

Lebo City Council Meeting Minutes
August 4, 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

Governing Body members present:

Mayor Eric Ferguson

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

Governing Body members absent: Jim Jones

Mayor Ferguson led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Baker moved, and Hopkins seconded the motion to approve the July regular meeting minutes.
Vote 4/0, motion carried.

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Visitors:

Justin Morgan was present to request an extension of Walnut Street south by approximately 100 feet from the existing pavement. Muro had received two proposals to extend the current road by building/shaping a road extension made of AB3 rock. Local contractor, Brad Mullen, gave a proposal of \$3200 to clean out and haul off trees in the west ditch, shape and crown the road, adding rock as needed. The cost of rock is not included in the bid. Apac proposed reshaping with AB3 for \$6837.25. Hopkins moved and Friend seconded to extend the current S. Walnut Street from the current pavement south to Morgan's new home with AB3 at a cost not to exceed \$7,000. Vote 4/0, motion carried.

Extend S. Walnu

Trenton Fagg was not present to request that the alley easement be vacated.

JD Pierce was present, asking the council to re-address his concern over speeding on W. Broadway. He attended the April council meeting to request additional police presence on W. Broadway to help alleviate the problem. 7 am, noon, and 5:30 p.m. seem to be the times when the most prevalent speeding happens. Council will ensure that the police are notified of the information Mr. Pierce presented.

Traffic Concern

Department reports:

PWWSD #12 – Mayor Eric Ferguson reporting

PWWSD12 mid-year expense figures are up over last year's figures, partly due to main breaks. The board is reviewing its insurance.

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

Written report for July: Root killing in sewer manholes, repaired water main leaks 1) Murphy Ag and 2) South Ogden, where Kwikom bored into the main, collected lead and copper testing samples, new water tap for Baptist Church, clean up at North Park from playground equipment removal, pothole patching, removed dead pine trees at west park, 32 utility locates and installed new school zone signs.

Water Main Leaks
Kwikom

Scott Smith reported that he will be contacting American Tree Service to remove another dying tree in the west park.

Smith requested that the council close W. 4th Street between Ogden and Pine from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. on August 12th to accommodate parking for the classic cars escorting the Wall That Heals. Additionally, Hopkins mentioned that W. 4th and W. 5th Streets would also need to be closed that same evening for back-to-school activities. Hopkins moved, and Sanchez seconded, the motion to close one block of W. 4th from Ogden to Pine and one block of E. Broadway from Ogden to Elm from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. on August 12th. And to close one block of W. 4th and one

Appr. Street
Close

block of W. 5th from Ogden to Pine on the evening of August 12th, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Vote 4/0, motion carried.

Scott Hein raised several questions regarding North Park: 1) Is the park board planning to install temporary playground equipment where the old equipment was recently removed? He thinks this should be reconsidered. 2) Is the council interested in selling the border from the old equipment? 3) Will the current pool be reopened next year, and should he winterize it? 4) Hein also inquired about removing the old benches located near the area where the playground equipment was removed.

N. Park

Mayor Ferguson stated that the park board is meeting this Wednesday, and some members will be attending the meeting on August 15th. Jim Jones set a meeting to meet with Integrity to discuss improvements and designs for North Park. Ferguson assured that the board would be made aware of Hein's questions and concerns. The council will revisit these issues next month after gathering more information.

Hein asked for clarification on "What is comp-time? The city does not pay for the employees to be on call 24 hours a day, so the city provides compensatory time off at 1.5 times the hours worked after an 8-hour day when an employee is called out after hours on an emergency that requires action to ensure public safety or works after hours on maintaining required city services.

Comp

Police report- Written report

2 criminal reports, 6 verbal warnings, 5 assisting other agencies, 1 welfare/public safety, and 4 other types of calls.

Clerk's Report -Carrie Sloan

- The packet included several reports: the clerk's cash report, income and expense reports, the checking account register, sales tax distribution, the Westar franchise fees report, a spreadsheet listing assessed valuations and mil levies for some cities of the third class, and a letter of thanks from the Special Olympics for a donation.
- Griffin has been working on updating the personnel policy and job descriptions. The draft she sent to the city attorney for approval is in the packet.

Finance

Personel Policy
Job Descr.

