

City of Leoti Governing Body met in regular session Monday, May 18, 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, Susannah Louderbaugh, Judith Lemus, Steve Baum, Nancy Ortiz, Olivia Wedel and Faith Marcy

Mayor Kreutzer opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Meyer moved J. Kreutzer seconded to approve the agenda with the addition of New Business a. Child Care Coalition. Motion carried unanimously.

The Consent Agenda items included: a. May 4, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes, b. May 11, 2026 Special Meeting Minutes c. Payroll warrants \$20,421.02 d. Accounts Payable warrants \$23,524.67. (The warrants were available for review).

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

Mayor Kreutzer opened the floor for public comments. Steve Baum, Assistant Fire Chief and Mayor Kreutzer shared information on The Kansas Forest Service (KFS) that administers the Volunteer Fire Assistance (VFA) grant to help rural and city fire departments purchase essential safety gear, wildland firefighting equipment, and communication tools. This is a 50/50 cost-share program is federally funded and targeted at departments serving populations under 10,000. The fire department is in need of eight air packs and eight masks totaling \$72,900. Baum asked City Council if the help with the cost share if awarded. Mayor Kreutzer and Baum had visited with the County Commissioners; they will help with half of the cost share if awarded. City grant writer Aimee Baker will be working on this grant.

White moved Meyer seconded to provide up to \$18,098.72 for the Kansas Forest Service / Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant if awarded. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Judith Lemus left the meeting at 6:42 pm.

Discussions were held on 2027 projects and purchases. Main street curb and guttering would cost approximately \$103,500 for 2300 feet. The big ditch on east Hwy 96 needs some elevation work done for \$15,000. Leasing a Bobcat and Toolcat were discussed.

Steve Baum left the meeting at 6:58 pm.

White moved Meyer seconded for the approval of the proposal from Wald's All American Display Fireworks for \$12,000 with the County Commissioners providing \$5000 towards the fireworks. Motion carried unanimously.

J. Kreutzer moved Meyer seconded for the approval of Ordinance 2026-05 AN ORDINANCE ALLOWING CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR WITHIN SPECIALLY DESIGNATED AREAS AT A SPECIFIC LOCATIONS AND TIMES DURING THE WICHITA COUNTY FAIR ON JULY 30 TO AUGUST 1, 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

Meyer moved Griem seconded to appoint Councilor Aron White to the Wichita County Childcare Coalition. Motion carried unanimously.

City Attorney Moser shared he has been in contact with the attorney of a property owner that is not in compliance with city nuisance code. There have been no improvements made at this time. The court date is set for July 1, 2026.

City Superintendent Blaine Medina reported Sporer has started on the BCBS Pathways light cross walks. The city crew started spraying bindweed last week and will begin fogging for mosquitos soon.

City Clerk Hassell shared utility and work order information was moved from G Works to Edmunds last week and we went live today with it. So the bills going out at the end of the month will look different.

City Grant Writer Baker reported she is working with Michelle Sheppard on setting up a coalition. By setting up a coalition it will help when applying for grants. The letter of intent (LOI) has been completed for the Patterson Foundation grant and requested \$40,000 for a transition from a traditional childcare staffing structure into a provider led model consisting of three individual licensed multi age classrooms operating within the existing facility. Baker reached out the Sunflower Foundation, they are not in a grant cycle at this time. Baker also reached out to the Railroad Foundation, they have offered \$5000 but have not heard back from them yet. Childcare Aware has been contacted and asked about forming the childcare coalition. The BCBS Pathways project is underway. The LOI for the Patterson Foundation for the City has been completed. This grant is for the city park playground safety surfacing. It will take two to three weeks before we hear back from them. The end of May we should hear back on the T-Mobile grant. We did not receive the grant from AARP, most grants from there were from large cities. Baker has been working on city park grants from Wichita County Community Foundation and The Land and Water Conservation Fund. Discussions were held on the water grant we received with Dighton, Tribune and Horace. A memorandum of understanding (MOU) with all cities will need to be approved.

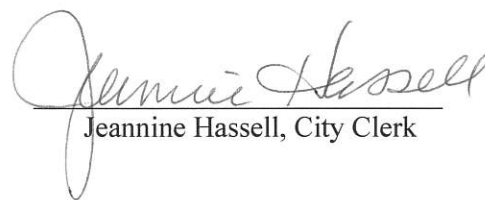
Meyer moved Burch seconded for the approval of Mayor Kreutzer signing the memorandum of understanding (MOU) and KWO Grant Contract. Motion carried unanimously.

The next city council meeting is on Monday, June 1, 2026 at 6:30 pm.

There being no further business White made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m. J. Kreutzer seconded. Motion carried.



Chris Kreutzer, Mayor.



Jeannine Hassell, City Clerk

