

City of Leoti Governing Body met in regular session Monday, August 18, 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. City Superintendent Blaine Medina, City Treasurer Liz Gould, Carol Roberts, Mike Nickelson, Judith Lemus, Nikki Bjurstrom and Steve Baum were also present. City Attorney Charles Moser and Councilor Kelma Burch were absent

Mayor Kreutzer opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

The Consent Agenda items included: a. August 4, 2025 Budget/Regular Meeting Minutes, b. Payroll warrants 18,973.10, c. Accounts Payable warrants \$16,221.72, (The warrants were available for review).

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

Mayor Kreutzer opened the floor to public comments. There were no comments.

Mayor Kreutzer welcomed Carol Roberts, Leoti Housing Authority, Judith Lemus, Wichita County Park and Recreation, Nikki Bjurstrom, Wichita County Economic Development. All entities presented a third quarter report to council.

Nikki Bjurstrom left the meeting at 6:38 p.m.

Judith Lemus left the meeting at 6:48 p.m.

Carol Roberts left the meeting at 7:11 p.m.

Mayor Kreutzer welcomed Leoti Fire Chief Nickelson and Assistant Fire Chief Baum. Nickelson shared news of the fire departments twenty four air packs. The air packs were recently inspected and tested. Only eight air packs passed inspection. Nickelson and Baum shared their concerns of not having enough air packs in case of a large fire. Lakin and Greeley County have offered to help with air pack if needed. Baum received a quote from MES for eight air packs and other supplies needed in the amount of \$90,000. Baum is applying for grant to help with the cost but there are no guarantees of receiving the grant and wait time on the air packs is ninety days. Nickelson and Baum met with the County Commissioner's and they have agreed to help with \$60,000 if the grant does not work out. Council asked for Nickelson and Baum to gather more information on the grant and report back at the September 2, 2025 meeting.

Meyer moved J. Kreutzer seconded for the approval of Ordinance 2025-03 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 28-1 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF LEOTI REGULATING TRAFFIC WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF LEOTI, KANSAS; INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE THE *STANDARD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE FOR KANSAS CITIES, 52ND EDITION OF 2025, WITH CERTAIN OMISSIONS, CHANGES, AND ADDITIONS PRESCRIBING ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS*. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held on the sanitation position and job description. The current sanitation supervisor will retire at the end of October. City Superintendent Medina suggested we move away from having a sanitation supervisor and the sanitation technicians report to the City Superintendent. Medina shared if we had a larger crew it would make sense to have a supervisor but with our numbers it is not necessary. Council fully agreed. Clerk Hassell shared the new job description for a sanitation technician. The only changes made were removing any of the supervisor verbiage. Council approved of the job description.

Council reviewed City Treasurer Liz Gould's reports. Gould shared that four certificates of deposits have reached maturity at Security State. Gould suggested that we request bids for four certificates of deposit of \$500,000.00 for twelve months and one certificate of deposit of \$254,893.68 for six months. Bids were received from Western State Bank with an interest rate of 4.00% for twelve months and 4.10% for six months. Security State Bank sent a bid with an interest rate of 4.21% for twelve months and 4.28% for six months.

White moved Meyer seconded to renew the four certificates of deposits of \$500,000.00 for twelve months at 4.21% interest rate and one certificate of deposit of \$254,893.68 for six months at 4.28% interest rate to Security State Bank. Motion carried unanimously.

City Superintendent Blaine Medina reported the city crew have been mowing and will pick up the chip seal gravel in the southwest quadrant soon. Medina is gathering more in depth information on all the city wells. Dan with Storm Sirens will be here next week hook up the museum siren. Councilor White asked if he could look at a couple of the new sirens while he is here. Medina and Hassell shared that on August 13, 2025 a group of city/county individuals with Leoti, Tribune, Horace, Dighton, Sharon Springs, Katie Durham, GMD1 and grant writers to discuss applying for the HB 2302 State Water Plan Fund Grant as a group. Each entity expressed their needs. The City of Leoti expressed a need to replace a section of a cast iron water main on 2nd Street from H Street to Highway 96 and fire suppression. Each entity will gather their information and cost estimates to get back to the grant writers. Timelines were set and the group will meet again on August 22, 2025 via Microsoft Teams to gauge progress This grant application is due on September 30, 2025

Meyer 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 and City Clerk. Meeting resumed at 7:42 p.m. J. Kreutzer moved White seconded to give said employee discussed in executive session said increase to wages. Motion carried unanimously.

The next council meeting is set for Tuesday, September 2, 2025 at 6:30 pm.

There being no further business J. Kreutzer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 p.m. White seconded. Motion carried.



Chris Kreutzer, Mayor



Jeannine Hassell, City Clerk

