

Council Chambers:

- ROLL CALL: The City Council of Lincoln Center convened in regular session at 7:30 p.m. with Mayor Travis Schwerdtfager presiding. Councilmembers present Angela K. Corpstein, Brennan Johnson and Melodee K. Larsen. Councilmember absent Elijah Keever. Officials present: Attorney Jeffrey A. Norris and Clerk Heather N. Hillegeist. Also, present: Superintendent Jesse C. Meyer.
- VISITORS: Visitors in attendance for all or portions of the meeting: Erica Siebert, Lisa Feldkamp, Terry Stertz, Cindy Enriken, Kelly Gourley and Bradley Roberts.
- MINUTES: Upon motion by Larsen, seconded by Corpstein, minutes of the December 30, 2021, year-end meeting were approved as written.
- ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Council reviewed accounts payable lists containing December invoices in the amount of \$716.71. Upon motion by Larsen, seconded by Johnson, all said invoices, in the amount of \$716.71, were approved for payment.
- DELINQ. ACCNTS.: Eight (8) accounts, totaling \$1,378.56, were on the list of delinquent utilities reviewed and discussed.
- COUNCIL VACANCY: Mayor Schwerdtfager provided a name of an individual who had expressed interest in serving on the City Council. After discussion, Johnson moved to appoint Ryley Hembry, to fill the unexpired term of Lisa Feldkamp. Motion seconded by Corpstein, carried, 3-0.
- OATH OF OFFICE: Clerk Hillegeist administered the oath of office to elected Councilmember Melodee Larsen and Mayor Travis Schwerdtfager.
- PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL: Upon motion by Larsen, seconded by Corpstein, Elijah Keever was elected President of the Council.
- ACTING PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL: Upon motion by Johnson, seconded by Corpstein, Melodee K. Larsen was elected acting President of the Council.
- OFFICIAL DEPOSITORIES: Upon motion by Larsen, seconded by Johnson, The Bank of Tescott and Citizens State Bank were designated as Official Depositories for City funds.
- APPOINTMENTS/ CITY OFFICIALS: Mayor Schwerdtfager made the following City Official appointments for the ensuing year:
- City Clerk – Heather N. Hillegeist
City Treasurer – Galen L. Liggett
City Attorney – Jeffrey A. Norris
Fire Chief – Jarrod Heinze
Municipal Judge – Brian V. Grace
- There followed a motion by Corpstein, seconded by Larsen, to confirm the Mayor’s appointments and recommendation. Motion carried.
- PRIDE COMMITTEE: Pride Committee Member Lisa Feldkamp, reported on the past year’s projects the committee had completed. Pride committee purchased two “mommy and me” swings in the Lincoln City Park and held a disc golf fundraiser. The committee continues to recognize nice yards and community volunteers, along with planting flowers in the planters and decorating them for the holiday season. Feldkamp requested a monetary donation to help with funding of future

projects. Corpstein moved to approve a \$500 monetary donation to the Pride Committee, seconded by Johnson, carried.

LCIC PRIDE RES. 22-01:

A Resolution No. 22-01, entitled “KANSAS PRIDE PROGRAM 2022 ENTRY GOVERNMENT RESOLUTION,” to make the City of Lincoln Center part of the Kansas Pride Program. This would help with grant funding as the “Pride Committee” would be under the City of Lincoln Center as a governmental entity. Larsen moved to adopt Resolution No. 22-01. Motion seconded by Johnson, carried.

LAND PURCHASE:

Terry Stertz expressed his interest in 150 feet of the property that the City purchased from Kenneth Ryan Trust. Stertz explained he would be interested in the area adjacent to his property line toward the north 150 feet with the east and west lines the same as his property. The matter was tabled to be discussed at the February meeting.

CDBG REHAB BID:

Kelly Gourley relayed to the Governing Body that the CDBG Rehabilitation Project 20-CR-003 bid opening was December 15th at City Hall at 2 p.m. Gourley reported only one bid was received from Wiens & Company Construction, \$369,900 for the base bid. Total bid with all alternates is \$429,900, Gourley explained the bid was high compared to the projected budget with construction costs rising. Gourley relayed she is trying to secure additional grant funds through the Historic Economic Asset Lifeline (HEAL) program. After further discussion, Larsen moved to accept the base bid and any combination of alternates and unit prices contingent upon additional grant or other funding as may be available to the owner or value engineered amounts concurred upon between and contractor to reduce the contract amount that will meet budget limitations no later than January 14, 2022. Motion was seconded by Corpstein, carried.

TRANSFER FUNDS:

A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Corpstein, to transfer \$25,000 from the General Fund to the Recreation Fund for 2022 Rec Appropriation. Motion carried.

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A motion was made by Corpstein, seconded by Johnson, to transfer \$50272 from the Light Fund to the Bond and Interest Fund for 2022 GO Bond Payments. Motion carried.

OPIOID RES. 22-02:

Attorney Norris explained that the Kansas Legislature enacted HB 2079 authorizing municipalities access to opioid settlement funds to use for education of opioid addiction in our cities. Norris presented a draft Resolution for the Governing Body to review along with copies of the agreement between the city and the Attorney General and two settlement participation forms.

A Resolution No. 22-02, entitled “A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LINCOLN CENTER, KANSAS, APPROVING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AN AGREEMENT TO RELEASE AND ASSIGN THE CITY’S OPIOID CLAIMS TO THE KANSAS ATTORNEY GENERAL AND CERTIFYING COSTS ATTRIBUTABLE TO SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND ADDICTION MITIGATION IN EXCESS OF \$500.” to make the City of Lincoln Center eligible for settlement funds. This can help with our law enforcement’s dare program for education expenses. Larsen moved to adopt Resolution No. 22-02. Motion seconded by Johnson, carried.

PERSONNEL:

Superintendent Meyer notified the Governing Body that he had hired a new employee, Wayne Gerleman as a Power Plant Operator. Gerleman started on December 27, 2021 at the starting wage of \$13.75 per hour. Larsen moved to approve the hiring of the employee, seconded by Johnson. Motion carried.

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RETIREMENT:

The Governing Body received a letter of resignation for Judge Grace effective February 1, 2022.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business, Johnson moved to adjourn. Motion seconded by Corpstein, carried. Council adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

/s/ Heather N. Hillegeist
City Clerk