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-City of Liebenthal Council Minutes-

The Governing Body of the City of Liebenthal met in public hearing in the City Building Monday Oct. 12, 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. Resident Joel Carberry was in attendance.

The minutes from the meeting held Sept. 14, 2026, were read. Bill Stark moved to approve the minutes as read, Stephanie Schmidt-Koerner seconded, the vote was unanimous, the motion passed.

Citizen's Commentary: Joel Carberry spoke about a proposition for the council in which he would update the city website by having new photos added that he would take free of charge. In return he suggested the city list his photography business (Kansas Kino Photography) in the portion with business listings, give him credit for the photos, and re-orient the photos already on the website, or retake them. Mr. Carberry will approach the businesses in town to take the photos which he'd like to accomplish in two weeks. After some discussion, Stephanie Schmidt-Koerner moved to accept Mr. Carberry's proposal to update the city photos on our website with credit given to Kansas Kino Photography, the motion was seconded by Renee Legleiter, the vote was unanimous, the motion passed. Mr. Carberry left the meeting.

Clerk's Notes: Clerk Bev Stark has given the KDHE contract to the city attorney, but is still waiting for a reply. Darrell Warner mentioned this was quite common in grant contacts. Veterans' Day is Nov. 11 and Bev suggested Kelly Koerner notify Western COOP Electric to hang the flags in honor of that day. Renee Legleiter suggested we hang the flags for the upcoming election Nov. 3 and keep them up through Veterans' Day. Two building permits were submitted for approval. Bill Stark had met with both residents to give them the paperwork, and discuss the resident's plans. Both were within the city's ordinances. Renee Legleiter moved to approve the building permits as presented, Barb Matal seconded, the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Old Business: Mayor Darrell Warner asked if all the necessary signatures had been obtained for the impending KDHE loan agreement. Bev said all signatures were in place and we are just waiting for the city attorney's response. The paperwork to retain Jacobs Engineering as engineers for the remainder of the RO unit/water meter replacement project has been sent. Renee Legleiter reported that the Fall-Fest Celebration and 150th Anniversary of Liebenthal was a resounding success, stating over 1000 people had attended. The financial assessment is still to be completed. Renee reported that there is discussion of having the next Fall Fest in two or five years.

New Business: Mayor Warner attended the League of KS Municipalities annual meeting Oct. 8-9, 2026. He reported that the meeting offered him many opportunities to visit with city council members from other cities, and also representatives from various funding entities. Bill Stark had researched Robert's Rules of Order to determine that although the previous meeting's minutes must be perused by the council, and voted to be accepted as written, the minutes do not need to be read at the meeting. If the clerk provides a copy of the meeting minutes to all council members before the monthly meeting, the council can read them before the meeting, vote to accept or change them during the scheduled meeting, thereby shortening the meeting times. The council was overwhelmingly interested in this option. The clerk will send the meeting minutes from the previous meeting, the agenda for the upcoming meeting, and the bills list to each councilmember prior to the regularly scheduled meeting beginning with November's meeting.

City Maintenance Updates: Kelly Koerner reported that the sewer pump is working well. The water lines were flushed Oct. 7. Kelly also spoke with a tractor repair shop in La Crosse and will take the tractor to be repaired this coming week. He reports that one more mowing this fall should conclude a busy mowing season. The sewer lagoon is in good 'shape.' Mayor Warner suggested scheduling the 2027 inspection of the water tower with Viking Industrial Painting soon to reserve the pressurized water tank from KS Rural Water Association.

Calendar / City Events: There are no pending events.

Approval and Payment of Bills: Bill Stark moved to approve the bills as presented, Stephanie Schmidt-Koerner seconded the motion, the vote was unanimous, the motion passed. The next meeting is November 9, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. Renee Legleiter moved to adjourn the meeting, Stephanie Schmidt-Koerner seconded, the vote was unanimous, the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Mayor Darrell Warner **City Clerk Beverly Stark**

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Caring for Garden Mums Through the Winter

by Lacey Noterman, District Director

As garden mums finish blooming for the season, a little fall maintenance can help protect them and improve their chances of returning next spring.

