

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, Hayden Howard, Elijah Keever, Mark Luce, and Melodee K. Larsen. Officials present: Attorney Jeffrey A. Norris and Clerk Heather N. Hillegeist. Also present: Foreman Austin Biggs.
- VISITORS: Visitors in attendance for all or portions of the meeting: Lisa Simmons, Jared Spear, Vicki Hook, Scott Crenshaw, and Glen Mallam.
- AGENDA AMENDMENT: There were no amendments to the agenda.
- MINUTES: Upon motion by Corpstein, seconded by Larsen, minutes of the March 10, 2025, regular meeting were approved as written.
- PAYROLL VOUCHER: Payroll Voucher No. 25-03, for March wages and salaries in the amount of \$71,818.94, was presented. A motion by Keever, seconded by Corpstein, to approve said Payroll Voucher, carried.
- ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Accounts Payable listings were reviewed, including prepaid invoices in the amount of \$31,412.55, and unpaid invoices totaling \$128,842.87. Upon motion by Keever, seconded by Larsen, all said invoices, in the amount of \$160,255.42, were approved for payment.
- DELINQ. ACCNTS.: Five (5) accounts, totaling \$2,324.97, were on the list of delinquent utilities reviewed.
- LIBRARY APPNT.: Mayor Schwerdtfager appointed Abby Gerleman to regular four-year term and Lana Houston to an unexpired four-year term on the Lincoln Carnegie Library Board. Corpstein moved to confirm the Mayor's appointment. The motion seconded by Larsen, carried.
- ARTS COMM. APPNTS.: Mayor Schwerdtfager re-appointed Rose M. Gourley and Mark Luce to three-year terms as members of the Lincoln Arts and Humanities Commission. Keever moved to confirm the Mayor's appointment, seconded by Larsen. Motion carried.
- PORT AUTH. APPNTS.: Mayor Schwerdtfager re-appointed Clay Haring to a four-year term on the Lincoln Port Authority Board. Larsen moved to confirm the Mayor's appointment, seconded by Corpstein.
- ANIMAL PERMIT HEARING: Mayor Schwerdtfager opened a hearing to hear comments regarding Scott & Renee Crenshaw's application for an animal permit for six (6) chickens on the property located at 628 N 7<sup>th</sup> Street. All property owners within two hundred feet of the property lines were notified of the hearing as specified by the city code. Larsen moved to approve Crenshaw's request for ten (10) chickens with the proper fees paid accordingly. Motion was seconded by Corpstein, carried. Upon call for vote, the following Councilmembers voted Aye: Corpstein, Keever, Larsen and Howard. Nay: Luce.
- SIDEWALK/CURB: Vicki Hook requested permission to remove the curb and sidewalk in front of her property at 106 E. Yaeger to put in a driveway which would include a cement valley gutter. Hook was granted permission following the City Code for the required replacement of sidewalks.

- LCIC EVENT: Vicki Hook reported the Lincoln Center Improvement Committee (LCIC) is planning an Ice Cream Social event in the City Park on June 8<sup>th</sup> from 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. They were requesting that the pool have free admission during the event. Keever moved to allow free admission to the municipal pool on June 8<sup>th</sup> and LCIC to use the City Park for their event. Motion seconded by Luce, carried.
- FLOODPLAIN: Lisa Simmons and Jared Spear addressed the Governing Body regarding the floodplain ordinance that was adopted November 13, 2023. After discussion, the Governing Body requested Attorney Norris to draft an ordinance for the May meeting to consider repealing the new floodplain management regulations adopted by Ordinance No. 745.
- STREET VACATION ORD #757: City Attorney Norris presented an ordinance entitled “AN ORDINANCE VACATING THAT PORTION OF W. LINCOLN AVENUE WEST OF 8<sup>TH</sup> STREET, WHICH SUCH VACATION IS BOUNDED BY LOTS 1, 2, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, AND 14 ALONG WITH ALL OF VACATED ELM STREET ADJOINING THE NORTH LINE LOTS 1 AND 2, THE SOUTH HALF OF THE VACATED ALLEY ADJOINING THE NORTH LINE OF LOTS 8, 9, 10, 11, AND 12 AND THE EAST HALF OF VACATED NINTH STREET ADJOINING SAID SOUTH HALF OF THE VACATED ALLEY ADJOINING BLOCK 16 OF THE VALLEY PARK ADITION TO LINCOLN CENTER, KANSAS; AND VACATING THAT PORTION OF W. LINCOLN AVENUE WEST OF 8<sup>TH</sup> STREET, WHICH SUCH VACATION IS BOUNDED BY LOTS 1, 2, AND 3 IN BLOCK 19 OF THE VALLEY PARK ADDITION TO LINCOLN CENTER, KANSAS, ALL OF WHICH IS IN THE CITY OF LINCOLN CENTER, LINCOLN COUNTY, KANSAS.” Said Ordinance had been prepared as a result of a request by adjoining property owners, Jared Spear and Lisa Simmons. Keever moved to pass said Ordinance, seconded by Corpstein. Upon a call for vote, the following Councilmembers voted Aye: Corpstein, Howard, Keever, Larsen, and Luce. Nays: None. The Ordinance was declared passed, was approved, and signed by the Mayor, assigned #757 by the City Clerk, and ordered to be published once in the official city newspaper.
- POOL PERSONNEL: Clerk Hillegeist reported one (1) more application had been received for a lifeguard position. Following discussion, Larsen moved to offer employment to the lifeguard applicant Braxton Veal, subject to the acquisition of all required certifications for the 2025 pool season, utilizing the pay scale approved in February 2022 of \$10/hour for lifeguards, with the \$.50 increase annually for returning managers/guards, for pool wages. Motion seconded by Corpstein, carried.
- PERSONNEL: Upon motion by Larsen, seconded by Corpstein, the employment of Jake Cross, as maintenance worker at \$19.75/hour, effective March 18, 2025, was approved.
- FAIR HOUSING: Larsen moved to authorize Mayor Schwerdtfager to sign the Proclamation designating the month of April as Fair Housing Month. Motion seconded by Luce, carried.
- NUISANCES: The Governing Body reviewed a list of nuisance properties and discussed the procedures for the dilapidated buildings. After discussion, Keever moved for Attorney Norris to prepare five (5) Resolutions for different properties setting a time for a hearing before the Governing Body. The motion was seconded by Corpstein, carried.
- STREETS/BARRICADES: Upon motion by Larsen, seconded by Luce, the Citizens State Bank was authorized to borrow city barricades for their “Hot Dog Days” on May 9, 2025.

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STREETS:

Foreman Biggs discussed portions of 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Streets that the City will need to report and get repaired under the warranty, prior to September.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business, the meeting was declared adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

/s/ Heather N. Hillegeist, MMC  
City Clerk