

Council Chambers:

- ROLL CALL: The City Council of Lincoln Center convened in regular session at 6:30 p.m. with Mayor Travis Schwerdtfager presiding. Councilmembers present for all or portions of the meeting: Angela K. Corpstein, Brennan Johnson, Elijah Keever and Melodee K. Larsen. Councilmember absent: Mark Luce. Officials present: Attorney Jeffrey A. Norris and Clerk Heather N. Hillegeist. Also present: Superintendent Jeff Ahring.
- VISITORS: Visitors in attendance for all or portions of the meeting: Galen Liggett, Sarah Diehl, Julia Diehl, Max Diehl, Keegan Bailey, Dennis Ray, Darrell Oetting, Debora Smith, Julia Manglitz, Matt Murphy, Vance Kelley, Dawn Harlow, Emily and Eric Wolgamot.
- AGENDA AMENDMENT: The nuisance extension scheduled for 6:50 was removed from the agenda.
- MINUTES: Upon motion by Larsen, seconded by Corpstein, minutes of the March 13, 2023, regular meeting were approved as written.
- PAYROLL VOUCHER: Payroll Voucher No. 23-03, for March wages and salaries in the amount of \$63,650.12, was presented. A motion by Corpstein, seconded by Johnson, to approve said Payroll Voucher, carried.
- ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Accounts Payable listings were reviewed, including prepaid invoices in the amount of \$26,630.15, and unpaid invoices totaling \$115,662.14. Upon motion by Johnson, seconded by Larsen, all said invoices, in the amount of \$142,292.29 were approved for payment.
- DELINQ. ACCNTS.: Five (5) accounts, totaling \$1,668.93, were on the list of delinquent utilities reviewed.
- LIBRARY APPNT.: Mayor Schwerdtfager appointed; Laura Keever and Carlene Friesen to regular four-year terms and Kae Hayworth to an unexpired four-year term on the Lincoln Carnegie Library Board. Larsen moved to confirm the Mayor's appointments. Motion seconded by Corpstein, carried.
- ARTS COMM. APPNTS.: Mayor Schwerdtfager re-appointed Kae Hayworth and Randy Lohmann to three-year terms as members of the Lincoln Arts and Humanities Commission. Corpstein moved to confirm the Mayor's appointments, seconded by Johnson. Motion carried.
- LHA/APPOINTMENT: Mayor Schwerdtfager re-appointed Robert Slater to a four-year term as a member of the Lincoln Housing Authority Board of Commissioners. Corpstein moved to confirm the Mayor's appointments, seconded by Larsen. Motion carried.
- PARK TRASH CANS: Emily and Eric Wolgamot thanked City Superintendent for placing a trash can in the park in addition to the city dumpsters. The Governing Body informed them they would have to be placed on the agenda at a later date to discuss an animal permit that was denied last year. They would have to apply again for the permit so the property owners would receive notice again.
- CITY TREASURER: City Treasurer Galen Liggett presented his letter of retirement from City Treasurer effective October 31, 2023, after 40 years of dedicated service to the City of Lincoln Center.
- CITY PARK USE: Sarah and Julia Diehl asked to use the "city park" for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade class to celebrate the end of the year. The celebration would include bouncy houses and games. They class will

also have a donation table for the local food bank. The event would take place May 13, 2023. Sarah requested electricity for the bouncy houses and the restrooms to be open for the event. Clerk Hillegeist informed the Governing Body the city park is not reservable if others were going to use the park, they would have to share the area. Corpstein moved to approve the request for electricity and the restrooms to be open for the event. Motion seconded by Larsen, carried.

PERSONNEL ROSTER:

Jesse Knight did not attend so the subject was not discussed and tabled.

STORM SEWER REPAIRS:

Lincoln County Commission Dennis Ray and Julia Manglitz presented the Governing Body with “Public Improvement Scope Exhibit” and provided background on the project. The Courthouse is having water infiltration problems in the basement foundation. The plan is to install one large pipe rather than the multiple drain pipes that are currently underground. The larger volume of water could overwhelm the city's current infrastructure and could cause failure due to the condition it is in. The new foundation drainage would flow directly into the storm water drain and not at the street level to the storm drain as it currently is. Lincoln County will pay for the improvement project with the city's permission to do the work. The work would close that intersection of Lincoln Avenue for a short time while the work was being done. City Attorney Jeff Norris and County Attorney Scott Wright would need to draw up a “memorandum of understanding” for both parties to sign. Said agreement would state that any problems found beyond the scope of work would be the responsibility of the City of Lincoln. After discussion, Larsen moved for the Attorney Norris and Attorney Wright prepare a “memorandum of understanding” for the May council meeting to present. Motion seconded by Corpstein, carried.