Once flowering is complete, gardeners have two options for preparing mums for winter. One option is to cut the stems back to approximately 2-3 inches above the ground and apply a layer of mulch over the plants for added winter protection.

Another option is to leave the dried stems and foliage in place until spring. The remaining plant material can provide some insulation for the crown and help protect it during colder weather. Both approaches are commonly used, so gardeners can choose the method that works best for them.

One important step, regardless of which method you choose, is to make sure garden mums do not dry out completely during the winter. If rainfall or snowfall has been limited, provide supplemental water during mild periods when the soil is not frozen. Maintaining adequate moisture can help prevent winter drying and improve the plants' chances of surviving until spring.

With a little attention throughout the winter months, your garden mums will have a better opportunity to return and provide color to the landscape next growing season.

For more information, please contact Lacey Noterman, K-State Research and Extension, Walnut Creek District Agriculture and Natural Resources Extension Agent, at lnote@ksu.edu or 620-397-2806.

Barbed Wire Beacon

Be Ye Thankful

Colossians 3:15 "And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful."

The end of another year is coming quickly, and soon the holidays will be upon us, starting with Thanksgiving. This day is set apart for the purpose of giving thanks in this nation for what we have and coming together as one people no matter what our background, religion, or politics may be. I want to take the time this year to tell those who take their time to read these articles I write weekly, thank you. I know that there are other things you could be doing with your time as it is one of the most precious things that we have, may you be blessed through the scriptures as you search for the truth, and may these articles challenge you to search the Bible for that truth. I want to thank my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ for saving my soul 26 years ago this month. I am glad to know that He is not done with me, but also that I am not where I was all those years ago. I think of the verse Philippians 1:6 that tells what God has started, He will finish, "Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:" Next, I want to thank my wonderful wife for all she has done, and continues doing as a Christian, wife, mother, Pastor's wife, and EMT, as well as much more! Proverbs 31:27-30 "She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness. Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her. Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all. Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the LORD, she shall be praised." My wife without hesitation followed God's leading, submitted to her husband's call of God to come to Kansas, forsaking her own family, friends, and life we had started in North Carolina, to come to a place in the Midwest to present the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We have now been here for 8 years, we faced attacks against our children from grown adults, we have faced the fiery darts of the Devil, and the lies that have been sown against the Biblical Truth we have preached, and we continue to follow what God told us, Ephesians 6:14 "Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;" Thank you Lord for the strength to stand and the grace to follow You wherever you lead us. I want to thank God for my children who did not get a choice in moving from all they knew to come to a place that they knew nothing about so that they could learn to trust, thank, and follow God wherever He may lead them. Next, I want to thank all those who have given us the opportunity to present the Gospel message to them. Though the seed of the Word has fell onto some hard ground, it has also fell on some good ground and brought forth some good fruit, and I believe we are just beginning to see the true first fruits of all the seed of God's Word that has been planted. Lastly, I want to also thank God for what He will do in the future as we see in Philippians 4:6, "Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God."

Pastor Daniel Lineberry, Independent Baptist, Fundamental, KJV

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The Walnut Creek Basin Annual Meeting

Will be held on

Wednesday, Dec. 2, 2026

At Greg's Sports Pub & Grub in Rush Center

Meal at 6:30 p.m. Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

• ***Michael Bahr*** *with Tall Crop will speak on Tax Deductions On Residual Nutrients*

• ***Monte Johnson*** *With Purefield Will Speak about their Services*

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Please RSVP No Later Than November 25, 2026

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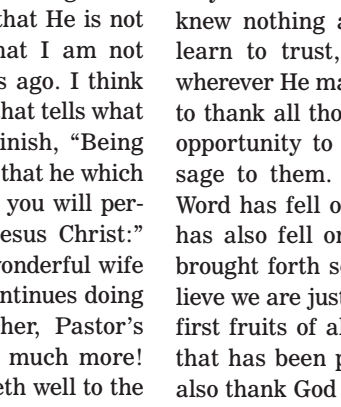
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