

-Liebenthal City Council Minutes-

The Governing Body of the City of Liebenthal met in public hearing in the City Building Monday Aug 10, 2026 at 6 p.m. Presiding was Mayor Darrell Warner, council members present were Barb Matal, Renee Legleiter, William Stark, Stephanie Schmidt-Koerner, Clerk Beverly Stark, Water/Wastewater/Maintenance Operator Kelly Koerner. No residents were in attendance.

Minutes from the meeting held July 13, 2026, were read. The date for the budget hearing was corrected from Sept. 4 to Sept. 14, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. Bill Stark moved to approve the minutes as amended, Barb Matal seconded, the vote was unanimous, motion passed.

Citizen's Comments: There were no citizen's comments.

Clerk's Announcements: The clerk arranged for roll off dumpsters to be in place for the City-Wide Cleanup on Sept. 4 through Sept. 14. The CMB license for the church will remain at \$50.00 per license. Beverly has been looking for ordinances regarding city property and is continuing to search having had very little success to date. It was noted to look at the Kansas State statute regarding this.

Old Business: Mayor Warner received a report from Viking Industrial Painting for the first year of contracted business and the water tower inspection. The water tower is in good repair with only one half to one inch of sediment buildup in the last year (i.e. this is within normal rates of buildup). The council has decided to keep the lot that was previously discussed for potential sale.

New Business: Upon the death of resident Michael Magby, Mayor Warner proposed that the clerk keep records of residents that are single, without family or other known connections. Further discussion of maintenance of the yard was discussed. The yard has quite high weeds and grass that have covered solar panels, cords, etc., and if mown by the city could damage the mower. Also, the city does not want to stray unwittingly into anything that may be a biohazard. Mayor Warner will contact Mark Knowles, sheriff of Rush County, to find out who is legally responsible, and anyone the city needs to contact, before deciding about yard care.

Darrell Wanrer asked all councilmembers to look over the prepared 2027 budget. It was noted that the contract with Viking Industrial Painting was not obvious in the budget. Beverly will contact the accountant and schedule an appointment to discuss this further.

Renee Legleiter outlined plans for the upcoming Fall Fest. When queried about the Cereal Malt Beverage licensing Bev Stark reported that she had contacted Jeralyn Stull regarding this, and had not received the paperwork from the State Dept. of Revenue yet. Renee outlined the parade's route through town, noting that there is no need to have the highway closed for the parade. The route for the 3K Color Run will be completely away from state and county roads, and will not impede highway traffic.

City Utilities and Maintenance Updates: Kelly Koerner reported that Well 5 has been down for three weeks. Wells 2 and 3 are producing enough water to cover city needs to date. To avoid a large expenditure for well repair, the city will hold off on repairs to the well at this time. The mowing has lessened with the high temperatures and lack of rainfall.

Calendar / City Events: The city-wide cleanup is scheduled for Sept. 4 through Sept. 14 when three dumpsters will be located to the east of G&B Fireworks in the empty lot, as in previous years. The council urges all residents to tidy their yards before the Fall Fest. The Fall Fest is scheduled for Sept. 19, 2026 to celebrate St. Joseph's Church Jubilee and the city's founding.

Approval and Payment of Bills: William Stark moved to pay the bills as presented, Renee Legleiter seconded, the motion carried. The next meeting is Sept. 14, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the city office. Renee Legleiter moved to adjourn the meeting, William Stark seconded, the vote was unanimous, the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

City Clerk Beverly Stark

Mayor Darrell Warner



The Phillip and Jessica Funk family purchased and donated five meat birds per 4-H participant in the Rush County Fair's Meat Bird Competition this year. Each 4-Her raises the birds from chicks to slaughter weight. The object of the competition is to get three chicks to the same size, sex, and heaviest weight. This year's winner of the meat bird contest was Molly George, and Benjamin Funk received reserve champion. The Funk, George, and Ross families worked together to process meat birds on August 22. Each 4-H member and adult had tasks that they were responsible for completing. This assembly line made the work go quickly. Travis Ross is pictured above learning to gut and slice the meat birds into parts. (courtesy photo)

News from Bison Community Library

By LaVetta Stephens, Librarian

We have scheduled our Limestone Rock Oil Painting workshop. It will be on September 26, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The workshop will be facilitated by Carol Bartlett. We will have available, as needed, patterns, graph paper, oil paints, brushes and limestone rocks. If you have oil paints and brushes feel free to bring them for your personal use. We will have a limited supply of limestone rocks, so we encourage you to bring your own. Preferably one that stands on its own. This is meant to be a fun learning experience. You can bring snacks and drinks for yourself if you would like, we will have coffee. To register or ask questions please call the library at 785-356-4803 (leave message) or send me an email at bison-communitylibrary@gmail.com.

