

**Lebo City Council Meeting Minutes**  
**June 20, 2024**  
**Lebo Community Building**  
**320 N Ogden**  
**4:30 p.m.**

Mayor Ferguson opened the special meeting at 4:30 p.m. for discussion on 2025 budget discussion and community development grants and financial needs of the city. Call to order

Sloan started discussion on 2025 budget needs. Sloan suggested not exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate Sloan will be meeting with the city auditor to begin preliminary discussion on the 2025 budget: 1)the potential distribution of the \$100,000 to \$125,000 in payroll, insurance, benefits and commodities previously charged to the gas system. 2) Capital Improvements and utility rates. 2025 Budget & RNR

Sloan asked about applying for the Rural Champions Program through the Kansas Department of Commerce's Office of Rural Prosperity (ORP). The program would provide funding and resources to help accomplish a community project. The grant would pay wages of \$20,800 (\$20/hr. for 20 hours a week) with additional funding to support implementing the city project. With the city anticipating potential growth and housing needs, the city could apply for a Community Development Coordinator who would be responsible for working on the city comprehensive plan. Some CI projects brought up over the past year in include, updating the comprehensive plan, residential street project, swimming pool, park capital outlay, economic development and sewer lagoon rehab. Grant

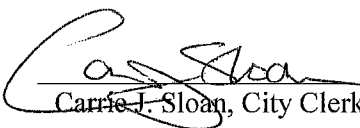
Garrett Nordstrom discussed the city applying for a Community Development Block Grant to provide matching funds for the swimming pool project. He will reach out to Mammoth and ask for a refined design cost for the swimming pool/concession stand. And an updated design cost on the softball field relocation. Current figures indicate 3.947 million for the pool and 1.814 million for the softball/baseball combined. The city should have over 800,000 in sales tax funds available for the pool project and if awarded a CDBG grant the city would have around 1.488 million for matching funds toward the application of a Jones Trust Grant. CDBG

Muro informed council that installing the new lift station on 7<sup>th</sup> street may cost another \$15,000, which would bring the cost up to \$115,000. The 2024 budget allotted \$60,000 for the project. Council directed Muro to get a more definite/firm bids for the project to present at the July meeting for an approval to proceed with the project. Lift St.

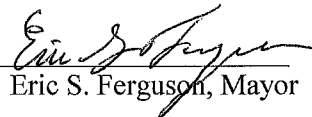
Hopkins moved and Jones seconded to prepare a resolution for the July meeting to submit to the qualified electors of the city the ballot proposition to continue to collecting a special purpose 1% sales tax in the city to provide revenues for a swimming pool, other capital improvements and maintenance of park's infrastructure. The special purpose tax would expire in 10 years, March 31, 2035. Vote 4/0, motion carried. Sales Tax

Hopkins moved and Sanchez seconded to adjourn. Vote 4/0, motion carried. Adjourn

Attest:

  
Carrie J. Sloan, City Clerk

Approved:

  
Eric S. Ferguson, Mayor