

City Council Special Meeting Minutes
January 29, 2024
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, Amanda Hopkins, Jim Jones and Nick Sanchez.

Baker moved Friend seconded to approve the APAC bids 1) Mobilization, 33,474 SY. Chip seal, 464 ton Skim Patch, and 8,215 SY. Prime & Double seal, totaling \$236,154.79 2) Mobilization and 5200 LF crack filler totaling \$10,234.00. Vote 5/0, motion carried.

APAC Street Bid

The Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI for December 2022 through December 2023 3.4%. Using 3.4% to calculate the full time employees Cost of Living Adjustment, the increase would be; Hein 0.65, Griffin 0.67, Muro 0.68, Smith 0.80 and Sloan 1.00. Total wage increase for 2024- \$7228. Sloan stated the county did not go with the CPI figure but a set 0.80 for all employees. Sloan suggested a modified COLA for the city also. 3.4% of \$20.00 to Hein, Muro and Sloan (0.68), Smith 3.4% of current wage (0.80) and adjusting Griffin's wage with a combo COLA & wage increase of \$1.50. Griffin received a COLA and not wage increase in 2023. Last wage plus COLA increase was January 2022 of \$1.50 same as 2021. Griffin has been attending court clerk's trainings twice a year and city clerk's training last year. Sloan's suggested modified wage adjustments total would be \$8255. The city budgeted \$8,000 for COLAs. After discussion, Friend moved and Hopkins seconded to make the following full time employees per hour wage adjustments for 2024. Hein, Muro and Sloan \$0.68, Smith \$0.80 and Griffin \$1.25. Vote 5/0, motion carried. The total wage increase for 2024 will be \$7,780.

COLA/Wages

Baker moved and Sanchez seconded to approve the purchase of CTX Tioga 11'11 X 14'4" double vault style restroom for the west park at \$54,366.00. Vote 5/0, motion carried. The city budgeted \$60,000 for the purchase and installation. After the budget was passed the city received a \$28,000 grant from the 79 Fund in Emporia to help with the project. Receiving the grant will allow the city to remain under budget and allow for upgrades around the bathroom.

WP Bath

Baker said there is a continuing problem with the current sidewalk in front of the bank. During the Streetscape project the sidewalk was not sealed properly where it meets the building. Causing the sidewalk to expand upward during weather changes (rain and temperature). The owners have had contractors grind down the sidewalk surface so the door can open. Their contractor feels the section in front of the bank needs to be replaced and installed properly. Hopkins asked what information was gathered after two other businesses complained about the sidewalks in front of their businesses. Council members responded; Atchison felt the sidewalk drained toward her building, when the grade and slope were shot, the sidewalk drains toward the street, and no action was needed. Vannocker felt the placement of sidewalk made the east entrance to his business to steep. The project engineers reported the sidewalk was installed according to ADA requirements. Vannocker also has 2 other entrances to his property. The matter was tabled to allow the city to gather more information about the sidewalk.

bank sidewalk

Jones moved and Baker seconded to allow the mayor to sign the Bill of Sale and Assumption Agreement with Kansas Gas contingent on the mayor accepting the conditions of the exhibits attached to the agreement. Vote 5/0, motion carried.

KS Gas Agreement


The insurance auditor inspected the community building floor. Carpet and More placed the current floor in the building. Replacing the current floating vinyl floor with a glue down vinyl floor or carpet square (both commercial grade) would cost about \$11,000. Jarrid Blankley of Carpet also indicated the floor should be leveled before proceeding. Council tabled the matter to gather more information.

CB Floor

Jones moved to adjourn, Sanchez seconded. Vote 5/0, motion carried.

Adjourn

Approved: 
Eric S. Ferguson, Mayor

Attest: 
Carrie J. Sloan, City Clerk