

City of Leoti Governing Body met in regular session Monday, July 15, 2024 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, Aron White and Jim Kreutzer. Also present were City Superintendent Blaine Medina, Nikki Bjurstrom and Rob Taylor. Councilor Greg Graff and City Attorney Charles Moser were absent.

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

The Consent Agenda items included: a. July 1, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes, b. Payroll warrants \$16,997.50, c. Accounts Payable warrants \$461,154.87 (The warrants were available for review).

Meyer moved Burch seconded to approve the consent agenda items A-C. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Kreutzer welcomed Nikki Bjurstrom, Wichita County Economic Development. Bjurstrom shared information on Kansas Moderate Income Housing (MIH) grant/loan funds available. There is a growing need for affordable moderate-income housing. Bjurstrom shared the requirements for applying for the grant. After much discussion, council agreed this would be beneficial to the residents of Leoti. Bjurstrom and Hassell will gather information to put a flyer out to the community and developers.

White moved Meyer seconded for the approval of the Revenue Neutral Rate and Budget Hearing date moved to September 16, 2024 at 6:30 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Kreutzer reported that he has been approached by several citizens about the Fourth of July fireworks show. Due to increasing cost, special licensing and other factors the fireworks show put on by the Leoti Volunteer Fire Department ended in 2021. Kreutzer would like to work on bringing it back and has begun to do research on it. City council members agreed and ideas were discussed on how to raise funds and get the extra help needed.

Nikki Bjurstrom left the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

White moved Meyer seconded for the approval of Cunningham 2025 Exterior Power Wash and Overcoat proposal for the 250,000 Gallon Elevated Water Tower. Cost for exterior power wash and overcoat: \$90,170 and cost to reapply "LEOTI" lettering and logo: \$5,500. Motion carried unanimously.

White moved Meyer seconded to approve the Change Order No. 1 for the 2024 Earl Street Improvement Project. A change in contract price \$985,684.13 to \$999,094.13. The increase of \$13,410 is for additional work required when an unexpected encasement where the waterline crosses K-25. Motion carried unanimously.

Burch moved J. Kreutzer seconded for the approval of 2024 Earl Street Project Pay Estimate No. 2 for the total of \$329,714.26. (\$225,314 Waterline and \$104,400.26 Street) Motion carried unanimously.

Meyer moved Burch seconded to amend the Purchasing Policy Guideline – An Acquisition and Purchasing Requisition Form is required to be filled out for all purchases five hundred dollars (\$500) or more. Changing to one thousand dollars (\$1000) or more. Motion carried unanimously.

Meyer moved J. Kreutzer seconded for the approval of Ordinance 2024-04 ALLOWING CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR WITHIN SPECIALLY DESIGNATED AREAS AT A SPECIFIC LOCATIONS AND TIMES DURING THE WICHITA COUNTY FAIR ON AUGUST 1-3, 2024. Motion carried 3-1 with White opposing.

Meyer moved Burch seconded for the approval of Salty Pete's Bar LLC Cereal Malt Beverage License (New) – Off Premise with the additions requested by council. Motion carried unanimously.

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Council reviewed City Treasurer Liz Gould's June report.

City Superintendent Blaine Medina reported the waterline on Earl Street has been moved and the street work has begun. The crew will begin painting parking stripes and curbing and prepping for fair. They have also been fogging for mosquitoes. The zig zag pavers were sold before we could get to eastern Kansas to get them. We will continue to look for them or come up with a new plan. The Tool Cat repair is taking longer than expected due to waiting on a hydraulic pump. Permission was granted from council for Medina to change out a one inch water line to a two inch water line on north 7th Street.


City Clerk Jeannine Hassell shared she was able to reach Tuscumbia Iron Works for the decorative lamp post that need replaced on Main Street. They have them and will get them shipped as soon as possible. Movie night at the pool was held on Friday, July 12th. "Under the Boardwalk" was sponsored by Weilert Custom Planting – Doug and Dixie Weilert and admission was covered by the City of Leoti. The City of Leoti is moving forward in switching from Consolidated Communication internet to Pioneer Communications. City Hall was without internet for a full week and the shop currently has not had internet for two weeks. Hassell was on hold with Consolidated for over an hour with no response.

Discussion was held on the issues at the bulk water station. The current outage is due to Consolidated Communication phone line. A ticket has been placed for repair. The phone line sends the purchase information to Fuel Master for the credit card charge. Pioneer is going to see if they are able to change internet and phone line out at the bulk water station. Council suggested changing it back to the chip cards that was previously used. Medina will see what Pioneer Communication can do.

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 7.5 minutes with Council, Mayor, City Superintendent and City Clerk. Meeting resumed at 8:07 p.m. Mayor Kreutzer declared no action taken.

Next city council meeting date is Monday, August 5, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

There being no further business White made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Meyer seconded. Motion carried.

 8-5-2024
Chris Kreutzer, Mayor


Jeannine Hassell, City Clerk

