

City of Leoti Governing Body met in regular session Monday, February 17, 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, City Treasurer Liz Gould, Rob Taylor, Judith Lemus and Susannah Louderbaugh.

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. February 2, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes, b. Payroll warrants \$20,020.38, c. Accounts Payable warrants \$36,902.44. (The warrants were available for review).

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

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

Mayor Kreutzer welcomed Judith Lemus with Wichita County Park and Recreation and Susannah Louderbaugh with Wichita County Economic Development first quarter update.

Judith Lemus left the meeting at 6:36 pm.

Susannah Louderbaugh left the meeting at 6:40 pm.

Discussion was held on the possible grant for the city park's ADA accessible playground equipment. Aimee Baker, City Grant Writer is requesting guidance from city council on which way they would like to proceed with this grant. The playground equipment plus all the other supplies needed for this possible project comes to a total of \$1,000,000. Council agreed to move forward with writing the grant for the ADA playground equipment. Any grant money received will be put toward the purchase of equipment. The equipment will be stored until everything has been purchased. This project will be done in phases with funds received from grants and or donations.

City Treasurer Liz Gould shared the certificate of deposits have reached maturity at Western State Bank and Security State Bank. Western State Bank bid for two certificate of deposits was 3.65% and Security State Bank bid for one certificate of deposit renewal was 3.69%.

White moved J. Kreutzer second to renew the two certificates of deposits at Western State Bank with an interest of 3.65% and one certificate of deposit at Security State Bank with an interest rate of 3.69%. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Kreutzer shared he had attended the County Commissioners meeting and discussion was held on the Neighborhood Revitalization Plan. NRP offers property tax rebates for residential, commercial or agricultural improvements that increase property value by a minimum of \$50,000. Kreutzer shared that council would like to see the minimum be lowered in hopes that more people would take advantage of the plan. Commissioners and Mayor Kreutzer came to an agreement of lowering it to \$25,000. The current plan will be revised and the county commissioners, city council and school board will all have to approve the plan.

Mayor Kreutzer also asked the County Commissioners if they would like to take part in providing a fireworks display for the community again this year. \$1300 was donated on Giving Day toward the fireworks display. The County Commissioners agreed to give \$5,000 again this year.

J. Kreutzer moved Meyer seconded to match the County with \$5,000 towards the 2026 fireworks display. Motion carried unanimously.

White moved Burch seconded for the approval to update the signature cards at Security State Bank. The names to be added are: Chris Kreutzer, Derek Meyer, Jeannine Hassell and Elizabeth Gould. Motion carried unanimously.

City Attorney Charles Moser had nothing new to report.

City Superintendent Blaine Medina reported Mayer Specialty Services will be back at the beginning of March to complete the sewer project in the alley of Logan Street to the south side of the hospital. The city crew had to do some digging on the south side of the nursing home to prepare for the project. Sporer Land Development is interested in giving a bid on the BCBS Pathways project. Medina will put a request for bid for the curbing and guttering on Main Street. When weather permits, on a Sunday, the city crew will get the parking lines completed on south Highway 25. Discussion was held on the possibility of leasing a tool cat and bob cat instead of purchasing new.

City Clerk Hassell shared the first payroll and accounts payable have been processed in the software system. Change always comes with some wrinkles but we are working on getting them ironed out. There were approximately 50 dogs and or cats that came to the pet vaccination clinic on February 7th.

Charles Moser, Rob Taylor and Liz Gould left the meeting at 7:19 pm.

White moved Griem 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 7:25 p.m. White moved Burch seconded to give said employee discussed in executive session said increase to wages. Motion carried unanimously.

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

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



Chris Kreutzer, Mayor



Jeannine Hassell, City Clerk

