City of Leoti Governing Body met in regular session Tuesday, February 20, 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, Jim Kreutzer and Aron White. City Superintendent Blaine Medina, City Treasurer Liz Gould, Carol Roberts, Judith Lemus, Nikki Bjurstrom and Rob Taylor were also in attendance. Councilor Greg Graff was absent.

Mayor Kreutzer announced the appointments of Western State Bank and Security State Bank as the official depositories and Mike Nickelson as the new Fire Chief. Burch moved J. Kreutzer seconded to approve the appointments of official depositories and Fire Chief. Motion carried unanimously.

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

The Consent Agenda items included: a. February 5, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes, b. Payroll warrants \$16,882.99, c. Accounts Payable warrants \$15,473.95. (The warrants were available for review).

Meyer made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda a – c, Burch seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Kreutzer opened the floor to public comments. There was no public comment

Mayor Kreutzer welcomed Carol Roberts-Leoti Housing Authority, Judith Lemus-Wichita County Park and Rec and Nikki Bjurstrom-Wichita County Economic Development. Roberts, Lemus and Bjurstrom gave a 2024 first quarter update.

Carol Roberts left the meeting at 6:44 pm. Judith Lemus left the meeting at 6:49 pm. Nikki Bjurstrom left the meeting at 7:11 pm.

Discussion was held on the sale of Leoti Volunteer Fire Department Unit #424, 1997 Chevy Cheyenne 3500. The discussion was tabled until more information can be gathered.

White moved Burch seconded to purchase a 24 foot Steel Tilt Deck, Load Trail Trailer from John Meyer for \$7800. Roll call vote: Burch yea, White yea, J. Kreutzer yea, Meyer abstained. Three Yea. Motion carried.

City Treasurer Liz Gould shared the certificate of deposits have reached maturity at Western State Bank and Security State Bank. Council agreed to renew the certificate of deposits at Western State Bank with an interest rate of 4.900% and Security State Bank with an interest rate of 4.631%.

City Superintendent Medina shared B & H Paving will crack seal the southeast quadrant the beginning of March. The city crew is still working on cleaning up properties from the snow storm. Mayer Specialty Services will conduct sewer maintenance cleaning in the southeast quadrant in late spring. The city crew will begin spraying city property for weed control.

Liz Gould and Rob Taylor left the meeting at 7:33 pm.

Meyer moved White seconded to recess into executive session pursuant to matters exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2), for discussions relating to attorney client privilege concerning a billing dispute with Council, Mayor, City Attorney and City Clerk for 10 minutes. The open meeting will resume in the city council chamber at 7:44 pm. No action was taken

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The next City Council meeting is on Monday, March 4, 2024 at 6:30 pm.

There being no further business Meyer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 pm. Burch seconded. Motion carried.

Chris Kreutzer, Mayor

Jeannine Hassell, City Clerk

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