

Lebo City Council Meeting Minutes
July 3, 2023
Lebo Community Building
320 N Ogden
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: Troy Friend, Jim Jones, Jerry Headley, and Will Baker.

Absent: Jamie Jasnoski

The Mayor opened the hearing to discuss the structures in Resolution 2023-3, Structures to be repaired or demolished because they may be unsafe or dangerous.

Hearing
Unsafe
Structures

1) Tabatha Criqui was present for her property. She said she is receiving funding to repair the home and plans to move in before school starts. She was informed that she has until September 11th to repair the home and make it safe and livable. Council will pass a resolution stating the conditions to be met.

2) Christa Lemley was present for her property. She said she is removing the old single wide mobile home, because her property does not have a non-conforming use permit she will be placing a double wide on a foundation (cement blocks). She was also given until September 11th to remove the old single wide mobile home. Council will pass a resolution declaring the structure unsafe and requiring it to be removed by September 11th.

3) Janice Aucion was present for her property. She said the single-wide mobile home is uninhabitable and she is moving to an apartment in Emporia. She said the structure is too unstable to move from the property and will have to be disassembled on site. She is seeking funding. Council will pass a resolution declaring the structure unsafe and require it to be removed by September 11th.

4) Leo Tastove was not present for his property. Council will pass a resolution requiring the property to be made safe by repairs or the removal of the structure.

Jones moved to approve the June regular meeting minutes, Baker seconded. Vote 4/0, motion carried.

Approve Minutes

Visitors:

Mark Vannocker, Ted Vannocker and Shannon Keifer were present to discuss developing a subdivision on about 20 acres in southeast Lebo. They would like to develop 33 lots for new homes. They provided the city a map prepared by Geo-Tech. They need information from the city about utilities, easements and streets before they can proceed. Baker moved and Jones seconded to hire Wayne Blackbourn PE, PLS with BlackStone Environmental to provide a study indicating the availability of city utility services, drainage and street design at a cost not to exceed \$6,000. Vote 4/0, motion carried. Blackbourn will provide a contract for the mayor to sign, it will list the scope of services to be provided.

Housing Devel.

Hire BlackStone
Envir.

Department reports:

Utility report- Scott Smith verbal report

- Cleaning out old police station, still need to cut the electricity before the building can be razed.
- One new gas tap
- Capped off the old gas service lines on the east side at the old trailer park, Alan Holmes assisted
- Mower is repaired
- Been busy preparing the town for the Stars and Stripes Celebration
- 22 utility locates

Old Police

Gas System

S&S Cel.

PWWSD #12 – Jamie Jasnoski absent

- No report

Police Report – Arron Cathcard - written report in packet

- Headley moved and Jones seconded to allow payment of \$57,000 for the new police vehicle. Vote 4/0, motion carried. Funds will be used from the Law Enforcement special fund budget and the LE general fund budget.

New Vehicle
Purchase

Clerks Report –Carrie Sloan

- Finances: clerk’s cash report, bank balances and sales tax
- Headley moved and Friend seconded to donate \$250 to the Coffey County Cancer Support Group. Vote 4/0, motion carried.

Finance Report
Donation

Municipal Court-

- No court in July

Zoning-

- 3 permits

Utility Billing-

- Nothing to report.

Park & Rec Board-

The Board turned in expenses for 2024 budget of \$75,000. The board would like to look at new playground equipment for the west park. They would also like the mayor to make recommendations and fill the 2 vacant board positions at the next council meeting.

P&R 2024 Budget
WP Playground
Board Positions

New Business-

Dave Kennedy was present to voice his discontent with people parking on the main street during the parade. Council explained normally the street is blocked early enough to prevent cars parking on the street. This year cars parked before the street was blocked.

S&S Parade
Complaint

Friend moved and Headley seconded to allow Dakota Knight to borrow the city bleachers for his event with a \$25 donation to be made. Vote 4/0, motion carried.

Knight Bleachers

Bids for the demolition of the old police station/fire house were opened: Holmes Construction Plus-\$9,500 and Mullen Excavating \$5,500. Headley moved and Baker seconded to award Mullen Excavating the winning bid. Vote 4/0, motion carried.

Old police demo bids
Hire Mullen

Ordinances and Resolutions

Headley moved and Baker seconded to pass Resolutions 2023-8, 2023-9, 2023-10, 2023-11, declaring unsafe structures to be removed or repaired. Vote 4/0, motion carried. The clerk will have the resolutions published, and copies sent to the property owners.

Res. Unsafe
Structures

Headley moved and Friend seconded to notify the county clerk on the city's intention to exceed the revenue neutral rate. Vote 4/0, motion carried.

Exceed RNR

Council agreed to submit to the qualified electors the proposition to sale the natural gas system. By State Statute the proposition submitted to the electors shall contain a statement of the proposed sale price. Baker moved and Friend seconded solicit request for proposals to purchasing the city's natural gas system. The proposals will be opened at the September council meeting. Vote 4/0, motion carried. If an acceptable proposal is received council will proceed with sending the special question to the electors.

Gas System for
bid

Headley moved and Friend seconded to pay bills. Vote 4/0, motion carried

PayBills

Headley moved and Friend seconded to adjourn. Vote 4/0, motion carried.

Adjourn

Attest:


Carrie J. Sloan, City Clerk

Approved:


Eric S. Ferguson, Mayor