

Council Meeting

July 14, 2025

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: Angela K. Corpstein, Hayden Howard, Elijah Keever, Melodee K. Larsen, and Mark Luce. Officials present: Attorney Jeffrey A. Norris, and Deputy Clerk Kristin Dail. Also present: Superintendent Jeff Ahring.
- VISITORS: Others in attendance for all or portions of the meeting: Stephanie Couch, Dana Walters, Dustin Florence, Jesse Knight, Glen Mallam and Stephanie McQueen.
- AGENDA AMENDMENTS: There were no amendments to the council meeting agenda.
- MINUTES: Upon motion by Larsen, seconded by Corpstein, Minutes of the June 9, 2025, meeting were approved as written.
- PAYROLL VOUCHER: Payroll Voucher No. 25-06, for June wages and salaries in the amount of \$96,615.26, was presented. A motion by Keever, seconded by Corpstein, to approve said Payroll Voucher, carried.
- ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Accounts Payable lists were reviewed. Invoices prepaid in June totaled \$71,726.82, and unpaid invoices received to date totaled \$278,928.64. Upon motion by Corpstein, seconded by Luce, all said invoices in the amount of \$350,655.46, were approved for payment.
- DELINQ. ACCNTS.: The Governing Body reviewed a list of six (6) delinquent utility accounts totaling \$3,004.51.
- ANIMAL PERMIT HEARING: Mayor Schwerdtfager opened a hearing to hear comments regarding Stephanie McQueen's application for an animal permit for up to five (5) waterfowl on the property located at 421 S. 2nd Street. All property owners within two hundred feet of the property lines were notified of the hearing as specified by the city code. City Hall received emails in opposition to the animal permit. Mayor Schwerdtfager closed the hearing. The animal permit was denied.
- MUNICIPAL POOL USE: USD298 LJSHS Principal, Stephanie Couch asked if USD298 could use the Municipal Pool the first six days of school. Corpstein moved to authorize USD298 to use the Municipal Pool for physical education classes for six days after the pool closes to the public, from August 22nd to August 29th and August 12th from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. for a back-to-school party, with future requested dates to be relayed by Clerk Hillegeist. Motion was seconded by Larsen, carried.
- CHAMBER FUNDRAISER: Lincoln Chamber member Stephanie Couch informed the council about a Golf Tournament Fundraiser they are hosting August 16th, 2025, with opportunities to sponsor the event. Larsen moved to sponsor a hole with a \$150.00 donation to the Chamber's Golf Tournament. Motion seconded by Corpstein, carried.
- CEMETERY FLAGPOLE: Lincoln County Historical Society Director Dana Walters requested permission to have a permanent flagpole installed at Hazel Avery's grave in the Lincoln Cemetery. She inquired if the City would be willing to share responsibility in purchasing, and setting the pole, and the Historical Society would aid in the maintenance of the pole and flag. Walters was asked to research prices on flag poles that would match the height of the poles currently in the cemetery and present her findings at the next council meeting.

LAW ENF. CONTRACT:

Sheriff Florence had provided a new Agreement Amending the Law Enforcement Services Contract between the City of Lincoln Center and Lincoln County. Said Agreement provided for a 10% increase in compensation, bringing the total annual sum that the City was expected to pay to the County to \$172,792.00, effective January 1, 2026. Keever made a motion to approve the contract amendment, seconded by Corpstein. Motion carried.

HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN:

Lincoln County Emergency Manager Jesse Knight explained the purpose and benefits of participating in the Hazard Mitigation Plan. Every 5 years the State of Kansas is required to review and revise its Hazard Mitigation Plan in coordination with FEMA. Keever motioned to authorize the Mayor to sign the updated Hazard Mitigation Plan. Seconded by Larsen, carried.

