

City of Leoti Governing Body met in regular session Monday, January 5, 2026 at 6:30 p.m., at the City Hall Meeting Room.

Mayor Chris Kreutzer called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Kreutzer asked City Clerk Jeannine Hassell for Roll Call; Council President Derek Meyer, Councilors Kelma Burch, Rick Griem, Aron White and Jim Kreutzer. Also present were City Superintendent Blaine Medina and Steve Baum. City Attorney Charles Moser was absent.

Mayor Kreutzer opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Kreutzer announced the appointments of the 2026 City Officials: City Clerk, Jeannine Hassell; City Attorney Charles Moser, City Treasurer, Elizabeth Gould, Municipal Judge Wade Dixon, Planning and Zoning Committee, (Will Thomas, Brian Downing, Terry Laws, Eric Hassell, City Representative Blaine Medina), Economic Development City Representative Kelma Burch, Official Newspaper, The Native Sun, League of Municipalities City Representative, Voting Delegate and Alternate, Chris Kreutzer and Jeannine Hassell, Kansas Municipal Utilities City Representative, Voting Delegate and Alternate, Chris Kreutzer and Jeannine Hassell. White moved Burch seconded to approve the 2026 City Official appointments. Motion carried unanimously.

White moved Burch seconded to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

The Consent Agenda items included: a. December 15, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes, b. Payroll warrants \$36,409.99, c. Accounts Payable warrants \$236,881.23, d. Accounts Payable warrants \$1,672.20. (The warrants were available for review).

Meyer moved Burch seconded to approve the consent agenda items a-d. Motion carried unanimously.

Rob Taylor entered the meeting at 6:45 pm.

Mayor Kreutzer opened the floor for public comments. Assistant Fire Chief Steve Baum asked council to consider amending Ordinance 2024-01 burning regulations in city limit. Baum and Fire Chief Nickelson requested that requiring a permit be taken out of the ordinance. Discussion was held on the ordinance and council agreed to have City Attorney Moser look at making possible changes to the ordinance. Baum thanked council for considering.

White moved Meyer seconded to approve Resolution 2026-01 A RESOLUTION SETTING OUT FINDING AND DETERMINATION OF THE GOVERNING BODY REQUESTING A WAIVER OF THE GENERALLY ACCEPTED ACCOUNTING PRINCIPALS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING 2026 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF K.S.A. 75-1120A. Motion carried unanimously.

Meyer moved Burch seconded to approve Resolution 2026-02 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF LEOTI, KANSAS AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN RURAL OPPORTUNITY ZONE STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM CALENDAR YEAR 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

Meyer moved Burch seconded Ordinance 2026-01 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 4-25, 4-67 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF LEOTI, ALLOWING FOR EXPANDED HOURS AND DAYS OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES RETAIL SALES AND CEREAL MALT BEVERAGE RETAIL SALES. Motion carried unanimously with proposed changes.

New trash truck quotes from Key Equipment and Armor Equipment were looked over. Discussion was tabled until the next council meeting. City Superintendent Medina is waiting on two other quotes.

White moved Meyer seconded for approval of the update to Western State Bank safe deposit box signature card. Names to be added: Chris Kreutzer, Jeannine Hassell, Elizabeth Gould and Patty Medina. Motion carried unanimously.

City Superintendent Blaine Medina reported on December 17, 2025, a water evaluation was taken from Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE). Medina shared we received a very good evaluation. The crews have been doing maintenance on lift stations. The city crew has plans to do some upgrades on the dog kennels for easier access. Mayer will be here this week to do a sewer cleaning and inspection.

City Clerk Hassell shared the office staff have been finishing up year-end processes and preparing for 2026. Hassell will be working on getting tax forms out to employees next week.

Rob Taylor Editor of The Wichita County Native Sun Newspaper shared that he has started to print the newspaper in house instead of sending it out to be done. This will save the newspaper money and time. Taylor shared examples of the new size and print of the newspaper.

The next city council meeting is on Monday, January 19, 2026

There being no further business White made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 p.m. J. Kreutzer seconded. Motion carried.



Chris Kreutzer, Mayor



Jeannine Hassell, City Clerk

