

Lebo City Council Meeting Minutes
June 3, 2024
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, Nick Sanchez, Amanda Hopkins, Jim Jones, and Will Baker.

Hopkins moved to approve the May regular meeting minutes with the correction of her last name on the adjournment motion; Sanchez seconded. Baker & Friend abstained, recorded with the popular vote. Vote 5/0, motion carried.

Approve
Minutes

Visitors:

Dr. Melissa Veatch and Bethany Thomas were present on behalf of the school to present the proposal for the new daycare and preschool center. The school had purchased the old medical building and plan to move the current daycare program and preschool to the building to expand both programs and allow for more room for the elementary classes. They would like letters of support to use for the grants that they are working on for the cost of the building. The school also asked the council if they would apply for the Kansas Department of Commerce grant on their behalf. Griffin will work on a letter of support for the Council that the mayor will sign.

School
Daycare/
Pre.

Kramer was not available for the meeting. The mayor reported that we have been granted another extension on the lake dam improvements due to the delay in the awarding of the federal grant the city applied for.

Dam Grants

Garrett Nordstrom discussed the results of the LMI survey. After discussion on the park project and the possibility of getting grants for the daycare center; Garrett will contact the school and Mammoth Sports to get more information and see what options would be best. The council will have a special meeting to further discuss plans for grants to help with the daycare and further steps for the North Park project.

LMI
Grants

Department reports:

Utility report- Scott Smith & Scott Hein

- Had pool vacuumed and finished prep to open
- Mowing daily
- Sold nearly 10,000 gallons of water to APAC for road work
- Hung new gas meter on N. Oak
- Tapped gas main on N. Ogden and put new gas meter in place
- Received permission to cross Rural Water #3 for water to Miller building on Thorne Dr.
- Removed playground rock and timbers at West Park
- 9 utility locates

PWWSD #12 – Eric Ferguson

- Push for chip plant supply. The board is asking all communities they service to give an idea of size and growth in the next 5-10 years. This information will be used to determine the size of the water plant needed to keep up with the supply needs of these communities and chip plant.
- The board is also looking at possible water rate increases.

Chips

Marcel Moldovan is requesting \$14,000 to purchase a tire balancing machine. Baker motioned to refinance Moldovan's current loan adding the \$14,000 to the existing loan balance. The new loan balance will be \$29,200 to be paid back in 10 years at 4% interest. Hopkins seconded the motion. Vote 5/0, motion carried.

Moldovan
Ec. Dev
Loan

Police Report – written report in packet

- May written police report provided in the council packet included: Citizen's complaint – vicious dog, 1 report of criminal damage, 1 verbal warning, 4 assisting other agencies, 2 welfare/public safety calls, and several nuisance letters delivered, 2 bills delivered for city clean-ups, pictures taken of nuisance properties and vehicles.

Hopkins reported a complaint from a citizen about underage drivers on ATVs.

Clerks Report – Catherine Griffin reporting for Carrie Sloan

- Written report in packet included a thank you from COF for support, preliminary KGS franchise ordinance, PWWS#12 minutes, information on League events that would be beneficial to council, 32 nuisance property notices sent out, the Rural Champion grant program through the Department of Commerce, and financial papers (bank balances, check register, County treasurer property tax remittance and sales tax)

Finance

Municipal Court- Catherine Griffin

- 2 cases

Zoning-Catherine Griffin

- 5 permits

Jones motioned and Sanchez seconded to close streets as needed for the Stars & Stripes Celebration. Vote 5/0, motion carried.

S&S
Street
Close

Griffin mentioned a stain on the floor of the community building. It is under the damaged part of the ceiling. She asked if the repairs for the roof that were recommended by Jimmy Combes had been done yet. Mayor Ferguson said this was Javy Muro's project, but Muro was not present.

CB
Repairs

Griffin also reported to the council that the KDHE-mandated reporting on all water service lines in the city limits is due this October. This is being handled by Muro.

lead/coppe

Hopkins motioned and Friend second to increase the price of private parties at the pool from \$75 to \$100. Vote 5/0, motion carried.

Pool rate
increase

Park & Rec Board-Jim Jones reporting:

- Jones and Matt Hopkins will be meeting the company hired for the new playground equipment ground covering next week. They will discuss any changes that need to be made before the installation of covering and equipment.
- Jones stated that the old state champion signs had been sold and the money turned into city hall.
- He informed the council of the new plan to not sell pop at the pool this year. Several surrounding pools have made the same shift in an effort to provide healthier options for kids.
- The manager of the pool has also adjusted the age for unattended children at the pool from 8 years old to 10 years old.

WP

Pool Age
Update

New Business-

Sanchez reported that the flag at Spatz Park needs replacing. Scott Smith informed council that new flags had been ordered.

Spatz
Flag

Old Business –

Council tabled the discussion of the sales tax question for the ballet to a special meeting, a date to be determined later.

Sales Tax

Council discussed the extensions made for two nuisances from the earlier hearing. Jones expressed that council and employees should make sure their properties were all in compliance with city ordinances.

Nuisance

Discussion on the repairs for the old jail was tabled to a special meeting. The mayor will contact some people who may donate funds.

Jail

Council discussed possible dates for a special meeting to continue conversations on the grants for the North Park and daycare, the sales tax, and old jail. Griffin will wait to hear from Garrett to schedule.

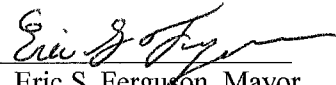
Spec.
meet

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

Pay Bills

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

Adjourn

Approved: 
Eric S. Ferguson, Mayor

Attest: 
Carrie J. Sloan, City Clerk