

Lebo City Council Meeting Minutes
September 9, 2024
Lebo Community Building
320 N. Ogden St. Lebo, Kansas
7:00 p.m.

Mayor Ferguson called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Call to Order

Council members present Mayor Ferguson, Council members: Troy Friend, Amanda Hopkins, Nick Sanchez, and Will Baker. Absent: Council member Jim Jones.

Mayor Ferguson led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Mayor Ferguson opened the 2025 Budget Hearing
No public comment

2025 Budget
Hearing

Mayor Ferguson closed the hearing

Approved

Friend moved and Baker seconded to approve the 2025 budget as presented and published. Vote 4/0, motion carried.

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

approve
Minutes

Visitors:

Garrett Nordstrom, GAS, discussed the CDBG application with the council. He said Mammoth estimated the new pool, splash pad, and softball diamond improvements to be around \$6.2 million. The pool, pool house/concessions and splash pad cost \$4 million of the total. The city will have approximately \$800,000 in sales tax revenues, and \$50,000 in the capital improvement fund, if a matching grant can be procured and the city receives the maximum CDBG funds the total funds available for phase one would be around \$2.4 million. Hopkins moved and Baker seconded to hold a Town Hall meeting on September 30, 2024, @ 7:30 pm to discuss the pool project design, funding options, and applying for a CDBG to help fund the project and provide information to the public on the importance of approving the continuance of the special purpose sales tax for the pool and park. Vote 4/0, motion carried.

Jones Park
CDBG

Scott Farmer with the Coffey County Radio Committee asked about leasing a 75ft X 75ft lot on the southeast corner of the city sewer lagoon property. The law enforcement shooting range is located there at this time. Farmer stated the county would relocate the shooting range to the north side of the lagoons at no expense to the city. A legal survey of the property will need to be completed. Farmer will have the county attorney draw up an agreement for the lease of the property for 50 years, the agreement will also state that the cost to remove the tower when it is no longer in use is the burden of the County. And that the relocation of the shooting range and the cost of its replacement on the north side of the property is also the responsibility of the County.

C.C. Radio
tower

Department reports:

PWWSD #12 – Eric Ferguson

The city received notice of the .50 per 1000-gallon increase in the cost of water to take place in the January billing from PWWSD#12.

Water Rate
Increase

Utility report- Scott Smith, Javier Muro & Scott Hein

- Written report for August: Started cold patching streets in the south and east sections of Lebo for next year's chip seal project, repairs made to all three lift stations, met with Killough to discuss asphalt repairs this year, met with Apac about fog sealing W. Broadway and W. 6th St along with repairs to Pine St. and the Bree Dr. entrance, mower tractor repaired, mowed city lake and lagoons, sprayed lagoons, 100,000 water tower exterior renovation and interior cleaned out, pipe to soil readings with Black Hills were all good, Dirt work finished at the west park, kids pond aerator airline repaired and installed rebuilt aeration pump, cleaned and burned tree dump, Kwikom in town needing utility line locates and will start drilling later this week, 32 utility locates. Street work
W. Tower work
- Hopkins moved and Sanchez seconded to approve a contract from APAC for 2024 fall street work. The work will include Fog Seal of 16,158 sy., N. Pine edge mill and overlay of 160 tons, Mastic Bree St, and Mobilization totaling \$55,144.50. Vote 4/0, motion carried. Approve APAC
- Baker moved and Sanchez seconded to approve the proposal from Killough Construction for 2024 fall work of asphalt patching on miscellaneous streets which includes two soft spots on N. Ogden, N. Maple Street from the railroad tracks north to E. Broadway and 100 ft. on E. 4th. Vote 4/0, motion carried. Approve Killough
- Hein presented bids to prune 5 pin oak trees in Jones Park along Ogden St.: Wellnitz Tree Care- \$3225, Custom Cutters Tree Service - \$2450, and American Tree Care - \$1572.50. Friend moved and Baker seconded to hire American Tree Care at a cost not to exceed \$1600. Vote 4/0, motion carried. Trees

Police Report – no report

Clerks Report –Carrie Sloan

The written report included: the clerk's cash report, check register, bank statements, sales tax reports, Revenue and Expense reports from 2017-2024 for the swimming pool, remittance of next to last payment of \$15,698.73 to KDHE for the 2004 sewer rehab loan. The final payment will be made next March. Finance

Municipal Court- Catherine Griffin

- 5 court cases
- Griffin will be attending the Court Clerk Conference in Hayes next later this month

Zoning-Catherine Griffin

- 3 permits

Park & Rec Board-

Amanda Hopkins reported the park and rec board and Energize Lebo will be hosting a ribbon cutting at the west park to recognize and thank the contractors and donors of the improvement project and to celebrate Lebo's birthday. The Ceremony will be on Sunday, October 6 at 3 pm. WP Celebration

New Business-

Baker moved and Friend seconded to renew health insurance with Blue Cross and Blue Shield. The city has a "grandfathered" small business policy. The monthly premiums for the renewal starting in November are down over \$50 per employee coverage (Sloan and Griffin) and over \$100 per family coverage (Hein, Muro, and Smith). Vote 4/0, motion carried. Renew BCBS

The council reviewed other city ordinances on 1) Fireworks and 2) prohibiting grass clippings on the streets and sidewalks. More research will be done before adopting the new ordinance to allow the sale of Firework & Grass Ord.

fireworks inside the city limits. The council will not move forth with an ordinance prohibiting grass clippings in the streets or on the sidewalks.

Old Business –

Ordinances and Resolutions-

Hopkins moved and Baker seconded to pass the ordinance renewing the franchise agreement with Mt Networks, Vote 4/0, motion carried. The clerk assigned it number 619. Ord. MT Franchise


Baker moved and Hopkins seconded to pass a resolution declaring 213 E. 4th a nuisance property Nuisance Res.

Hopkins moved and Sanchez seconded to pass a resolution to submit to the qualified electors of Lebo a special sales tax for the purpose of providing revenue for a swimming pool and other park capital improvements and maintenance of the park's infrastructure. Res. Sales Tax on Ballot


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

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

Attest:


Carrie J. Sloan, City Clerk

Approved:


Eric S. Ferguson, Mayor