

Lebo City Council Meeting Minutes
July 8, 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

All Governing Body members present:

Mayor Eric Ferguson

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

Mayor Ferguson led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Hopkins moved, and Friend seconded the motion to approve the June regular meeting and June special meeting minutes. Vote 5/0, motion carried.

Appr. Minutes

Visitors:

Mark Vannocker was scheduled to attend but was unable to do so. The Sunflower Cartel group's preliminary plat for their Sunflower Subdivision was approved in April 2024. However, they did not submit the final plat within the required six-month period. As a result, they will need to resubmit a preliminary plat before moving forward. Sanchez requested that the hearing for the approval of the preliminary plat be scheduled as soon as possible.

Sunflower Subd

Cortney Bartley was present; he was the shooter for the city's Stars and Stripes fireworks display again this year. He said he would be available to shoot next year's show on Saturday, July 4th. He feels the prices for fireworks will increase due to tariffs. Bartley said that if the city sponsors a fireworks stand, the proceeds could be used toward additional fireworks for the city display.

Fireworks

Department reports:

PWWSO #12 – Mayor Eric Ferguson reporting

PWWSO12 will be implementing a water rate increase of \$0.75 in January 2026

Water Incre.

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

Written report for June: Burned tree dump, cleaned up Kwikom materials at the tree dump, spraying at lagoon, APAC chip sealed streets, painted parking stripes, cleanup; mowing and decorating for the Stars and Stripes Celebration; lift station maintenance, hydrant flushing, labeled water valve lids, ditch cleaning, lift station and bathrooms pumped out, filling Kwikom holes, 20 utility locates.

Scott Smith reported meeting with Clay Childs of the Emporia American Legion about the staging for the Wall that Heals in Lebo. The Wall that Heals truck will be parked downtown. The motorcycles and classic vehicles that will be escorting the truck to Emporia. Motorcycles will park on E. Broadway, and cars will be parked on W. 4th in front of the school and the parking lot of the community building on Tuesday, August 12th.

Wall that
Heals

Police report- Written report

6 verbal warnings, 4 assisting other agencies, and 6 other types of calls.

Clerk's Report –Carrie Sloan

- Reports in the packet included the clerk's cash report; income and expense reports, checking account register, sales tax distribution; Westar franchise fees report, a letter from Lt Governor/Secretary of Commerce David C. Toland announcing the \$4,024.50 grant award through the SIGNS program to the city. The program awarded \$250,000 in grants, out of the \$984,839 in requests received. Notice of distribution of the second half of the County Commissioners Park & Rec grant funds and the Infrastructure grant funds.

Finance Report

- Hopkins moved and Baker seconded to pay the Kramer Consulting invoice of \$94,785.75 for engineering services completed on the design of the Lebo Lake Dam Rehabilitation Project. Vote 5/0, motion carried. The funds will be expended from the City's Capital Improvement Reserve Fund. 45% of the \$210,635 contract has been completed.

Kramer - Dam

Municipal Court- Catherine Griffin

- No court this month

Zoning-Catherine Griffin

- 5 permits
- A regular meeting is scheduled for July 9th
- Working on paperwork for a hearing for the Sunflower Subdivision.

Park and Recreation- Jenny Tatman reporting

Jones made a motion to approve the mayor's recommendation of Quincy Colstrom to the vacant seat on the Park Board, Friend seconded. Vote 5/0, motion carried.

Colstrom P&R

- Tatman reported that she would like to apply for a T-Mobile grant to replace the playground equipment that is being removed at the north park.
- Troy Friend reported he had reached out to Woody Construction about the cost to repair the bathrooms at the lake. The 2 doors and door frames need to be replaced, and the 13-foot wall needs to be replaced. The cost is estimated to be \$7,130. The council voiced concerns about whether the bathroom should be repaired or removed.
- Jim Jones discussed working on the old concession stand. Structurally, it is in good shape and could be rehabbed and be used for storage and bathrooms. Jones suggested that the agreement between the School Board and the City Council for the use of the concession stand and football field be updated. It should be reviewed and signed every year by the boards. A walk-through of the property each year and a \$10 charge for replacement of keys should be added to the agreement. Griffin has been working on the updated agreement.

TMob Grant

Lake Bath

Old Concess

school/city
park Agree.

- Crystina Nolan reported that the pool vacuum was sent to First Start last year for repairs. We paid \$800, and it still does not work. Champions Landing has a year-old vacuum and a backboard for \$500. Baker moved and Hopkins seconded to purchase the pool vacuum and backboard from Champions Landing for \$500. Vote 5/0, motion carried.

Purch. Pool
Vac & B Board

New Business –

Jones moved and Friend seconded to notify the County Clerk of the city's intent to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate of 24.592 with a mill levy of 29.478. The city will hold a budget hearing and Revenue Neutral Rate hearing on September 8th at 7 pm at the Lebo Community Building. Vote 5/0, motion carried. Council will continue discussion on the mil levy at the August meeting.

RnR / Budget
Hearing

Old Business- no discussion

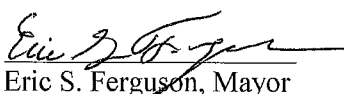
Ordinances and Resolutions-none presented

Baker moved and Hopkins seconded the motion to pay the bills. Vote 5/0, motion carried.

Pay Bills

Sanchez moved and Friend seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10 p.m. Vote 5/0, motion carried.

Adjourn

Approved: 
Eric S. Ferguson, Mayor

Attest:


Carrie J. Sloan, City Clerk