spatz Research

Municipal Court- Catherine Griffin

- 2 cases

Zoning-Catherine Griffin

- 1 variance request
- 8 permits

Griffin reported sending out a newsletter with the Stars and Stripes schedule and the annual CCR water report.

CCR Report

Stars and Stripes Celebration report from event coordinator Catherine Griffin

- Hopkins moved, and Baker seconded to approve Griffin's request to close streets as needed for the celebration. Vote 5/0, motion carried
- Budget for the 2025 Stars and Stripes Celebration: \$8,000 from the general fund, \$2,460 in donations and a request from Griffin for \$1,000 from the Economic Development Fund. Baker moved, and Friend seconded, approving Griffin's request for an additional \$1,000 in funding for the Stars and Stripes Celebration from the city's Economic Development Fund to cover the projected expenses of \$11,533.95. Vote 5-0, motion carried.

S&S St. Close

S&S Budget Incre.

Griffin reported that because no one applied for the head umpire position or the field scheduling director position for the summer league baseball and softball games, she and Javier Muro have decided to share these responsibilities. Last year, Darren McBride applied for the head umpire

Summer Ball Pay

and field scheduling positions and received a payment of \$920 for his work. Baker moved and Friend seconded to split \$920 between Griffin and Muro for the duties they have been performing as head umpire and field scheduling director. Vote 5/0, motion carried

New Business –

Jones moved and Friend seconded to go into executive session at 9:24 p.m. for 20 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel in accordance with K.S.A 75-4319 (b) (1). Vote: 5/0, motion carried. Mayor Ferguson opened the meeting to the public at 9:44 P.M. No action was taken.

Exec. Session

Sanchez moved and Baker seconded to go into executive session at 9:45 p.m. for 15 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel in accordance with K.S.A 75-4319 (b) (1). Vote: 5/0, motion carried. Mayor Ferguson opened the meeting to the public at 10 p.m. No action was taken.

Exec. Session

Old Business- no discussion

Ordinances and Resolutions-none presented

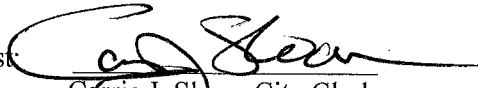
Friend moved, and Hopkins seconded the motion to pay the bills. Vote 5/0, motion carried.

Pay Bills

Friend moved, and Hopkins seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10 p.m. Vote 5/0, motion carried.

Adjourn

Approved: 
Eric S. Ferguson, Mayor

Attest: 
Carrie J. Sloan, City Clerk