CDBG HOUSING BIDS:

North Central Regional Planning Commission Housing Director Keegan Bailey presented the Governing Body with the bid tabulations and supporting documentation from the three (3) housing rehabilitation projects. There are still grant funds available for rehabilitation and demolition, and therefore the City and NCRPC are still accepting applications for the project. After the council reviewed the bid results and supporting documentation, Bailey explained by Department of Commerce rules a bid should be awarded to the lowest bidder, to avoid large contributions of local match, and that not all awards can go to the same contractor. After discussion, Larsen moved to accept the bids from Kansas Sand and Construction, Salina, KS on 122 E. Yauger and 215 E. Lost properties and accept the bid from M & R Contracting, Abilene, KS on 422 E. Court all contingent on local match dollars being obtained from the property owners personal funds and through the weatherization program. The council also waived any bid irregularities for miscalculations. Motion seconded by Corpstein, carried.

RESEND PIT BULL BAN  
ORD 742:

Attorney Norris presented an Ordinance to repeal the City's code pertaining to “Pit Bull Ban” within the city limits. After discussion, Corpstein moved to pass the following Ordinance, entitled, “AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE 594, WHICH DEFINED PIT BULL DOGS AS A BREED THAT ARE INHERENTLY DANGEROUS AND MADE IT UNLAWFUL TO KEEP, HARBOR, OWN OR IN ANY WAY POSSESS WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF LINCOLN CENTER, KANSAS ANY PIT BULL DOG.” Said ordinance would eliminate the ban of certain dog breeds referred to as “Pit Bulls.” Motion seconded by Johnson. Upon call for vote, the following Councilmembers voted Aye: Corpstein, Johnson and Keever Nays: None. Abstention: Larsen. The ordinance was declared passed, was approved and signed by the Mayor, assigned #742 by the City Clerk, and ordered to be published once in the Official City Newspaper.

POOL PERSONNEL:

Clerk Hillegeist reported five (5) more applications had been received for lifeguard positions. Following a general discussion of the qualifications and experience of the applicants, Larsen moved to offer employment to all of the lifeguard applicants: Jasmine Fenn, Kylie Hull, Hannah Lyne, Lilly Sinclair and Cooper Rathbun, subject to the acquisition of all required certifications. Motion seconded by Corpstein, carried. Larsen moved to utilize the pay scale approved in February 2022 of \$15/hour for managers and \$10/hour for lifeguards, with the \$.50 increase annually for returning managers/guards to begin with the 2023 season, for pool wages. Motion seconded by Corpstein, carried.

CITY MOWING:

Councilmember Elijah Keever conveyed to the Governing Body he had asked for this to be added to the agenda. Clerk Hillegeist had put together a list of the properties the city crew mowed and the annual cost to the city for 2022. After discussion, Attorney Norris was asked to put together a bid proposal to advertise for all properties except for the South Lift Station, Power Plant and City Shop area. The bids would be presented at the May council meeting.

PARK RESTROOMS:

Clerk Hillegeist presented the Governing Body with documentation that the city could still build in the flood plain map area as long as the structure was elevated to one (1) foot above the Base Flood Elevation (BFE). Hillegeist also informed the Governing Body because the city chose to claim revenue loss for governmental services the ARPA funds can be moved to the General Fund and used from there.

FAIR HOUSING:

Keever moved to authorize Mayor Schwerdtfager to sign the Proclamation designating the month of April as Fair Housing Month. Motion seconded by Larsen, carried.

NUISANCES:

Mayor Schwerdtfager informed the Governing Body he had hired Robert Loveless at \$18/hour with up to 20 hours a week, as the Public Officer and he was given a list of reported nuisances.

STREETS/BARRICADES:

Upon motion by Larsen, seconded by Johnson, the Citizens State Bank was authorized to borrow city barricades for their “Hot Dog Days” on May 5, 2023.

CEMETERY SEXTON:

Clerk Hillegeist provided the Governing Body with a resignation letter effective July 1, 2023, from Tracee Hamilton, our current Cemetery Sexton and a job description. Hillegeist was asked to make contact with the Post Rock Funeral Home to see if someone there would be interested in the position.

POOL PHONE:

Clerk Hillegeist explained that Deputy Dail had found a solution to our pool phone problem. After multiple phone calls Dail settled with a cell phone from Nex-Tech Wireless to used in place of a landline. The phone could be put on vacation for 6 months out of the year and we could maintain the same number.

SUPERINTENDENT RPT:

Superintendent Ahring reported the Hi-Ranger had some repairs that needed completed and is currently out of service at this time. Kenny Kruger is installing a water service tomorrow for the city. Ahring has started the process of getting some quotes for new and used bucket truck.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business, Larsen moved to adjourn. Motion seconded by Corpstein, carried. Council adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

/s/ Heather N. Hillegeist  
City Clerk