

City of Leoti Governing Body met in regular session Monday, January 19, 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, City Attorney Charles Moser and Aimee Baker.

Mayor Kreutzer opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

The Consent Agenda items included: a. January 5, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes, b. Payroll warrants \$19,412.09, c. Accounts Payable warrants \$290,623.01, d. Accounts Payable warrants \$2,203.72. (The warrants were available for review).

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

Mayor Kreutzer opened the floor for public comments. There were no comments.

Aimee Baker, City Grant Writer shared she got an update from the water infrastructure grant committee that they will make a decision at the end of March 2026. Discussion was held on the BCBS grant on the lighted cross walks. Medina and Hassell sent of bid proposals to three different companies with a due date of January 31, 2026. Baker asked council on what projects they would like to focus on with grants that are available. Council agreed to focus on upgrading the city park to ADA accessible playground equipment with the grants available at this time. Baker shared there will be other grants available later in the year that can be focused on the fire department needs.

Aimee Baker left the meeting at 7:06 pm.

Meyer moved for the approval of the 2026 Blue Cross Blue Shield Premiums. White seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Council reviewed and discussed new trash truck (20 cubic yard rear load) quotes from Key Equipment \$222,900.00, Armor Equipment \$223,119.96 and AMREP Manufacturing \$268,035.96.

White moved Burch seconded for the approval of the new Leach Alpha III 20 cubic yard rear load refuse compaction body for \$222,900.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Kreutzer shared information on the Sunflower/Wheatland Electric 345-kV transmission line project in the next couple of years. This project involves building an approximately 360 mile long new 345-kilovolt transmission line between Holcomb, Kansas and Sidney, Nebraska. The goal is to strengthen the electric grid's reliability and increase capacity across the region. Kreutzer shared this project should not affect the City of Leoti.

City Attorney Moser gave a brief review of the Kansas Open Meetings Act (KOMA) and the Kansas Open Records Act. Moser touched on important points and answered questions.

Council reviewed the Treasurer's Report provided by City Treasurer Liz Gould.

City Superintendent Blaine Medina reported the transducer on the big water tower was having causing some issues with the pressure levels. The transducer was removed and debris had been blocking the flow. A flush valve was added to ease future maintenance. Well water levels were checked and compared to a year ago the levels have gone down an average of two inches. The street sweeper had been scheduled for a repair. The city crews have been working on alley and street maintenance after the snow. Mayer Services were here on January 7th and 8th and did a sewer cleaning and inspection of the sewer line starting at the hospital, and ending at Logan Street. Mayer did this ahead of the new PVC liner that will be installed in a couple of months. A few cracks were found on top of the sewer main and small shift on one of the joints south of the hospital. All of this will be repaired from a new liner being placed inside of the current sewer main.

City Clerk Hassell shared the office staff has been preparing for the upcoming training for our new software system. The office will be closed at specific times during the days next week for training. There will be various insurance companies coming in the next couple of weeks to visit with employees. Lewis, Hopper & Dick will be here on February 3 for audit field work.

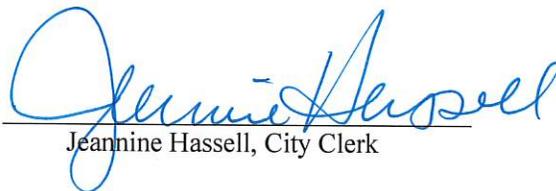
White moved Burch seconded to recess into executive session pursuant to the nonelected personnel matters exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1), to discuss an employee evaluation for 5 minutes with Council, Mayor and City Clerk. Meeting resumed at 8:02 p.m. White moved Burch seconded to give said employee discussed in executive session said increase to wages when CDL permit and license have been acquired. Motion carried unanimously.

The next city council meeting is on Monday, February 2, 2026 at 6:30 pm.

There being no further business White made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m. Burch seconded. Motion carried.



Chris Kreuzer, Mayor



Jeannine Hassell, City Clerk

