

City of Leoti Governing Body met in regular session Monday, September 21, 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; Councilors Kelma Burch, Aron White, Rick Griem and Jim Kreutzer. Those in attendance were City Treasurer Liz Gould, Michelle Sheppard, Susannah Louderbaugh, Phil Escareno, Faith Eikelberger, Kris Casper, John Gould, Mirna Jimenez, Shaelyn Wright, Steve Baum, Paige Baum, Aimee Baker and Emily Tankersley. City Superintendent Blaine Medina and Council President Derek Meyer were absent.

Mayor Kreutzer opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

The Consent Agenda items included: a. September 8, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes, b. Payroll warrants \$19,640.83, c. Accounts Payable warrants \$21,380.70, d. Accounts Payable warrants \$2,138.91. (The warrants were available for review).

Burch moved J. Kreutzer seconded to approve the consent agenda items A-D. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Kreutzer opened the floor to public comments. Susannah Louderbaugh shared that Economic Development has no ties to the Network Kansas loan acquired by the Grow and Learn Childcare Center. She also stated that she had nothing to do with the Patterson Grant.

John Gould asked if the city had any ordinances or regulations on the electric scooters that are being rode in town and on highways. City Attorney Moser stated he is not aware of any but will look into it and have information for council to consider at the next council meeting.

Treasurer Liz Gould reviewed the city budget with council as we are entering into the last quarter of the year.

Steve and Paige Baum entered the meeting at 6:41pm.

Michelle Sheppard shared information on the Grow and Learn Childcare Center. Sheppard reported that they did not receive the Patterson grant. Their director resigned, Aimee Baker has been appointed as the interim director. An inspection by Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) will take place next week. The outcome of the inspection will determine if they can proceed with moving to the new model. Discussion was held on the remaining amount on loans, operating expenses and income. Sheppard shared the center will have to close their doors on October 23, 2026 due to lack of funding. Discussion was held on what it would take to help keep the doors open until they can move to the new model. Council tabled the matter until the next council meeting on October 5, 2026

Kris Casper and Paige Baum left the meeting at 8:22 pm.

Shaelyn Wright left the meeting at 8:33 pm.

Aimee Baker, Emily Tankersley, Mirna Jimenez, Michelle Sheppard and Faith Eikelberger left the meeting at 8:50 pm.

Wichita County Local Enhanced Management Area (LEMA) notice of hearing is set for 2:00 pm on October 12, 2026 at Wichita County Fairgrounds Building.

Phil Escareno left the meeting at 8:57 pm.

City Attorney Moser shared he will bring more information on the electric scooters, e bikes and children at play signage. Moser shared information on a few municipal court cases.

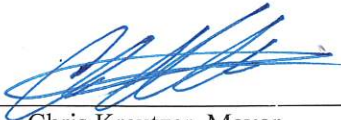
City Superintendent Medina reported the city crew is picking up branches from the storm on Saturday. The crew will finish flushing the remaining hydrants in the next couple of weeks. The Sensus monitor (water meter reading system) at the small water tower was affected by the storm. Medina has been trouble shooting to get it back up and running.

City Clerk Hassell shared she has been cross training the office staff on accounts payable and payroll. Utility billing is being processed.

Charles Moser, John Gould, Liz Gould, Steve Baum and Susannah Louderbaugh left the meeting at 9:23 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 5 minutes with Council, Mayor, and City Clerk. Meeting resumed at 9:29 p.m. White moved Griem seconded to give said employee discussed in executive session, said increase to wages. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business White made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:36 p.m. Burch seconded. Motion carried.



Chris Kreutzer, Mayor



Jeannine Hassell, City Clerk

