

**Lebo City Council Meeting Minutes  
2026 Budget Hearing  
September 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

Governing Body members present:

Mayor Eric Ferguson

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

Governing Body members absent: Nick Sanchez

Mayor Ferguson led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Mayor Ferguson opened the 2026 Budget Hearing

Sloan stated the proposed mil levy is 24.510, which is below the revenue-neutral rate of 24.592.

This year's levy will generate a little over \$222,000 from property taxes, compared to last year's levy, which generated a little over \$223,000 in property taxes.

No other comments were made.

Mayor Ferguson closed the hearing

Friend moved and Baker seconded to approve the 2026 budget as presented and published. Vote 4/0, motion carried.

2026 Budget  
Hearing

App-r.

Jones moved, and Hopkins seconded the motion to approve the August regular and special meeting minutes. Vote 4/0, motion carried.

Appr. Minutes

*Visitors:*

Lesa Robke, Lebo representative of the Floyd Lewis Foundation. The Foundation participates in a number of projects to benefit Coffey County residents and offers scholarships for seniors. This year, the foundation is presenting Citizens of the Year. She presented a Coffey County Citizen Award to Carrie Sloan, city clerk.

Sloan Award

Jenny Tatman, Coffey County Economic Development, discussed the proposed housing development located east of Highway 75 and south of Highway 50 by Patrick Wood, 70five Development Group. Hopkins moved, and Baker seconded to approve a resolution authorizing and supporting the submittal of an application to the Kansas Moderate Income Housing Program. Vote 4/0, motion carried.

Housing Resolut.

Chari Bauman introduced herself as the new Coffey County Chamber Director. She discussed the new programs and how the chamber is focused on supporting tourism and economic development.

Chamber Direct.

Martin Ernst with Coffey County Emergency Management was present to discuss the special use permit for the telecommunication tower. Baker moved, and Jones seconded to approve the special use permit for the Coffey County Telecommunication Tower, as recommended by the Planning Commission. Vote 4/0, motion carried.

Appr. C.C.  
Tower

*Department reports:*

*Utility report- Javier Muro present*

Written report for August: Lift station maintenance, weed eating/mowing, fire hydrant flushing, East water tower drained to get good chlorine back into the system, 2 days of cleaning out dead fish from kid's pond, burned tree dump, got ropes and trash cans out at football field for the

W. Tower  
Drain

Kid Pond-Fish

season, 27 utility locates, met with APAC about South St., Quarterly water samples delivered to KDHE, Scott Hein and Javy attended schooling in Topeka.

Baker moved, and Friend seconded to approve the KWRA GIS Mapping proposal at a cost not to exceed \$12,000. Vote 4/0, motion carried. Funds will be taken from the infrastructure fund.

Gis Maps update

The council requested an official letter of retirement from Scott Smith.

Smith Retire

Muro presented a proposal from APAC for repairs to South Street for \$7,500. There was previous discussion about surfacing Sycamore Street North of East 5<sup>th</sup> Street. Muro suggested having APAC do work on both streets while they are coming to town. The street easement for Sycamore needs to be verified. Baker moved and Hopkins seconded to hire Driggs Surveying to provide pins for N. Sycamore Street, north of 5<sup>th</sup> Street. Vote 4/0, motion carried.

APAC -

Driggs - N.  
Sycamore

*PWWSD #12 – Mayor Eric Ferguson reporting*

Minutes from the PWWSD#12 are in the council packet

*Police report- Written report*

10 verbal warnings, 6 assisting other agencies, 1 welfare/public safety, 3 domestic, and 6 other types of calls.

*Clerk's Report –Carrie Sloan*

- The packet included several reports: the clerk's cash report, income and expense reports, the checking account register, sales tax distribution, and the Westar franchise fees report.
- Sloan included a letter from Daniel Rauch, whom she had requested from the summer help. 3 things they learned and 3 things they would change. She included the submitted letter from Daniel Rausch in the council packets. She also recommended to the council that they consider increasing his pay, should he come back, from \$7.25 to \$8.00, due to his excellent work ethic.

Finance Report

Rausch

Baker moved and Jones seconded to purchase a new computer tower not to exceed \$1,600. Vote 4/0, motion carried. Purch. Computer

*Municipal Court- Catherine Griffin*

- No court this month
- Griffin stated she and Nolan have been working on court paperwork and notices to individuals who have outstanding bench warrants and fines.

*Zoning-Catherine Griffin*

- 2 permits
- Hearing was held for the Coffey County Telecommunications Tower

Griffin received a scholarship for the clerk's institute. She and Nolan will be attending the clerk's institute and the League's annual conference in October.

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Griffin asked if there were any changes the council wanted for the employee policy handbook before presenting a final copy to the council next month for approval.

*Park and Recreation-*

Jenny Tatman reported to the council that Energize Lebo will be receiving \$5,000 of the requested \$26,000 from Evergy for the North Park play equipment. Tatman will be applying to T-Mobile for a grant to help cover more of the equipment costs.

Grant

Jones reported on the meeting with Integrity. They require a topographical survey before completing the designs. He received an estimate of \$32,000 from KawValley for a boundary

Topo N. Park

survey and topographical survey. Council requested that other estimates be obtained before a final decision is made.

Jones moved, and Friend seconded to put out for bid the demolition of the pool. Vote 4/0, motion carried. Notice to bid will be sent to our local contractors and opened at the October regular council meeting. Pool Demo

*New Business –*

Friend moved and Baker seconded to renew the city's health insurance with BCBS. Vote 4/0, motion carried. Using the base of the current number of employees and coverage, the city premiums will see a reduction of \$8,216 annually. BCBS Renew

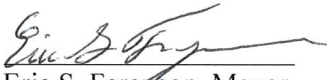
*Old Business - none*

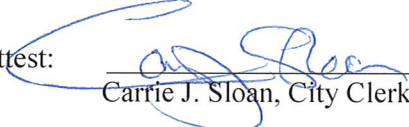
*Ordinances and Resolutions*

Baker moved and Hopkins seconded to pass an ordinance reclassifying certain property from agricultural (A) to residential (R2), the clerk assigned it #628. Vote 4/0, motion carried. Ord. #628  
Reclass

Jones moved and Friend seconded the motion to pay the bills. Vote 4/0, motion carried. Pay bills

Friend moved and Hopkins seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. Vote 4/0, motion carried. Adjourn

Approved:   
Eric S. Ferguson, Mayor

Attest:   
Carrie J. Sloan, City Clerk