

**Lebo City Council Meeting Minutes**  
**June 5, 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, Jamie Jasnoski, Jim Jones, Jerry Headley, and Will Baker.

Friend moved to approve the May regular meeting minutes; Jasnoski seconded. Vote 5/0, motion carried.

Approve Minutes

*Visitors:*

Joe Shoemaker was present to voice his discontent toward the city selling the natural gas system. He feels it is not in the city's best interest to sell the system. He is concerned that the price of natural gas will increase. It was explained that if the council decides to proceed further it will take several months and the public will vote on the sale. The next steps would be: Send out a request for bids on the system. If the council finds those bids are acceptable council will need to pass an ordinance notifying the citizens of the city's intent to sell the gas system, then public hearings will be held, then there will be a special question in an election posing the question to the citizen for the approval of the sale.

Shoemaker  
Gas system sell

*Department reports:*

*Utility report- Scott Hein and Scott Smith verbal report*

- Set a culvert on S. Popular
- Directional boring in south Lebo
- KCC natural gas audit complete
- Prepped 50,000 gallon water tower to be cleaned inside and painted outside
- Pool prep is finished and swimming pool is full
- Summer help is doing a good job, they have been busy painting and mowing
- Mullen has installed the new culvert on S. Maple and E. 3rd
- Filling pot holes to prepare for street work
- Mower repairs
- Ten utility locates
- Black Hills has sent a bid of \$4868, plus sales tax and extra for any materials needed to remove 5 gas risers at the old trailer park, one gas riser across the street east of the park and to cap off the gas main from Commercial Street to Dickinson St. Council did not approve bid at this time and would like more information before proceeding.

Culvert  
KCC audit  
Water Tower Prep  
Pool  
3rd/Maple culvert  
Street repairs  
Blk Hills  
Trailer Park  
gas lines

*PWWSD #12 – Jamie Jasnoski reporting*

- Nothing new to report

*Police Report – Arron Cathcard - written report in packet*

- Cathcard discussed with the council the advantages of the city partnering with the Coffey County Sheriff Department to use Celebrite. The cost for the county to obtain the system and get training was \$20,000. There is a \$10,000 a year subscription for the online services for the device. Celebrite is an advanced forensic examination tool for cellphones to help recover evidence. The Sheriff Department is proposing an annual fee of \$1,200 from local law enforcement agencies to help defray the cost of the annual \$10,000 subscription. Cathcard has room in his budget for the \$1200 cost and will enter into an agreement to share in the annual cost of the subscription. Council will add the \$1200 to the annual general fund budget (line item law enforcement).

Partnership  
w/ County Sheriff  
Celebrite

*Clerks Report –Carrie Sloan*

- Finances: clerk’s cash report, bank balances and sales tax
- Kramer has completed Dam inspection report – waiting on the state review
- Sloan asked about getting the old firehouse/police station cleaned out so that bids can be acquired for the demolition.
- The city will be receiving two checks from EMC insurance. Payroll audit refund of \$1,172 and safety group dividend of \$9,164.63
- The total cost to replace the old bathroom at the west park to a CTX concrete vault bathroom is around \$58,000. Sloan has applied for two grants to assist in funding the project.
- The city auditor will be in this month to complete the 2022 audit and work on the 2024 budget
- Sloan suggested the city gather up unused items/equipment and contact Gavel Roads about another online auction
- If the council is interested in selling the gas system bid request on the system should be sent out soon because the procedure to sale the system will take 5 or more months. If the sale is approved this will align with the city’s fix gas price contract ending with Encore.
- On June 1<sup>st</sup> the city will receive a payment of about \$73,000 in property tax from the county treasurer’s office and a \$40,000 sales tax payment from the state treasurer’s office. Sloan feels there is an error (approximately \$12,000 from Beto) in sales taxes collected that will need to be refunded.
- 9<sup>th</sup> Payment to Hartford Bank was made on the Lease Agreement for the downtown streetscape funding

Finance Report  
Dam Inspection  
Prep Old police  
demo  
EMC Refund.  
Kid pond bath.  
Audit & Budget  
Auction Equip.  
Gas System Sell  
Property& Sales Tax  
Steetscape lease  
pay

*Municipal Court- Catherine Griffin*

- 1 case on the docket

*Zoning-Catherine Griffin*

- 3 permits

*Utility Billing-Catherine Griffin*

- Nothing to report.

Jasnoski moved and Jones seconded to close streets as needed for the 2023 Stars and Stripes Events. Vote 5/0, motion carried.

S&S Street close

*Park & Rec Board- Jim Jones reporting*

- The school is purchasing a new door for the men's bathroom at the concession stand. The city's park and rec funds will pay for the installation. Concession Bath.  
Door
- The park and rec board will be meeting on Thursday, they will discuss paying Catherine from their funds for her help with the summer ball program because a summer director was not hired. Summer Ball
- There will be a meeting this month with Mammoth Sports about the improvements at Jones Park Mammoth

*New Business-*

2024 budget discussion –Time line- June 15<sup>th</sup> RNR and property values from county. July 20<sup>th</sup> last day to notify county clerk of intent to levy above RNR. August 20-September 20 hold RNR and budget hearing. Items for budget discussion include: the 2024 street work, Mammoth Sports cost for Jones Park design/engineering, replacing a building where the old firehouse/police station was. 2024 Budget  
RNR

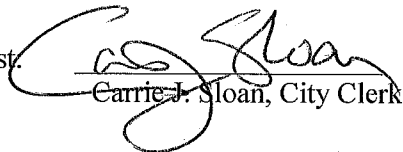
*Ordinances and Resolutions*

Baker moved and Jones seconded to pass Resolution 2023-7. A Resolution authorizing temporary closing of portions of certain streets in Lebo on June 30, 2023 and to permit the consumption of cereal malt beverages in designated areas during the 2023 Lebo Stars and Stripes Events. Vote 5/0, motion carried. Res. 2023-7  
S&S Street close  
Heidi CMB

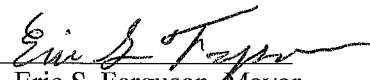
Headley moved and Jasnoski seconded to pay bills. Vote 5/0, motion carried Pay Bills

Friend moved and Headley seconded to adjourn. Vote 5/0, motion carried. Adjourn

Attest.

  
Carrie J. Sloan, City Clerk

Approved:

  
Eric S. Ferguson Mayor