

City of Leoti Governing Body met in regular session Monday, December 15, 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. Cole Carpenter, Mike Nickelson, Steve Baum, Jeff Callen, Kacey Jacobs, Oralia Soto, Melodie Breitzkreutz, Rick Griem and City Treasurer Liz Gould were present. City Attorney Charles Moser was absent.

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. December 1, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes, b. Payroll warrants \$2,681.10, c. Payroll warrants \$19,336.63, c. Accounts Payable warrants \$13,775.87 (The warrants were available for review.)

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

Mayor Kreutzer opened the floor to public comments. Cole Carpenter asked for permission to hook up to the water meter south of his shop to fill his farm machinery when needed. Carpenter shared he had all the equipment needed for using the water meter. Council agreed to let Carpenter use the meter when needed with a \$25 hook up fee and \$15.00 per 1000 gallons used.

Jeff Callen, Leoti Liquor asked city council for extended hours on Sunday's. Ordinance 2018-04 states alcoholic liquor cannot be sold before 1:00 pm and after 6:00 pm on Sunday's. Kansas statutory hours are 9:00 am to 8:00 pm for sales of alcoholic liquor or cereal malt beverages. A city or county can impose different, more restrictive hours via ordinance or resolution. Callen requested Sunday hours be changed to 11:00 am to 8:00 pm. This will allow them to change their hours of business when the seasons change.

Meyer moved to amend Ordinance 2018-04 that no retail of alcoholic liquor shall sell on Sunday's before 11:00 am and after 8:00 pm. J. Kreutzer seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Kreutzer welcomed Kacey Jacobs with Jacobs Management out of Sharon, Kansas. Council asked Jacobs to come and discuss her interest in taking over the managing agent position for the Park View Apartments (Leoti Housing Authority). The current managing agent Carol Roberts has submitted her resignation effective January 31, 2026. Kacey Jacobs and Oralia Soto (On Site Manager) toured the property before the council meeting. Discussion was held on the property and financials. Jacobs and council both agreed to move forward with her taking over the managing agent position. Jacobs will take care of all the paperwork needed to make the transition. Council thanked Jacobs for coming.

Fire Chief Mike Nickelson and Assistant Fire Chief Steve Baum were in attendance to give an end of year update. Nickelson shared a second round of bunker gear has been ordered which includes five sets. Fire school has been set for January 31, 2026 and February 1, 2026. They will use the school grounds. Council thanked Leoti Volunteer Fire Department and EMS for their services. Nickelson asked that any funds that are left at the end of 2025 be moved to the equipment fund.

Burch moved Meyer seconded for any 2025 Fire department budget money left over after the audit be moved back into the Fire Department equipment fund. Motion carried unanimously.

Cole Carpenter, Mike Nickelson and Steve Baum left the meeting at 6:56 pm.

Jeff Callen, Kacey Jacobs's and Oralia Soto left the meeting at 6:57 pm.

White moved Meyer seconded to approve the quote of \$58,730.00 from Mayer Specialty Services for the sanitary sewer pipe with Thermform PVC lining. Motion carried unanimously.

Burch moved J. Kreutzer seconded to approve the 2026 Law Enforcement Agreement. Motion carried with White abstaining.

J. Kreutzer made a motion to approve Vivo Mart Cereal Malt Beverage License Renewal-Off Premise. Meyer seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

City Treasurer Gould shared the treasurer's report and budget authority report.

City Superintendent Medina reported KDHE will be here January 7th for a public water system inspection. This happens every three years. The city crew repaired a 2" water main that was leaking on November 24th. Medina shared he completed his first request for bid to find a company that can accomplish the construction needed for the BCBS Pathways Cross Walk project. Medina has reached out to Ideatek requesting a time frame on getting a fence placed around their cabinet at the Tyler Graff Memorial Park. Medina also shared a playground equipment plan for the City Park with estimated cost of \$350,000. City Grant Writer Aimee Baker had requested a plan so she could move forward with applying for grants after the first of the year. Council asked Medina to get more information on the playground plan on what is included in the estimated cost.

City Clerk Hassell shared the office staff have been busy collecting information for the KDHE water system inspection. The open house was held last Thursday and Friday. Winners of the Credit to Account drawing were German Hernandez (\$100) and Linda Martindale (\$50).

The next council meeting is set for Monday, January 5, 2026 at 6:30 pm.

There being no further business J. Kreutzer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m. White seconded. Motion carried.



Chris Kreutzer, Mayor



Jeannine Hassell, City Clerk

