

**Lebo City Council Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**May 6, 2024**  
**Lebo Community Building**  
**320 N Ogden**  
**7:00 p.m.**

Councilman Jim Jones called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. call to orde

Councilman Jones led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

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

Hopkins moved and Jones seconded to approve the April meeting minutes. Vote 3/0, motion carried. Approve Minutes

Visitors:

Barbara Dailey was present representing the Lebo Senior Citizens Group with the recommendation of Joe and Judy Shoemaker as the 2024 Stars and Stripes Parade Marshals. Hopkins moved and Sanchez seconded to approve the recommendation for the parade marshals. Vote 3/0, motion carried. Parade Marshals

Sanchez moved and Hopkins seconded to approve the renewal of the Quart House 2 year liquor license. Vote 3/0, motion carried. Liquor License Approved

Joe Hutchison was present to voice his discontent with the city's lack of action, he has complained about the nuisance properties in his neighborhood several times over the past few years, but the property remains a nuisance. The city follows the legal process required in the city nuisance ordinance. Council thanked Mr. Hutchison for his input. The council is focusing on how to deal with the several properties that continue to revert back to nuisances, along with notifying several other properties in town that are in violation of the city's nuisance ordinances. Hutch Complaint

Mark Vannocker was present and asked about the progress on the Sunflower Subdivision. Griffin said the preliminary plat was approved last month and suggested Mrs. Kiefer read through the final plat process and return the items needed to proceed with the review of the final plat. Subdivision

*Department reports:*

*Utility and Parks reports- Javier Muro, Scott Hein and Scott Smith provided a written report in packet*

- 18.38 tons of trash picked up during citywide cleanup, soaped lift stations, auction items loaded and gone, started mowing and spraying, prepped community building floors for new floor, gas leak investigation due to damage to gas meter, jet rodding areas of sewer lines, KDHE water audit went well, lightning damage repaired at west water tower. re-set north lift station due to lightning, Joss property cleanup completed, water and sewer taps for new homes on S. Walnut, prepping pool for startup, APAC started patching on city streets and will be back in June to chip seal, 12 utility locates of which 4 were emergency locates. Spring CleanUp  
Auction  
KDHE water  
Audit  
Lightning  
damage  
Joss clean up
- Scott Smith asked about repairs to the old jail. The subject was tabled until June. Jail

PWWSD #12 – Mayor Ferguson absent, board minutes in packets

Police Report – Aaron Cathcard absent – April written report in packet

3 citizens complain calls, 1 dog at large call, 2 criminal reports, 5 verbal warnings, assist KHP on traffic stop and arrest, 5 assisting other agencies, 1 welfare check, served letters concerning the nuisance property clean up from last month, 1 domestic call and 3 other type calls.

Clerks Report – Carrie Sloan reporting

- Written report in packet included: check registers, sales tax report, income/expense report, PWWSD#12 minutes, Gavel Roads action items list of sale items cash returns. Sales tax information for upcoming election, state treasurer payments and franchise payments. Finance Report
- Hopkins moved and Sanchez seconded to approve Sloan’s request to purchase 5 Alta Roller Shades for the front and back windows in the Community Building from Made in the Shade at total cost of \$1241.88. Vote 3/0, motion carried. Purchase CB shades

Municipal Court- Catherine Griffin reporting:

- Two cases

Zoning-Catherine Griffin reporting:

- preliminary plat for Sunflower Subdivision approve by planning commission, 7 permits issued Prelim Plat Sun. Subd.

Utility Billing-Catherine Griffin reporting

- No report needed

Other Reports:

Park Board- Matt Hopkins reporting

Playground equipment has been ordered for West Park

New Business-

Jones presented the mayor’s recommendations for annual one year appointments, the only change from last year’s appointments in the city attorney (due to Helbert’s request to step down and be replace by his associate Clark Allemang. Carrie Sloan-city clerk, Aaron Cathcard-city marshal, Clark Allemang-city attorney, Brian Williams-municipal judge, Catherine Griffin-city treasurer-zoning administrator-court clerk, Coffey County Republican-official newspaper, and FSB Aliceville Lebo Branch-official depository. Sanchez moved and Hopkins seconded to approve the appointments as read. Vote 3/0, motion carried. 1 year Appoint

Sanchez moved and Hopkins seconded to approve the re-appointment of Matt Hopkins and Chris Dolly to the 2 year term Park Board positions and the re-appointment of Kelly Freund and Roger Thomas to the 3year term zoning and planning board positions. Vote 3/0, motion carried. P&R / Zoning Appoint

Hopkins moved and Jones seconded to pass an ordinance setting wages and compensation schedules for 2024. Vote 3/0, motion carried. The clerk assigned it #618 Ord. 618 Wages

Hopkins moved and Jones seconded to pass Resolution 2024-2 setting wages for appointed and elected officials. Vote 3/0, motion carried. Res. wages

Jones moved and Hopkins seconded to re-hire Crystina Nolan as pool manager and Carson Hein as ball park maintenance and general maintenance. Vote 3/0, motion carried. Nolan -Pool  
C. Hein-ball/Maint

Council was provided a list of over dozen properties that will be receiving notices this month for probable nuisance violations. Nuisance

Sanchez moved and Hopkins seconded to increase the community building rental fees Family events will increase from \$35 to \$50 and commercial events will increase from \$75 to \$100. Vote 3/0, motion carried. CB Fees Increase

*Old Business-*

Council tabled discussion on the sales tax question for the November election Sales tax

The city was not awarded the State grant to repair the dam. Still waiting on notification of the Federal grant for the engineering cost. Dam grants

*Ordinances and Resolutions-*

Ordinance 618 and Resolution 2024-2 were passed during New Business

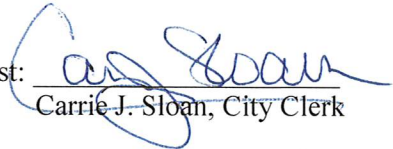
Discussion was held on raising the utility tapping fees to cover the cost. Discussion was tabled to gather more information Utility Tap Fees

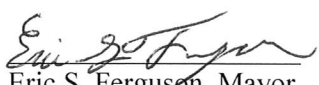
Hopkins moved to pay bills, Sanchez seconded. Vote 3/0, motion carried. Pay Bills

Jones moved and Hopkins seconded to enter executive session for 10 minutes at 8:15 pm to discuss non-elected personnel pursuant to KSA 75-4319 (b) (1). The meeting will open to the public at 8:25 p.m. Vote 3/0, motion carried. Council asked Scott Hein to remain in chambers. Exec Session

Jones opened the meeting to the public at 8:25 p.m., no action was taken.

Jones moved and Hopkins seconded to adjourn. Vote 3/0, motion carried. Adjourn

Attest:   
Carrie J. Sloan, City Clerk

Approved:   
Eric S. Ferguson, Mayor