

**Lebo City Council Meeting Minutes**  
**August 5, 2024**  
**Lebo High School Commons Area**  
**12 W. 4<sup>th</sup> Street**  
**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: Mayor Ferguson, Council members: Troy Friend, Nick Sanchez, Jim Jones, and Will Baker. Council member Amanda Hopkins joined the meeting by phone.

Friend moved to approve the July regular meeting minutes and the two special meeting minutes, Jones seconded Vote 5/0, motion carried.

Approve  
Minutes

*Visitors:*

Ryan Durst, Coffey County Road and Bridge was present to discuss s cost share for the maintenance of the city lake roads. The lake and a majority of the roads are within the city limits. The city has maintained the roads for recreational purposes only. Over the years houses have been built around the lake. The houses are not within the city limits. Durst asked if the council would consider entering into a written agreement with the county. Coffey County Road and Bridge would provide the equipment and man power to maintain the roads and the city would cover the cost of rock and replacing the culverts under the city road when needed. Durst will ask the county attorney to draw up an agreement.

Lake Roads

Scott Farmer, Amber Presley, Martin Ernest were present representing the Coffey County Radio Committee. The County is planning to place 3 communication towers in the county in improve radio coverage for emergency response. One tower in the Gridley area, one tower in the LeRoy area and one tower in the Lebo area. The committee asked if the city would be interested in donating, selling or leasing land to for a 300 ft. communications tower. The request is for one acre located in the southwest corner of the city lagoon property. Sloan will contact Kramer Consulting LLC for an opinion on relinquishing the property. Kramer Consulting did a study on the sewer lagoon capacity a few years ago. Sloan will ask if selling the property would inhibit increasing the size of the lagoons or impede growth for the city.

C.C. Radio  
Tower

John Terry, KwiKom was present to discuss placing fiber internet lines throughout the town to allow access to all citizens and businesses. He presented a memorandum of understanding between the City and KwiKom stating: All lines and other infrastructure installed by or for KwiKom in the City's right of way (the "Facilities") will be installed in compliance with the City's road right of way use regulations. KwiKom will be responsible for making any necessary relocation of the facilities necessitated by improvement, repairs, maintenance, reconstruction or relocation of the City's roads. KwiKom will indemnify the City from any claim or cost and from any damages the City incurs as a result of the relocation of the Facilities, except when such damages result from the negligence of the City. And when any permitted installation is completed, KwiKom will provide the City a detailed, accurate "as-built" plan showing the exact location and nature of the Facilities. Sloan will send the contract to the city attorney for review.

Kwikom

Jones moved and Baker seconded to hold a special meeting on Wednesday, August 14, 2024 at 7:00 pm to discuss 1) the 2025 budget, 2) discussion of the one acre of land requested by the County 3) The Kwikom agreement. Vote 5/0, motion carried.

Spec. Meet

Clarence Frye was present to discuss American Legion news. 1) Progress on the Veterans Memorial is stalled until the IRS grants their tax-exempt status. 2) The Lebo Charter is 103 years old with 51 current members. 3) Community projects include: purchasing equipment for the t-ball team, an area scholarship, bingo, a monthly breakfast, and providing money to the churches for the summer food program for children under 18 yrs. of age, handicap equipment is available for anyone to borrow, and the placement of American Flags on national holidays. Frye encouraged the city council to reach out to the Legion when they are in need, they are willing to help if they can.

Legion

Jenny Tatman was present to talk about the Energize Lebo group, the committee that operates under the Emporia Foundation. Energize Lebo has requested funding from the "Love Kansas" program. Kansas Department of Commerce is giving \$5,000 to the first 50 communities that request the funds to help promote Kansas under the "Love Kansas" campaign. Sloan asked if the ceremony for the recognition of contributors to the West Park new playground would qualify as an event for the "Love Kansas" program. Hopkins said she is working on it.

Energize  
Lebo

*Department reports:*

*Utility report- Scott Smith, Javier Muro & Scott Hein*

- Written report: gas leak investigation and repair, ditch cleaning, water line repair on Oak St., assisted Holmes Construction Plus with the Britton property clean-up, Drained east water tower for exterior painting and inter clean-out, APAC completed the 2024 chip seal project, treated sewer mains for roots, sold water to Hwy 50 repair crew, measured a couple of asphalt repair spots for Killough, West Park playground installation is finished. Holmes Construction will be finishing up dirt work, 8 utility locates.
- Scott Smith informed the council he had reached out to offer mutual aid to the city of Melvern during this time as they may need assistance. The Melvern city worker was injured in an auto accident when responding to an emergency.
- Friend asked about exercising the water valves. Smith responded the city exercises all the valves at least once a year. KRWA has a machine to help exercise valves, it may provide the needed help on valves that are difficult to exercise.

Britton  
Clean Up  
East Tower  
Ext. Paint  
APAC  
  
Melvern Aid  
  
Valves

*PWWSD #12 – Eric Ferguson*

- Board minutes are in the council packets
- The board is discussing a rate increase for next year
- The board is requesting an extra 3,000,000 gallons a day in water rights from the state

*Police Report – written report in packet*

- July written police report provided in the council packet included: 3 criminal reports, 6 assisting other agencies, 1 welfare check, follow-up on 6 properties with nuisance ordinance complaints, and 4 other type calls.

*Clerks Report –Carrie Sloan*

Written report included: clerk's cash report, check register, bank statements, sales tax reports, a notice from Every denying the request for funds for the west playground project, receiving \$5,889.18 dividend check from EMC KMU safety group, a breakdown of estimated 2025 budget expenses, League of Kansas Municipalities training opportunity in Ottawa on September 5th for Kansas Open Meeting Act and Open Records Act.

Finance

Sloan is seeking additional funding to cover some of the additional cost of the new playground system that exceeded the amount budgeted in 2024 Park and Rec capital outlay and the additional \$30,000 approved from the Park and Rec general fund. WP overage

*Municipal Court- Catherine Griffin written report*

- No court in August

*Zoning-Catherine Griffin written report*

- no permits

*Park & Rec Board- Jim Jones reporting*

Jim Jones reported the board is finishing up the West Park project. WP

*New Business- none*


*Old Business –*


Old city jail restoration: Scott Smith said he didn't feel the jail should be torn down and will talk with some individuals who may have shown interest in donating to the restoration. Jail

*Ordinances and Resolutions- none*

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

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

Approved:   
Eric S. Ferguson, Mayor

Attest:   
Carrie J. Sloan, City Clerk