

City of Leoti Governing Body met in regular session Monday, January 6, 2025 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, Aron White and Jim Kreutzer. Also present were City Superintendent Blaine Medina and City Attorney Charles Moser

Mayor Kreutzer opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Kreutzer announced the appointments of the 2025 City Officials: City Clerk, Jeannine Hassell; City Attorney Charles Moser, City Treasurer, Elizabeth Gould; EMS Director, Terry Bloedorn, Fire Chief, Mike Nickelson, Municipal Judge Wade Dixon, 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 2025 City Official appointments. Motion carried unanimously.

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

The Consent Agenda items included: a. December 16, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes, b. Payroll warrants \$32,005.06, c. 2024 Accounts Payable warrants \$14,554.61, d. 2025 Accounts Payable warrants \$125,151.83. (The warrants were available for review).

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

No date yet on the repairs of the missing brick work at the four-way. Councilor Jim Kreutzer will call the contractor. Fireworks were also a topic of conversation. Mayor Kreutzer has met with the County Commissioner and asked if they would be willing to help bring a fireworks display back to Leoti for the Fourth of July holiday. The Commissioners agreed they would be interested in helping. Mayor Kreutzer contacted a fireworks distributor in Ellinwood for information and cost. Mayor Kreutzer also shared that \$3700 was collected on Giving Day to be put toward a fireworks display.

J. Kreutzer moved Meyer seconded to approve donating \$5000 to be put toward a firework display for the Fourth of July. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Kreutzer will contact the County Commissioners to see if they will match the City of Leoti's donation for the fireworks.

J. Kreutzer moved Meyer seconded to approve Resolution 2025-01 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 2025 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF K.S.A. 75-1120A. Motion carried unanimously.

J. Kreutzer moved White seconded to approve Resolution 2025-02 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF LEOTI, KANSAS AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN RURAL OPPORTUNITY ZONE STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM CALENDAR YEAR 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

J. Kreutzer moved White seconded Ordinance 2025-01 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LEOTI, KANSAS, ESTABLISHING BULK WATER RATES. Motion carried unanimously.

City Superintendent Medina shared quotes on a 2025 Chevrolet Silverado K2500 (Single Cab) from Lewis Automotive in Garden City for \$ 49,224.28, A 2024 Dodge Ram 2500 (Crew Cab) from Colby Dodge Chrysler Jeep for \$55,940.00. A 2024 Dodge Ram 2500 (Crew Cab) from Lewis Automotive in Hays for \$49,984.95. Medina is waiting on a quote from J & R Car and Truck Center in Scott City. Council tabled the topic until the next meeting.

J. Kreutzer made a motion to approve Vivo Fuels LLC Cereal Malt Beverage License Renewal-Off Premise. Burch seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

City Attorney Moser shared information on the small claims court appeal. Moser will keep council up to date on the process.

City Superintendent Blaine Medina reported he has reached out to KDOT for direction on placing the BCBS Pathways cross walks and flashing signs. The 20 mph signs on 7th Street have been placed. The city crew has been hauling concrete left from the 7th Street Project out to the landfill to be crushed. Medina will take his water certification test at the end of January.

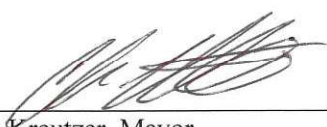
City Clerk Hassell shared the office staff have been finishing up year-end processes and ready for 2025. Hassell and Deputy Clerk Medina had conference call with Edmunds the new financial software city hall will be moving to. This process will take a year to complete.

White moved Burch seconded to recess into executive session pursuant to the nonelected personnel matters exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1), to discuss an employee evaluation for 5 minutes with Council, Mayor, City Superintendent and City Clerk. Meeting resumed at 7:35 p.m.

Meyer moved Burch seconded to recess into executive session pursuant to the nonelected personnel matters exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1), to discuss an employee evaluation for 5 minutes with Council, Mayor, City Superintendent and City Clerk. Meeting resumed at 7:42 p.m. Mayor Kreutzer declared no action taken.

The next city council meeting is on Monday, January 20, 2025

There being no further business White made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 p.m. Burch seconded. Motion carried.



Chris Kreutzer, Mayor



Jeannine Hassell, City Clerk

