

Council Meeting  
2022

October 10,

City Hall 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, Elijah Keever, and Melodee K. Larsen. Officials present: Attorney Jeffrey A. Norris, Deputy Clerk Kristin Dail and Clerk Heather N. Hillegeist.
- VISITORS: Others in attendance for all or portions of the meeting: Kathie Crispin, Kris Heinze, Darren Johnson, Brianne Beck, Kelly Gourley and Jeff Ahring.
- AGENDA AMENDMENTS: There were no amendments to the council meeting agenda.
- MINUTES: Upon motion by Larsen, seconded by Corpstein, Minutes of the September 12, 2022, regular meeting were approved as written.
- PAYROLL VOUCHER: Payroll Voucher No. 22-09, for September wages and salaries in the amount of \$55,464.81, was presented. A motion by Keever, seconded by Johnson, to approve said Payroll Voucher, carried.
- ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Accounts Payable lists were reviewed. Invoices prepaid in September totaled \$86,097.47, and unpaid invoices received to date totaled \$215,806.52. Upon motion by Corpstein, seconded by Keever, all invoices, in the amount of \$301,903.99, were approved for payment.
- DELINQ. ACCNTS: The Governing Body reviewed a list of nine (9) delinquent utility accounts totaling \$2,144.31.
- TREE DONATION: Kathie Crispin informed the Governing Body that the Girl Scouts had money left over after their trip to New York. The group wanted to give back to their community and wanted to donate two Burr Oak trees to be planted by City Hall. Crispin said that she has researched and Burr Oak tree roots go down not out and this should not disturb the sidewalk or curb. Crispin relayed the landscaping company would plant the trees and they would have a year warranty. Larsen moved to accept the tree donation from the Girl Scout to be planted next to City Hall with Superintendent Meyer's approval of location. Motion was seconded by Corpstein, carried.
- CHAMBER BUSINESS BOO: Chamber manager Kris Heinze asked the Governing Body for permission to block Lincoln Avenue from 3<sup>rd</sup> Street to the Rec Building, on North 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> to the alley as have been done in past years on October 31, 2022 from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Heinze said they would have an alternate plan if necessary due to the waterline project. Corpstein moved to approve the request, seconded by Larsen.
- UPSTAIRS USE: Darren Johnson, Lincoln County Wrestling Club, requested use of City Hall's upstairs for wrestling practice from November 2022 through March 2023 on Mondays & Fridays from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Johnson said the club would make sure to clean the facility as they have in the past. After discussion, Keever moved to allow Lincoln County Wrestling Club to use the upstairs during the months requested at no charge as in the previous years, seconded by Johnson, carried.
- CDBG CLOSE OUT HEARING: Mayor Schwerdtfager opened the final performance public hearing to receive comments for the purpose of evaluating the performance of Grant No. 20-CR-003 which was for the commercial rehabilitation of the property located at 113 W. Lincoln Avenue. The final project consisted of the following: The commercial rehabilitation project consisted of both exterior and interior improvements. Exterior improvements included: replacing leaking roof, replacing gutters and downspouts, replacing exterior door, and SHPO approved storefront restoration using glass instead of aluminum. Interior improvements included: electrical and plumbing updates along with HVAC, insulating and repairing damaged floors, walls, and ceiling. Related activities included architectural design, construction administration, project administration and environmental review. Gourley thanked the Governing Body for applying for the grant opportunity. No other public comment was received. Larsen moved to certify the completion of the

CDBG Commercial Rehabilitation project, 20-CR-003, on the Stone Rock Fitness building located at 113 W Lincoln Ave., owned by Kelly Gourley. Motion seconded by Corpstein, carried.

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CITY HALL PROJECT: Kelly Gourley reported that there is a grant opportunity available through the Kansas Historical Society for a Heritage Trust Fund Grant. The max grant is \$100,000 with a twenty percent match. The Governing Body was not inclined to apply for a grant prior to knowing the construction cost projections.

AIRPORT LEASE REVIEW: Clerk Hillegeist was instructed to invite Airport Operator Clay Haring to the November Council meeting to review the current operating lease.

PERSONNEL: Clerk Hillegeist was instructed to advertise for an Electric Lineman with a starting wage up to \$50/hour. Hillegeist was asked to advertise on the website, newspaper, LiveLincolnCounty website and indeed.

ELECTRIC RATE REVIEW: Clerk Hillegeist was asked to place electric rates on the November agenda.

TRANSFER FUNDS: Upon motion by Larsen, seconded by Corpstein, the transfer of \$125,000.00 from the Electric Fund and \$2,000.00 from the Solid Waste Fund, to the City's General Fund, was approved.

INDY PARK BLDG: Clerk Hillegeist reported that Superintendent Meyer had called Overhead Door to work on a garage door at the Reddi Industries Building, due to it being stuck open. Hillegeist also relayed that Slechts Enterprises is looking for an Industrial Building to rent. Attorney Norris was asked to send a letter to Reddi Industries asking their intentions with the current lease.

NUISANCES: It was reported that the nuisance trailer house on Yauger Street was being abated.

ADJOURN: There being no further business, Larsen moved to adjourn. Motion seconded by Johnson, carried. Council adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

/s/ Heather N. Hillegeist  
City Clerk