

City of Leoti Governing Body met in regular session Monday, April 6, 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, Kassidy Koehn 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. March 16, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes, b. Payroll warrants \$36,216.69, c. Payroll warrants \$20,343.89
d. Accounts Payable warrants \$203,189.96. (The warrants were available for review).

Burch 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

Mayor Kreutzer welcomed Kassidy Koehn, Playa & Water Conservation Outreach Specialist, Southwest Kansas – Tomorrow's Water. Koehn explained that playas are vital, temporary wetlands that provide important habitat for wildlife and are a primary source of recharge to the Ogallala Aquifer. These shallow, clay-lined depressions collect runoff from the surrounding area, filtering out contaminants and directing water underground. Communities can proactively address a declining water supply by restoring playas and adopting irrigation practices that reduce the impacts from aquifer overuse. Koehn shared maps and information on ways the city and county could help in helping recharge the aquifer. Council asked Koehn for more information on the subject.

Aimee Baker, City Grant Writer shared the City of Leoti was awarded \$85,000 from the KDHE- Kansas Water Office Technical Assistance Grant as part of the Sustaining Small Towns: A Regional Water Initiative, to complete surveying and secure professional grant consultant services. This effort will provide the data and technical expertise need to plan critical water system improvements, protect public health and ensure long-term resiliency. Surveying will provide the city with accurate mapping of its underground infrastructure, helping to identify deficiencies, prioritize replacements and plan future rehabilitation. The consultant services will ensure Leoti can prepare competitive funding applications, align planning with KDHE requirements, and move efficiently toward construction once priorities are established. Baker shared she has submitted a grant to T-Mobile for \$50,000 to put towards playground equipment for the city park. A letter of intent for the Patterson Foundation grant is in the works and due May 6th. A grant of \$25,000 is in the works for the fire department. A grant has been submitted to AARP for \$10,000. Council thanked Aimee for all her hard work.

White moved J. Kreutzer second for approval of ORDINANCE 2026-04 AMENDING CHAPTER 14, ARTICLE IV, FIREWORKS, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF LEOTI, KANSAS, AMENDING SECTION 14-107 TO ALLOW FOR THE PUBLIC DISPLAY OF FIREWORKS BY PERMIT FROM THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF LEOTI, KANSAS. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Kreutzer reminded council that Principal Misty Gardner asked permission for the school shoot off fireworks at the end of the school year to celebrate the United States 250th anniversary. Gardner also shared she will make sure to have the fire department on hand if needed.

White moved Griem second to grant permission to USD 467 schools for the public display of fireworks at the end of school year on May 11, 2026, weather permitting. Motion carried unanimously.

City Attorney Charles Moser shared information on a property that is in violation of ordinances and what the plans are in this case.

City Superintendent Blaine Medina reported mowing has started and the water has been turned on at the ball fields. A sprinkler valve had to be repaired and a small leak will be repaired. The street sweeper has been running. Mayer Services completed the sewer cleaning in the north quadrant. They will also be cleaning a couple of lift stations. Medina took the Husqvarna mower down to put in the annual consignment sale. Medina asked for permission to bid on a 3 point blade he seen down there. Council gave permission to bid on it and not exceed \$1000.

City Clerk Hassell shared the office staff is still in training mode with moving to the new accounting software. Hassell reminded council of the upcoming audit review and budget prep on June 18, 2026. City Hall was closed on Good Friday. The city crew worked half a day.

White moved Meyer seconded to recess into executive session pursuant to the nonelected personnel matters exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1), to discuss an employee for 2 minutes with Council, Mayor, City Superintendent and City Clerk. Meeting resumed at 7:48 p.m. Meyer moved White second to give said employee discussed in executive session said increase to wages. Motion carried unanimously.

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 for 2 minutes with Council, Mayor, City Superintendent and City Clerk. Meeting resumed at 7:51 p.m. Meyer moved J. Kreutzer second to give said employee discussed in executive session said increase to wages. Motion carried unanimously.

The next city council meeting is on Monday, April 20, 2026 at 6:30 pm.

There being no further business White made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 p.m. Burch seconded. Motion carried.



Chris Kreutzer, Mayor



Jeannine Hassell, City Clerk

