

City of Leoti Governing Body met in regular session Monday, October 21, 2024 at 6:30 p.m., at the City Hall Meeting Room.

Mayor Chris Kreutzer called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

Mayor Kreutzer asked City Clerk Jeannine Hassell for Roll Call; Councilors Kelma Burch, Aron White and Jim Kreutzer. Also present were City Superintendent Blaine Medina, City Attorney Charles Moser and Patty Medina. Councilor Greg Graff and Council President Derek Meyer were absent.

Mayor Kreutzer opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

White moved J. Kreutzer seconded to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

The Consent Agenda items included: a. October 7, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes, b. Payroll warrants \$17,442.53, c. Accounts Payable warrants \$11,245.23. (The warrants were available for review).

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

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

White moved J. Kreutzer seconded to approve the Automatic Water Salesman Bulk Water quote of \$6845 plus installation. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held on slowing traffic down on 7th Street. Some of the ideas discussed were to add stop signs and reducing the speed from 30 mph to 20 mph. The Sheriff's department and LVFD/EMS will be contacted to get their views on the situation since this is a main route to the hospital. The item was tabled until the next council meeting.

White moved J. Kreutzer seconded for the approval of B & H Paving crack sealing quote of \$80,700 for the southwest quadrant. (All work completed in 2024, but payment will be paid in 2025.) Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held on the remaining sidewalk brick work that needs completed in the downtown area. Councilor J. Kreutzer reached out to Troy Cartwright to get a date set up for the completion of the brick and concrete work. Cartwright will be in Leoti the first week of November.

Christmas in Leoti will be held on December 4th this year. Nikki Bjurstrom, Wichita County Economic Development has asked for permission to close the street of east "J" Street (Leoti Foods/Museum) to 5th Street during the Christmas festivities. Council granted permission for the street closure. The city crew will set up and take down barricades. The Sheriff's department and LVFD/EMS will be notified.

Council reviewed the Moderate Income Housing Request for Proposals information that was sent out via social media, newspaper and website. The deadline for applications is November 14, 2024. Council will review applications on Monday, November 18, 2024.

City Attorney Moser had nothing new to share.

City Superintendent Blaine Medina reported the crew has done some street patchwork all over the city and cleaning out city buildings.

City Clerk Hassell shared information on the Department of Commerce Rural Opportunity Zone (ROZ) student loan repayment assistance. A grant of \$5000 (to be spent by June 30, 2025) has been given to Wichita County to help promote/market the program. A meeting was held on October 16th to form a committee and come up with ideas on promoting the program. The meeting was very productive and the next meeting is set for Tuesday, November 19, 2024 at the Business Care Center at noon.

Burch moved White 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 10 minutes with Council, Mayor and City Clerk. Meeting resumed at 7:44 p.m. Mayor Kreutzer declared no action taken.

Burch moved White 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 7:50 p.m. Mayor Kreutzer declared no action taken.

J. Kreutzer moved White 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 7:56 p.m. White moved Burch seconded to give said employee discussed in executive session said increase to wages and said increase in pay when certification is completed. Motion carried unanimously.

Burch moved White 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 20 minutes with Council and Mayor. Meeting resumed at 8:17 p.m. White moved J. Kreuzter seconded to grant three weeks' vacation on each anniversary date to employee discussed in executive session. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business Burch made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 p.m. J. Kreuzter seconded. Motion carried.



Chris Kreuzter, Mayor



Jeannine Hassell, City Clerk

