

City of Leoti Governing Body met in regular session Monday, September 16, 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. City Superintendent Blaine Medina was also present. City Attorney Charles Moser and Councilor Greg Graff were absent.

Mayor Kreutzer opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

White moved Burch seconded to open the Revenue Neutral Rate Public Hearing at 6:33 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Kreutzer asked for comments, questions or concerns regarding the 2025 Revenue Neutral Rate; no comments.

Burch moved Meyer seconded to close the Revenue Neutral Rate Hearing at 6:38 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Burch moved White seconded to exceed the revenue neutral rate. Motion carried unanimously.

A resolution to levy a property tax rate exceeding the revenue neutral rate was introduced, and was considered, and on roll call the vote was: Yeas – Burch, Meyer, White and J. Kreutzer. Nays – None. A majority having voted for passage of the resolution, it was declared passed and title agreed to. The mayor signed the Resolution and the clerk assigned it 2024-03.

Burch moved Meyer seconded to open the 2025 Budget Hearing at 6:41 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Kreutzer asked for comments, questions or concerns regarding the 2025 Budget; no comments.

Meyer moved White seconded to close the 2025 Budget Hearing at 6:47 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Meyer moved White seconded to adopt the 2025 Budget. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Kreutzer and council members signed four copies of the 2025 Budget.

The Consent Agenda items included: a. September 3, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes, b. Payroll warrants \$19,043.82, c. Accounts Payable warrants \$59,345.07 (The warrants were available for review).

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

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

Discussion was held on the violation of Ordinance 2024-03 requirements of attendance by council member Greg Graff. Mayor Kreutzer stated that Graff has failed to attend fifty percent of the regular meetings within a three month period beginning July 1, 2024. A letter was drawn up stating the violation, a table of attendance missed in the three month period. The letter also states that the council member shall be deemed to have resigned their position on the City Council. It also states the council member can be heard on the matter at the next council meeting to be held on October 7, 2024 at 6:30 pm.

Meyers moved J. Kreutzer seconded for the approval of the violation letter of Ordinance 2024-03 to be sent to Greg Graff. Motion carried unanimously.

City Superintendent shared information on a new bulk water system from Vernon Manufacturing. This system could take cash, credit cards or prepaid cards and a new card management program with fewer fees than the current one being used. Estimated cost could be around \$6000 plus installation fees and electrical fees. Council members asked about getting some other features. Medina will get the specifics on the other features and present at the next council meeting.

City Superintendent Blaine Medina reported an update on the Nutrien Ag waterline. Once the information is gathered he will have M & D Construction out of Hays, KS give a quote on installing a water line for Nutrien to loop back to Seaboard. The street sweeper is still down, just waiting on the part to arrive. Earl Street has been finished as far as concrete work, waiting on cure time. Then M & D Construction will back fill dirt along the curbing and hydro mulch will be applied to those areas so grass can be replaced. The stop signs arrived this week so they will be going up around the school very soon. Some of the new city crew learned how to install a water meter off the main with a live tap.

City Clerk Hassell reported that the City will sponsor the Trunk or Treat again this year. Information has been shared by email and social media. Hassell shared she accepted a resignation letter from Deputy Clerk Cendy Morcillo. Morcillo's official last day will be September 25, 2024 but will be using up accrued vacation time. Council thanked her for 14 years of service.

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 5 minutes with Council, Mayor, City Superintendent and City Clerk. Meeting resumed at 7:32 p.m. Mayor Kreutzer declared no action taken.

City Superintendent Medina left the meeting at 7:33 pm.

White moved Myer seconded to recess into executive session pursuant to the nonelected personnel matters exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1), to discuss an employee for 10 minutes with Council, Mayor and City Clerk. Meeting resumed at 7:44 p.m. White moved Burch seconded to promote Patty Medina to the Deputy City Clerk position and a pay increase discussed in executive session. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business White made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 p.m. Burch seconded. Motion carried.


Chris Kreutzer, Mayor


Jeannine Hassell, City Clerk

