

City of Leoti Governing Body met in regular session Monday, October 5, 2026 at 6:30 p.m., at the City Hall Meeting Room.

Mayor Chris Kreutzer called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

Mayor Kreutzer asked City Clerk Jeannine Hassell for Roll Call; Council President Derek Meyer Councilors Kelma Burch, Aron White, Rick Griem and Jim Kreutzer. Those in attendance were City Superintendent, City Attorney Charles Moser, City Treasurer Liz Gould, Aimee Baker, Katie Reck and Mirna Jimenez.

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. September 21, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes, b. Payroll warrants \$15,737.79, c. Payroll warrants \$20,351.19, d. Accounts Payable warrants \$18,505.05, e. Accounts Payable warrants \$15,672.02 (The warrants were available for review).

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

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

Mayor Kreutzer welcomed Aimee Baker, Executive Director, Grow and Learn Childcare Center and Dr. Katie Reck, Executive Director, Western Kansas Community Foundation. Baker and Reck discussed the financials and community support of the childcare center. Baker went over the reconstruction of bylaws and board. Discussion was held on positions at the center and hiring an administrative coordinator.

J. Kreutzer moved Meyer seconded to approve Chris Kreutzer to apply for a position on the Grow and Learn Childcare Center board. Motion carried.

J. Kreutzer moved Meyer seconded for the approval of giving the Grow and Learn Childcare Center \$10,000 for operating expenses. Motion carried 4 to 1. Burch opposed.

Hassell shared Giving Day will be held on Tuesday, November 17, 2026 (8 am to 6 pm). The donation window will be open November 9th – December 9th. A pitch your project night is set for November 10th. Each entity can have a one slide presentation and a few minutes explaining what they are raising funds for.

Clerk Hassell shared that Chris Bishop is done with the planters for the season. She has concerns with some that need some attention as they are starting to fall apart. Bishop and Hassell also discussed at reducing the amount of planters on each block. There are currently 7 to 8 planters per block. City grant writer Baker will look into a beautification grant for the repair or replacement of the broken planters.

City Grant Writer Baker reported the first quarterly report is due this month for the water grant. The KWO grants will not be awarded until the spring of 2027. We did not receive the forestry or FEMA grant. Baker asked for long term direction on what grants to apply for in the future.

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

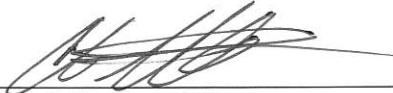
City Superintendent Medina reported he has a company come to pull the high service pump at the treatment plant to diagnose the problem with it. The city crew has been picking up branches after the storms. The rain put a halt to finish picking up the chip seal gravel. The jetter truck was used to unblock a problem sewer main a couple weeks ago.

City Clerk Hassell shared she attended a joint region meeting in Hays, KS on September 23, 2026 which was very informative and nice to connect with surrounding clerks. Hassell also shared she will be out of the office October 6th – 13th.

Liz Gould, Katie Reck and Aimee Baker left the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Meyer 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, City Superintendent and City Clerk. Meeting resumed at 8:07 p.m. White moved Meyer seconded to give said employee discussed in executive session, said increase to wages. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business J. Kreutzer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 p.m. White seconded. Motion carried.


Chris Kreutzer, Mayor


Jeannine Hassell, City Clerk

