

City of Leoti Governing Body met in regular session Monday, June 15, 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, Susannah Louderbaugh, Liz Gould, Mirna Jimenez and Michelle Sheppard. City Attorney Charles Moser 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. June 1, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes, b. Payroll warrants \$20,722.66 d. Accounts Payable warrants \$14,670.24. (The warrants were available for review).

White 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 Susannah Louderbaugh, Wichita County Economic Development. Louderbaugh shared information on a Data Center, Large Load and Comprehensive Utility Planning Summit put on by Kansas Municipal Utilities in Topeka, Kansas, July 15-16, 2026. Data centers have been a hot topic as of late and this conference would give more information on it. Louderbaugh encouraged council members to think about attending the conference. WCED will be hosting a Community Strategic Planning Meeting on Tuesday, July 14, 2026 at the Business C.A.R.E Center at 6:30 pm. Business owners, county commissioners, city council members and Wichita County board members are invited to help guide the future of economic development in our county. Cathy Domsch, productivity and leadership coach will also be present to assist with the meeting. Louderbaugh encouraged council members to attend the meeting. The WCED board has been discussing putting up speakers on Main Street to have music playing and use for various things throughout the year. Currently Network Kansas has a grant available for up to \$10,000 that is due June 30th. This grant requires a lead applicant (WCED, Susannah), Reporter (WCCF, Emily) and a Project Coordinator. Louderbaugh asked if the City would be a project coordinator and council agreed. City Superintendent Medina will be the project coordinator.

Mayor Kreutzer welcomed Michelle Sheppard and Mirna Jimenez, Grow and Learn Childcare Center. Sheppard gave an update on the childcare center. Currently they are working on fencing to have four separate playgrounds. They are still in the process of moving to the new model but there are many avenues that need to be taken to complete the process. The staff has been providing a concession stand at the baseballs games to help with funds for room supplies. Sheppard shared salaries have been reduced. Council asked if any other fundraising has been done. Sheppard is not sure of the total amount raised from Wichita County Community Foundation at this time and they are planning a fundraiser/benefit in August after school starts. City Grant Writer Aimee Baker has put in a letter of intent (LOI) for a Patterson grant and they recently learned the LOI was accepted so now the grant application can be sent in. Sheppard asked city council for an appropriation of \$20,000 for the life of the loan. Council members asked for information on the life of the loan, in which Sheppard will have for them before the budget meeting on Thursday. Council thanked Sheppard and Jimenez for the update and will get back to them after the budget meeting.

Michelle Sheppard and Mirna Jimenez left the meeting at 6:54 pm.

Discussions were held on the city grant writer's policy.

J. Kreutzer moved Meyer seconded for the approval of Ordinance 2026-08 AN ORDINANCE ALLOWING CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL AT A SPECIAL EVENT ON JULY 4, 2026 FROM 4 PM TO 11:59 PM IN A DESIGNATED AREAS OF THE WICHITA COUNTY PARK PURSUANT TO A TEMPORARY PERMIT. Motion carried 4 to 1 with White opposing. .

City Superintendent Blaine Medina reported the crosswalks will be completed this week. B & H paving will be here the week of July 20, 2026 to chip seal the north quadrant. Medina shared he had a form made to help with painting the parking stripes on south HWY 25. The crew has been spraying cracks in the street for weeds, spraying bindweed and mowing.

City Clerk Hassell reminded council of the audit and budget meeting set for Thursday, June 18, 2026 at 6:30 pm.

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

There being no further business Meyer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m. White seconded. Motion carried.



Chris Kreutzer, Mayor



Jeannine Hassell, City Clerk

