

City of Leoti Governing Body met in regular session Monday, June 2, 2025 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 Aron White and Jim Kreutzer were present. Also present were City Superintendent Blaine Medina, City Attorney Charles Moser, Rob Taylor and Aimee Baker. Councilor Kelma Burch was absent.

Mayor Kreutzer opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

White moved J. Kreutzer seconded to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

The Consent Agenda items included: a. May 19, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes, b. Payroll warrants \$15,051.75, c. Payroll warrants \$19,684.51, d. Accounts Payable warrants \$56,259.33, e. Accounts Payable warrants \$9,453.85. (The warrants were available for review).

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

Mayor Kreutzer welcomed Aimee Baker. Baker shared information on grants available for possible projects council members came up with. Some of the ideas were updating the playground equipment at the City Park, Welcome signs as you enter each direction of town, Dog Park. Council will discuss the options of hiring a grant writer with the auditor on June 19, 2025.

Aimee Baker left the meeting at 6:54 pm.

Council discussed possible 2026 projects. Some of the items discussed with replacing curb and guttering on Main Street and the four-way, fixing the elevation in the big drainage ditch on highway 96 so storm water flows properly, a new trash truck and an additional mower.

Clerk Hassell shared the Board of County Commissioners of Wichita County have raised the landfill fees, that will go into effect on July 1, 2025. The increased fees will show on the July/August city billing cycle. The new rates are: Residential \$11.15 per month, Light Business \$14.85 per month, Medium Light Business \$19.83 per month, Medium Business \$24.74, Medium Heavy Business \$29.71 per month and Heavy Business \$36.68 per month.

City Attorney Moser shared he is still waiting on a trial date and will be looking into what can be purchased from the opioid settlement funds that the city received. The primary purpose of these settlement funds is to abate the opioid crisis, meaning efforts to treat, prevent or reduce opioid use disorder and its harmful effects.

City Superintendent Medina reported the water tower painting has been completed and the spilled paint has been cleaned off of the ground storage tank by Cunningham Tank and Tower Service. B & H Paving chip sealed the southwest quadrant on Friday finishing up before noon. Medina thanked the city residents who moved their vehicles to make the project go smoothly. The city crew will be trimming trees along the streets to allow clearance for the street sweeper. The crew is also working on manufacturing brackets to add 35 more flags along highway 96 and 25. There will be a flag under every veteran's banner. City Hall will be repainted soon.

City Clerk Hassell shared there are six candidates that will run for three city council seats available in January 2026. Hassell shared Code Enforcement Officer Shane Harris gave his resignation on Friday, May 30, 2025. Discussion was held and council agreed to advertise the code enforcement position again.

Rob Taylor and Charles Moser left the meeting at 7:33 pm.

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 a matter involving an evaluation of a nonelected personnel with Council, Mayor, Clerk and Superintendent for 15 minutes. The meeting resumed at 7:38 p.m.

Meyer moved J. Kreutzer seconded to give said employee discussed in executive session, said increase in pay. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Kreutzer shared he received the final paperwork for the fireworks display set for Saturday, July 5, 2025. There will be information shared with the community after the paperwork is sent in.

The next city council meeting is on Monday, June 16, 2025 at 6:30 pm.

There being no further business White made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 p.m. Meyer seconded. Motion carried.



A handwritten signature of Jeannine Hassell in blue ink, positioned above a horizontal line. Below the line, the name "Jeannine Hassell, City Clerk" is printed in black text.