

The Governing Body of the City of Liebenthal met in public hearing in the city building at 5:30 p.m. on December 9, 2024. Presiding was Mayor Darrell Warner, council members present were Barb Matal, Renee Legleiter, Stephanie Schmidt-Koerner, Bill Stark, Kathy Herrman, Clerk Beverly Stark, Maintenance Operator Kelly Koerner, and Water/Wastewater Operator Darrell Matal. No residents were present.

Minutes from the previous meeting of November 11, 2024, were read. Bill Stark moved to approve the minutes as read, Stephanie Schmidt-Koerner seconded, vote unanimous, the motion carried. There were various reports from residents regarding lower water pressure during the first week of January. A resident contacted KDHE regarding his concerns that the lack of pressure was creating a dangerous situation for residents. KDHE contacted the mayor and clerk. This issue was resolved once KDHE was informed of acceptable water pressure maintained in the standpipe. At no time was the water below acceptable water pressure, or of any danger to residents.

Clerk's Comments: The paperwork for the Cereal Malt Beverage license is ready for renewal. The auto-draw payment system is in place for the residents of Liebenthal. The first draw on these accounts will be December 15 (or more likely on Monday, December 16). Residents can sign up for this service at any time. The city applied for two grants to forgive the loan for installing RO units and to maintain the water tower. The granting agencies are expected to announce recipients in December, 2024.

Old Business: The standpipe leak was repaired, and water pressure had returned to normal levels over the weekend of Dec. 6-8. ACH billing is in place for the December payment of bills. This requires interested residents to sign up for this service with the city clerk.

New Business: Three ordinances were discussed for updating. In 2015, Ordinance 119 was repealed by Ordinance 121 (pertains to the keeping of dangerous animals within Liebenthal). After much discussion, Ord. 121 will have references to certain breeds of dogs removed, and the clerk will retype it for perusal at the next city meeting. Ordinance 2015-6 provided for the regulation of fireworks within the city. The Ordinance will be changed for days and times of acceptable fireworks discharge and will respect the county fire ban restrictions.

City Utilities and Maintenance Updates: Darrell Matal reported that the water and wastewater systems were in working order. Kelly Koerner reported that he has serviced the generator. Barb Matal reported that the church parking lot at the entrance to East 2nd Street is needing repair. The clerk will contact Chad Foust for the proposed repair of west 3rd Street, and the access road to the sewer facility.

Calendar / City Events: No pending events.

Approval and Payment of Bills: Bill Stark moved to approve payment of the bills as presented, Renee Legleiter seconded, the vote was unanimous, the motion carried.

The next meeting is January 13, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the city building. Stephanie Schmidt-Koerner moved to adjourn the meeting, Bill Stark seconded, vote unanimous, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:37 p.m.



Darrell Warner

Mayor Darrell Warner

Beverly O. Stark

City Clerk Beverly Stark