Sloan mentioned that the grant application for \$500,000 to the Patterson Foundation for pool construction has been submitted. Additionally, Sloan reported that she has been communicating via email with Tony Twyman regarding the Jones Foundation grant. Twyman noted that the cost of building pools has risen significantly since the 1980s, when several communities received grants as part of park initiatives. The compromise they have made over time is for splash pads, which are more affordable to build. Twyman asked the city to provide a project budget for the splash pad, as this might be an area where the Jones Foundation could offer support.

Grants

Sloan also mentioned that Burlingame recently received a \$500,000 grant from the Jones Foundation to rehabilitate their swimming pool. In response to Mr. Twyman's request, Sloan provided the cost details for the splash pad and the cost of the pool and splash pad combined total, stating that with other grants, the city is lacking around \$868,000 to be able to complete both the splash pad and pool and that the city would be appreciative of any amount of funding Jones Trust can contribute toward the projected \$868,000 still needed to complete the project.

Municipal Court- Catherine Griffin

- 2 cases this month

Zoning-Catherine Griffin

- 0 permits
- The hearing for the Sunflower Subdivision will be held on August 11th at the community building.

Sunflower Sub.

Griffin reported getting the paperwork completed for Crystina so she can attend the 1st year of the clerk's institute. Griffin also completed a scholarship application for herself to attend her 3rd year clerk's institute.

Institute

Griffin provided information on time-tracking programs, including real-time clock-in and clock-out features with GPS. Baker requested information on biometric time clock systems. The discussion was tabled to gather more information.

Time Clock Apps

Friend asked for notices to be added to the utility bills, to 1) not blow grass clippings into the street, and 2) trim tree limbs that hang low over the streets.

Nuis. Notices

Park and Recreation- No report

New Business – none

Old Business

Friend moved and Baker seconded to enter into the Lebo Lake Road Maintenance agreement with the Coffey County Board of Commissioners. Vote 4/0, motion carried.

Lake Rd. Agree.

Baker moved and Hopkins seconded to enter into an updated agreement with USD#243, providing an outline of the maintenance, rent, and other responsibilities of the city and school in the agreement. Vote 4/0, motion carried.

School Park Agree

A discussion was held on the 2026 proposed budget.

After reviewing the proposed expenses, the council agreed on a mill levy of 24.510 (0.082 below the revenue-neutral rate of 24.592). Total Ad Valorem Tax for 2025 was \$223,250. 2026 Ad Valorem 2026 would be \$222,544. General Fund 17.693, Employee Benefits 5.259, Special Liability 0.441, Law Enforcement 1.117, totaling 24.510 mills

'26 Budget

Friend moved and Hopkins seconded to approve the budget as presented and publish the notice of budget hearing for September 8, 2025, at 7 p.m. Vote 4/0, motion carried. There will be no need for a Revenue Neutral Rate hearing because the city will not be exceeding the revenue neutral rate.

budget Hearing

Ordinances and Resolutions

Baker moved and Sanchez seconded to pass an ordinance regulating traffic within the corporate limits of the City of Lebo, Kansas; incorporating by reference the “standard traffic ordinance for Kansas cities,” 48th edition, with certain additions; prescribing additional regulation; providing certain penalties and repealing ordinance no. 586, the clerk assigned it #626 and to pass an ordinance regulating public offenses within the corporate limits of the City of Lebo, Kansas; incorporating by reference the “uniform public offense code for Kansas cities”, 37th edition, and repealing ordinance no. 585, the clerk assigned it #627. Vote 4/0, motion carried.

Ord. 626 Stand.
Traffic

Ord. 627 UPOC

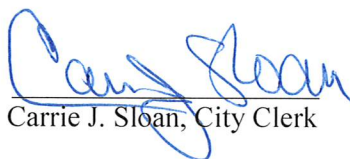
Baker moved and Hopkins seconded the motion to pay the bills. Vote 4/0, motion carried.

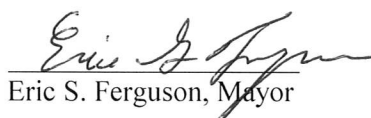
Pay Bills

Sanchez moved and Friend seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10 p.m. Vote 4/0, motion carried.

Adjourn

Attest:


Carrie J. Sloan, City Clerk

Approved: 
Eric S. Ferguson, Mayor