SPEC EVENT ORD #760:

City Attorney Norris presented an ordinance entitled “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 698 OF THE CITY APPROVING THE LINCOLN VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS (“VFW”) POST 7928 STREET DANCE COMMUNITY EVENT AS AN ADDITIONAL SPECIAL EVENT WITHIN THE CITY; APPROVING THE LOCATION THEREOF; REQUIRING A TEMPORARY PERMIT FROM THE CITY FOR THE SALE AND CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR AT THE SPECIAL EVENT UNDER K.S.A. 41-719(a)(2); AND INCORPORATING IN THIS ORDINANCE ALL OTHER PROVISIONS OF ORDINANCE NO. 698 INCLUDING PROVIDING FOR REGULATIONS; AND FOR PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF.” Said Ordinance would allow alcoholic liquor to be sold and consumed on 4th Street between Lincoln Avenue and Court Street, Lincoln, Kansas during the VFW street dance community event. Larsen moved to pass said Ordinance, seconded by Luce. Upon call for vote, the following Councilmembers voted Aye: Luce, Keever, Howard, Larsen, and Corpstein. Nays: None. The Ordinance was declared passed, was approved and signed by the Mayor, assigned #760 by the City Clerk, and ordered to be published once in the official city newspaper.

RESOLUTION #25-02:

Resolution No. 25-02, entitled “A RESOLUTION FIXING A TIME AND PLACE FOR A HEARING BEFORE THE GOVERNING BODY TO DETERMINE WHETHER A STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 711 N. 9th STREET, LINCOLN, KANSAS, IS DANGEROUS, UNSAFE, AND UNFIT FOR HUMAN HABITATIONS, AND DETERMINE WHETHER THE STRUCTURE SHOULD BE CONDEMNED AND ORDERED REPAIRED, OR DEMOLISHED.” was presented. Said Resolution pursuant to section 4-605 of Article 6 of the Code of the City of Lincoln Center, sets a hearing date of September 8, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall, 153 W. Lincoln Ave., Lincoln, Kansas, for the owner, owner’s agent, any lienholder of records and any occupant of the structure to appear and show cause why the structure should not be condemned and ordered repaired or demolished. Resolution No. 25-02 addresses the property at 711 N. 9th Street. After discussion, Keever moved to adopt Resolution 25-02, seconded by Corpstein. Larsen abstained.

RESOLUTION #25-03:

Resolution No. 25-03, entitled “A RESOLUTION FIXING A TIME AND PLACE FOR A HEARING BEFORE THE GOVERNING BODY TO DETERMINE WHETHER A STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 729 N. 9th STREET, LINCOLN, KANSAS, IS DANGEROUS, UNSAFE, AND UNFIT FOR HUMAN HABITATIONS, AND DETERMINE WHETHER THE STRUCTURE SHOULD BE CONDEMNED AND ORDERED REPAIRED, OR DEMOLISHED.” was presented. Said Resolution pursuant to section 4-605 of Article 6 of the Code of the City of Lincoln Center, sets a hearing date of September 8, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall, 153 W. Lincoln Ave., Lincoln, Kansas, for the owner, owner’s agent, any lienholder of records and any occupant of the structure to appear

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CEMETERY FEES: The Governing Body reviewed the City's current fees for cemetery spaces and permits. After discussion, Keever made a motion instructing Attorney Norris to draft an Ordinance to amend Article 4 of the City Code for review at the next council meeting. Seconded by Howard, carried.

WATER WELL TEST/PUMPS: Superintendent Ahring presented the Governing Body with estimates to rehabilitate and repair the well pumps for the three (3) Gabelmann wells from Sargent Drilling. After discussion of the age of the well pumps, and the cost comparison between repairing the existing pumps and replacing them. Keever made a motion to authorize Ahring to purchase new pumps, motors, and any other repairs needed to be done to wells 5 and 6. Seconded by Luce. Carried.

STREET WORK: Superintendent Ahring presented a proposal from South Central Sealing to slurry seal North Street from Hwy 18 to 7th Street. The proposal also included warranty work on 3rd and 5th Street. Keever motioned to approve the proposal for \$81,606.03; extend the street work being done from 7th to 9th on North St; repair the intersection at 1st and Franklin St. with the total project not to exceed \$150,000.00. Seconded by Corpstein, carried.

NUISANCES: Public Officer Glen Mallam reported on the status of the list of nuisance properties. Following discussion, Ahring was instructed to begin abating the four (4) nuisance properties that have shown no progress on getting resolved.

ADJOURN: There being no further business, the meeting was declared adjourned at 8:15p.m.

/s/ Kristin Dail
Deputy City Clerk