

City of Leoti Governing Body met in regular session Monday, May 4, 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, John Gould, Liz Gould, Kacey Jacobs, Jenny Long, Steve Baum, Susannah Louderbaugh, Michelle Sheppard, Kristopher Casper and Maegan Berry

Mayor Kreutzer opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

The Consent Agenda items included: a. April 20, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes, b. Payroll warrants \$15,961.27, c. Payroll warrants \$20,018.73, d. Accounts Payable warrants \$27,002.80. (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

Mayor Kreutzer welcomed Jenny Long, Leoti Lightning Swim Team Coach. During the summer Leoti Swim Team host a large swim meet at the county pool. The restrooms in the pool house are not large enough to accommodate the amount participants and spectators that attend. Long asked if the city would be willing to help pay for half the cost of the portable restroom trailer from Johnson Septic in Garden City. The cost would be \$287.55.

J. Kreutzer moved White seconded to pay half the cost of the portable restroom trailer from Johnson Septic in Garden City for the Leoti swim meet on June 13, 2026 in the amount of \$287.55. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Kreutzer welcomed Assistant Fire Chief Steve Baum. Baum shared he had returned at the request of council for the grant he had applied with the Kansas Revolving and Assistance Fund (KRAF) Match Grant through Kansas Board of EMS. The grant applied for is for two Zoll Auto Pulse NXT resuscitation systems. The match grant is 75% and 25% match. Baum was awarded \$33,063.00 and will need \$11,024.15 for the 25% match. Baum asked the city to cover the cost of the match.

White moved J. Kreutzer seconded to pay the 25% grant match of \$11,024.15 from the Kansas Revolving and Assistance Fund grant through Kansas Board of EMS for two Zoll Auto Pulse NXT resuscitation systems. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Kreutzer welcomed Michelle Sheppard, Board President and Maegan Berry, Treasurer of the Grow and Learn Childcare Center. Sheppard and Berry were in attendance at the request of city council. Sheppard shared the daycare is still in need of funds to keep the doors open. Discussions were held on different avenues that could be taken. One avenue would be to have the childcare teachers get individual licenses and rent a room in the center for their own daycare. If this were to happen it would free up cost such as worker's compensation insurance. A director would not be needed so that would also free up some funds. There were more discussions held.

Meyer moved Burch seconded to give the Grow and Learn Childcare Center \$18,000 for operating cost. Mayor Kreutzer called for a roll call vote. Burch-yea, Griem-nay, J. Kreutzer-nay, Meyer-yea, White-nay. Motion failed 3 nays, 2 yeas.

Mayor Kreutzer welcomed Kacey Jacobs, Leoti Housing Authority. Jacobs is looking into new insurance and will share that information when she has it. Seventeen new screen doors were ordered and ready to be installed. A rope/wire is being placed so vehicles cannot drive on the grass. A few dead trees have been removed. There will be two apartments opening up soon but should be filled as there is a waiting list.

Mayor Kreutzer shared that a new separate account needs to be opened for the KDHE – Kansas Water Office Technical Assistance Grant that we received alongside Dighton, Tribune and Horace. It was agreed to have Leoti open the account since we are centrally located between all the towns. All the grant money will be disbursed to the new account and all the invoices will be paid from the one account.

White moved Burch seconded for the approval to open a new checking account at Western State Bank for the KDHE – Kansas Water Office Technical Assistance Grant project. Authorized signers shall be Elizabeth Gould, Jeannine Hassell, Christopher Kreutzer and Derek Meyer. Motion carried unanimously.

White moved Meyer seconded for the approval of the Core & Main proposal for Leoti Sensus Analytics Re-integrations for Edmunds Software of \$7500. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussions on 2027 projects and purchases were tabled.

Meyer moved Burch seconded to approve the hiring of a seasonal part time employee for Wichita County Municipal Golf Course at \$15 hour, 32 hours a week, May – August. Motion passed 4 to 1. White opposed.

City Attorney Moser had nothing new to share.


City Superintendent Blaine Medina reported the city crew finished up painting the ballfield dug outs, bleachers and awnings. City Hall will get a fresh coat of paint next then the parking stripes on south K25. Mowing season has begun. Medina shared Sporer Land Development will start on the BCBS Pathways cross walk project.

City Clerk Hassell shared the office staff is still in training with the new software system. One application has been turned in for the golf course seasonal part time position. Mayor Kreutzer gave Hassell the go ahead to hire said applicant.

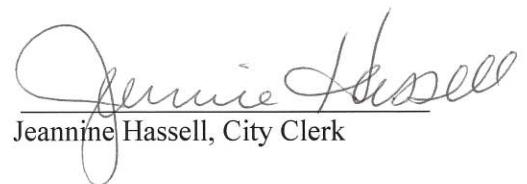
White moved J. Kreutzer seconded to recess into executive session pursuant to the nonelected personnel matters exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1), to discuss an employee evaluation for 5 minutes with Council, Mayor, City Superintendent and City Clerk. Meeting resumed at 8:27 p.m. White moved Meyer seconded to give said employee discussed in executive session said increase to wages. Motion carried unanimously.

The next city council meeting is on Monday, May 18, 2026 at 6:30 pm.

There being no further business Meyer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 p.m. J. Kreutzer seconded. Motion carried.



Chris Kreutzer, Mayor



Jeannine Hassell, City Clerk