I wanted to remind everyone that we have Frisbee Golf bags here that can be checked out and used on the "golf" course at the park.

I have a cart of free books in the hall, take as many as you want and pass on to friends when you are done reading them. I will be adding to the cart once I start weeding books.

There is a box full of assorted cards here at the library if you are needing one or two and don't want to run into town and get one, they are free.

I am looking to order a storage cabinet for the library to use some of the memorial money the library received from the Cheely family. We have been in need of this for a while and it will improve the look with supplies out of boxes and off the floor.

We have scheduled a Mystery Quilt Retreat for October 10 and 11, with Jody Morgan and Ann Adams facilitating. The second day is for anyone that would like an extra day to work on their blocks. More information will be on the website (bison.mykansaslibrary.org) or contact Jody at 907-707-9937 or email her at ken-jodymorgan@gmail.com to get on the list.

We have our senior exercise at 9:30 a.m. on Thursdays and right after we will have coffee from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome to attend both, we have a really good time.

In the next several weeks I plan on sending in a book order. I have been combing over book lists to find ones that my patrons will enjoy, it can be a challenge at times, some that sound interesting do not come in large print. If you have any suggestions on books that might be good to order, please let me know.

Barbed Wire Beacon

Counting The Cost

Luke 14:28 "For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it?"

The cost of Biblical Salvation is free or if you will, paid in full by the Lord Jesus Christ and Him alone. The Gospel message is the power of God unto spiritual salvation, but to be truly saved by the Grace of God without the burden of religious rituals. Not worrying about death because I trust in Jesus Christ and not some church for salvation, is true freedom. Now, the Blood atonement of our Saviour cost us nothing but our sin debt, it cost Him a great price. The reason that false religions, or false teachings about salvation are so popular in our day is because many teach you can live in sin, do what you want, or continue the way you always have, just as long as you give them money, or come to a religious service every now and then, you will be ok. The very words of Jesus tell us otherwise, to be a true disciple of Christ, it will cost you something, not to be saved, but because when one truly does get saved it will change their life. As I write this article, I am 26 years old in the Lord, in November of 2000, at 18 years of age, I called upon the Lord for salvation, and turned to Him from sin. Because of this decision, 4 years later I met the woman who would become my wife, but first she likewise called upon the Lord for salvation in 2004, turning from a life of sin, as I had done 4 years earlier. Over 20 years later, neither one of us regret our decision of turning to God from sin. Modern Christianity will tell people there does not have to be a change, that you can still live in sin, but the Bible says differently. So, you must choose,

will I follow man and his teachings, or the Bible and God's? Luke 14:27 "And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple." The words of Christ continue to ring out today, to be His disciple, you must pick up the cross and follow His lead. John the Baptist told the religious crowd of his day to show fruit worthy of repentance before he would baptize them, which means show some evidence of a conversion, Luke 3:7-8 "Then said he to the multitude that came forth to be baptized of him, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bring forth therefore fruits worthy of repentance, and begin not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, That God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham." Jesus told the woman taken in the very act of adultery after all was done to "go, and sin no more." John 8:11 "She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more." Paul the Apostle, and writer of most of the New Testament, after salvation, had a life change that cost him dearly. No one could have imagined Paul, who was Saul at this point, going back to continue killing Christians! Modern leaders would tell you it is ok, there does not need to be a change, just keep on going how you always have done, that would be insanity. It will cost you something to call upon Christ for salvation. It cost my wife and I living in sin, it cost my children never hearing a filthy word come out of their parents' mouths. It cost giving up what I wanted in this life to serve a Master who loves me like none other. Biblical Salvation is free, but it will cost you sin, sorrow, and surrender!

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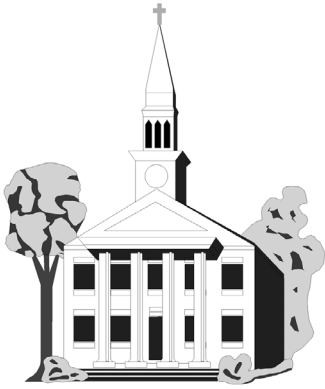
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