

Lebo City Council Meeting Minutes
July 1, 2024
Lebo Community Building
320 N Ogden
7:00 p.m.

Council President Toy Friend called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Call to Order

Council member Friend led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Council members present: Troy Friend, Nick Sanchez, Amanda Hopkins, Jim Jones, and Will Baker.
Absent: Mayor Eric Ferguson

Baker moved to approve the June regular meeting minutes Hopkins seconded Vote 5/0, motion carried.
Hopkins moved to approve the minutes of the Nuisance Property hearing on June 3rd, Sanchez seconded.
Jones and Baker abstained, Vote 5/0 with the abstentions recorded with popular vote.

Approve
Minutes

Visitors:

Todd Barker was present to introduce himself as a candidate for Coffey County Commission seat for the Lebo area. He also applauded Lebo on another fine 4th of July celebration.

Barker
C.C.
Comm. Cand.

Emma Cole was on the agenda again, but failed to appear.

Wilma Winn was present but said she had no time to stay and discuss a stray cat issue, she was on the way to the Emergency Room for medical treatment.

Department reports:

Utility report- Javier Muro & Scott Hein

Written report for June: Jet Rodding sewer mains, soaped lift stations, water tap for Miller's behind Casey's, 3 new sewer taps on S Elm, ISO flow rate tests on fire hydrants that went well, spraying shoulders of roads and other prepping for chip sealing street, Curb & gutter and culvert cleaning, prepping for Stars & Stripes Celebration, Clean up and burned tree dump, power washed and water proofed wood at the kids pond shelter house and community building, painted dock railing at kids pond, got cost of Smith & Loveless lift station.

Hydrant
Tests
Lift St.

Jones moved and Baker seconded to approve the bid from Smith and Loveless to replace the lift station on 7th street. \$66,678 for the lift station and \$12,000 to install the lift station for a total cost of \$78,678. Vote 5/0, motion carried. It will take approximately 26 weeks for delivery of the lift station.

Purchase
Lift St.

Friend asked the Utility Department to look into a water main leak on Broadway Street that had been reported to him.

Main Leak

PWWSD #12 – Eric Ferguson absent-no report

Police Report – written report in packet

- June written police report provided in the council packet

Clerks Report –Carrie Sloan

- Written reports included: bank balances, sales tax, check register and clerks cash report

Finance
Report

- Council agreed with Sloan's recommendation to apply for the Rural Champions Grant through the Kansas Department of Commerce. The grant will pay \$20,800 in wages, the city will need to match with, \$5200 in funding that can be cash or in kind funding. If the city receives the grant they will also receive \$25,000 to implement the project. The grant will be a good opportunity to create a new position to oversee economic growth and housing needs for the city. They could work in a Comprehensive Plan for the city. Grant
PT
Position
- Sloan has been working with the city auditor to adjust the disbursement of the \$100000 to \$125,000 payroll, benefits, general insurance coverage, and commodities that were previously charged to the gas system. The expenses will be split between General, Employee Benefits, Water and Sewer Funds. Adjust
Gas System
Loss

Municipal Court- Catherine Griffin

- 0 cases

Zoning-Catherine Griffin

- 5 permits

Park & Rec Board-Matt Hopkins reporting:

- Park Board held a special meeting on June 23rd to discuss a complaint received from Emma Cole concerning the pool. Pool/
Cole
- Holmes Construction Plus has been preparing the area at the west park for the installation of the new playground equipment. Playscapes will be in this week to start installing the equipment WP
- A grant application has been sent to Wolf Creek/ Evergy for \$22,000 to assist in funding the additional expenses for the surfacing at the new playground equipment at the west park Evergy Grant
- The door locks on the new bathrooms are still causing issues and need to be replaced again New Bath.
- A ribbon cutting event is being planned for Labor Day weekend to recognized and thank the donors and contractors who have worked on the project. Wp Event

New Business-

Jones moved and Baker seconded to notify the County Clerk that the city intends to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate of a 29.347 mil levy with a proposed rate of a 30.961 mil levy. The additional 1.61 mils will generate approximately \$11,090. The hearing to exceed the RNR will be September 9th at 7:00 p.m. followed by the 2025 budget hearing and then the regular council meeting. Vote 5/0, motion carried. RNR
& Budget
Hearing

Old Business -

Discussion on hiring someone to do repairs on the old city jail was tabled. Scott Smith and Eric Ferguson were not present to share the information they have received. Jail

PWWSO#12 is asking for the projected future water needs. Sloan projected the annual average will equal approximately 2 to 2.5 million gallons a month. The city's contract is now 1.75 million a month

Council discussed a priority order of Capital Improvement projects that have been discuss over the past year. 1) Repair of the residential streets, 2) the city dam rehab as required by the state, 2) replacing the swimming pool, 4) new city shop and 5) dredging the sewer lagoons. C.I.
Projects

At council's request Sloan will look into what is needed to repeal the current ordinance banning the sale of fireworks within the city and passing a new ordinance to allow the sale of fireworks within the city limits Firework
Sales

Mark Britton was given until July 1st to abate the conditions of his property. The property is still out of compliance with ordinance 355. Sloan will look into proceeding with the abatement of the tall grass, weeds, trees and woody vines on the property. Britton
Grass

Ordinances and Resolutions

Baker moved and Hopkins seconded to prepare a Resolution that will put a special question on the ballot to pass a 1% special sales tax for the swimming pool, other park infrastructure and maintenance that will expire in 10 years. Vote 5/0, motion carried. Res.
Sales
Tax

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

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

Attest: 
Carrie J. Sloan, City Clerk

Approved: 
Eric S. Ferguson, Mayor