

City of Leoti Governing Body met in regular session Monday, October 6, 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, Kelma Burch and Jim Kreutzer. City Superintendent Blaine Medina and City Attorney Charles Moser were also present.

Mayor Kreutzer opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

The Consent Agenda items included: a. September 15, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes, b. Payroll warrants \$19,583.27, c. Accounts Payable warrants \$35,519.06. (The warrants were available for review)

Meyer moved Burch 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 shared the guest that were included on the agenda were not able to attend the meeting due to personal conflicts.

Council reviewed City Treasurer Gould's reports. Council had no questions or concerns with the reports.

City Attorney Moser shared he will move forward with the next step for a property that is in violation of city ordinance. The property owner was given time to make corrections to violations and nothing has been corrected.

City Superintendent Medina reported the city crew is preparing for colder temperatures by making sure all the heaters are working. Lead and copper samples were taken last month and all were well below the regulatory limit. Medina shared there are several decorative light poles at the court house and one in front of the Thrift Shoppe that have electrical issues. An electrician has been called to get the issue resolved. The street sweeper made it through town just in time for it to rain. The crew is continuing to work on alley maintenance. The drain pump from the storm water pond has been removed and taken to get repaired.

Medina shared the construction crew for south Highway 25 is preparing for the project. Upon visiting with the construction crew leader it was discovered that KDOT will only be milling and overlaying the driving lanes. In 2024 the City of Leoti applied for a City Connecting Link Improvement Program (CCLIP) for South Highway 25 from the four way intersection to the city limits. This project would have been a 2' mill and overlay curb to curb with ADA curb ramp and adjoin curb replacement to meet ADA standards. On May 2, 2024, KDOT met with Mayor Kreutzer, Councilor Jim Kreutzer, City Superintendent Medina, City Clerk Hassell and Andrew Brunner, EBH Engineering to discuss the CCLIP application. KDOT shared that they were already slated to do a mill and overlay, curb to curb on south Highway 25 in 2025 and ADA ramps in 2026. Clerk Hassell called the Garden City office and they have no record of what was discussed due to turnover. Council members are very concerned that the parking lanes will be destroyed like north Highway 25 parking lanes were in that project. City Attorney Moser suggested council members and staff contacts the local state representatives to share what is happening and ask for their support.

City Clerk Hassell shared that Liz Gould and herself had a Zoom meeting with Edmunds on finance, human resources and payroll last week. Things will start to move along faster with the conversion. Hassell reminded council of Kenny Staley's retirement get together on Friday.

City Attorney Moser left the meeting at 7:25 pm.

City Superintendent Medina shared with council the applications he has received for the open sanitation technician position. Medina had narrowed it down to two applicants. Council all agreed on one of the applicants. This applicant is related to a current employee. Discussion was held on the current nepotism policy. Council agreed the policy needed to be updated. Clerk Hassell will contact City Attorney Moser for direction on amending the policy.

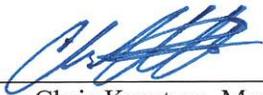
White moved Burch seconded to recess into executive session pursuant to the nonelected personnel matters exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1), to discuss an employee evaluation for 2 minutes with Council, Mayor and City Clerk. Meeting resumed at 7:37 p.m. White moved J. Kreutzer seconded to give said employee discussed in executive session said increase to wages. Motion carried unanimously.

City Superintendent left the meeting at 7:40 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 an employee evaluation for 4 minutes with Council, Mayor, City Superintendent and City Clerk. Meeting resumed at 7:45 p.m. Meyer 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 Monday, October 20, 2025 at 6:30 pm.

There being no further business White made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. Burch seconded. Motion carried.



Chris Kreutzer, Mayor



Jeannine Hassell, City Clerk

