

The Governing Body of the City of Liebenthal met in special meeting to review the proposed 2025 budget September 9, 2024, at the City Building at 6:00 p.m. Presiding was Mayor Darrell Warner, council members present were Barb Matal, Renee Legleiter, Stephanie Schmidt-Koerner, Kathy Herrman, Bill Stark, Clerk Beverly Stark, and Water/Wastewater Operator Darrell Matal. No residents were present. After the required 15 minutes, Bill Stark moved to approve the budget as presented, Renee Legleiter seconded, vote unanimous, motion carried. Bill Stark moved to approve Resolution 2024-001 to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate, Stephanie Schmidt-Koerner seconded, the vote was unanimous with five council members voting in favor of Resolution 2024-001, no dissenting votes, and the motion carried. All councilmembers signed the roll call vote paperwork.

The governing body opened the regular meeting at 6:23 p.m. Minutes from the meeting of 8-12-24 were read. Renee Legleiter moved to approve the minutes as read, Bill Stark seconded, vote unanimous, motion carried.

Darrell Warner was contacted by Ben Rogers regarding county zoning regulations and a resident in non-compliance having a shed closer to the street than the home. Bill Stark remarked that the city uses the county regulations as a guideline, but the city never adopted the Rush County Regulations as the city's own. Darrell Warner also stated that though he had read the county regulations carefully, he never found a regulation pertaining to this situation in a residential area. It was noted that the resident needs to acquire a building permit. Bev Stark will contact the resident and visit him regarding the building permit. It was also noted that another resident also did not acquire a building permit prior to pouring a cement slab. Bev Stark will contact this person as well. The city received a complaint that East 2nd Street has potholes needing filling. The council suggested Bev Stark call the county and order more rock for our stores.

Clerk's Announcements: The proposed sales tax needs to be prepared for inclusion in the 2025 Fall vote. The council suggested Bev Stark call the city's attorney. The grant for repairs to the water tower, as well as debt forgiveness was submitted. United Ag Services has contacted the city regarding propane contracts. Due to new procedures by United Ag Services, the contract will not be sent until the customer remits the money to hold the contract. The council discussed these terms and determined that the city will not enter into a contract under the new stipulations. The results from the online bill pay survey have been counted. The city will work toward setting up some form of bill pay with updated procedures by the next billing date.

Old Business: Darrell Warner continues trying to contact the water tower repair business. The council will continue updating outdated ordinances. Bev Stark will contact the KS League of Municipalities for advice regarding repealing old ordinances.

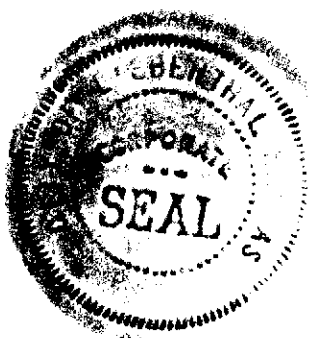
New Business: The access road to the sewer lagoons needs repair, and replacement of a collapsed culvert. The mayor contacted the landowner Dale Legleiter, and the current renter of this plot of land. It was suggested that a release of liability be prepared to protect the city's interests. Bev will call Rush County Highway Department for delivery of rock, and for their willingness to contract this work. Mayor Darrell Warner led a discussion of the legality of having cargo boxes in town. He noted that there were several already in place in town. The council agreed that all residents getting cargo boxes and building structures must have a building permit.

City Utilities and Maintenance Updates: Lyle Komarek was not at the meeting but reported to Bev that his mowing was up-to-date and had nothing else to report. Darrell Matal was contacted by Glen Herrman to repair the meter collar on the north side of church. Bev will research vendors. The lead and copper survey required by the KS Dept. of Health and Environment is due Sept. 30.

Calendar / City Events: The city-wide cleanup will be scheduled for October 21 through November 4 and the city will request three dumpsters.

Approval and Payment of Bills: Kathy Herrman moved to approve payment of the bills as presented, Stephanie Schmidt-Koerner seconded, vote unanimous, motion carried.

The next meeting is October 14, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the city building. Bill Stark moved to adjourn the meeting, Renee Legleiter seconded, vote unanimous, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.



Mayor Darrell Warner

City Clerk Beverly Stark