

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, Elijah Keever, Melodee Larsen and Mark Luce. Officials present: Attorney Jeffrey A. Norris and Clerk Heather N. Hillegeist. Also present: Superintendent Jeff Ahring.
- VISITORS: Others in attendance for all or portions of the meeting: Doug Carothers, Lisa and Mike Feldkamp, Kelly Gourley, Roberta Turner, Austin Biggs, Robert Loveless, Hayden Howard Emily and Eric Wolgamot.
- AGENDA AMENDMENT: There were no amendments to the council meeting agenda.
- MINUTES: Upon motion by Larsen, seconded by Corpstein, Minutes of the July 10, 2023, regular meeting were approved as written.
- PAYROLL VOUCHER: Payroll Voucher No. 23-07, for July wages and salaries in the amount of \$81,278.30, 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 July totaled \$192,690.27, and unpaid invoices received to date totaled \$179,014.39. Upon motion by Keever, seconded by Larsen, all invoices in the amount of \$371,704.66 were approved for payment.
- O/S CHECKS: Upon motion by Keever, seconded by Corpstein, approval was granted to write off ten (10) checks, in the amount of \$1,036.34, which have been outstanding for over six months.
- DELINQ. ACCNTS. The Governing Body reviewed a list of eleven (11) delinquent utility accounts totaling \$3,770.73.
- COUNCIL RESIGNATION: A letter of resignation had been tendered by Councilmember Brennan Johnson. He indicated he had moved outside the City and, therefore, would no longer be eligible to serve as a City Councilmember.
- COUNCIL VACANCY: Mayor Schwerdtfager provided a name of an individual who had expressed interest in serving on the City Council. After discussion, Corpstein moved to appoint Hayden Howard, to fill the unexpired term of Brennan Johnson. Motion seconded by Larsen, carried, 4-0.
- CURB CUT: Roberta Turner requested permission to cut the curb on Elm Street to gain access to a carport in her yard. Turner was granted permission to cut the curb and instructed that the concrete gutter must be replaced and to contact the city for inspection after the project is complete.
- TREE STUMP REMOVAL PROPOSAL: Eric Wolgamot presented the Governing Body with a proposal to remove 115 tree stumps. The proposal included 1 stump at City Hall, 4 stumps in the city park and 110 stumps at the cemetery. After discussion, Keever moved to accept the proposal for \$11,280 contending the proof for liability insurance and work comp insurance coverage. Motion seconded by Larsen, carried.

VACATE STREET ORD #743: City Attorney Norris presented an Ordinance entitled “AN ORDINANCE VACATING THAT PORTION OF 8<sup>TH</sup> STREET BETWEEN NORTH STREET AND SCHOOL STREET, WHICH SUCH VACATION IS BOUNDED BY LOT 1 IN BLOCK A AND LOTS 1 THROUGH 11 IN BLOCK 4, ALL IN VALLEY PARK ADDITION, AND LOT 1 IN BLOCK 1 AND LOTS 1 THROUGH 6 IN BLOCK 3 ALL IN JT SMITH’S ADDITION; VACATING THAT PORTION OF WRIGHT STREET WEST OF 7<sup>TH</sup> STREET, WHICH SUCH VACATION IS BOUNDED BY LOT 1 IN BLOCK 4, BLOCKS 8 AND 9, AND BLOCK A, ALL IN JT SMITH’S ADDITION, AND BLOCK 1 AND LOT 1 IN BLOCK 3 ALL IN VALLEY PARK ADDITION; VACATING THAT PORTION OF SCHOOL STREET WEST OF 8<sup>TH</sup> STREET, WHICH SUCH VACATION IS BOUNDED BY LOTS 5 AND 6 IN BLOCK 3, AND LOTS 5, 6, AND 7 IN BLOCK 6, ALL IN VALLEY PARK ADDITION; THE ALLEY BETWEEN BLOCKS 4 AND 9 AND BLOCK 9 ALL IN JT SMITH’S ADDITION, 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 owner, Dena Donley. Kever moved to pass said Ordinance, seconded by Luce. Upon call for vote, the following Councilmembers voted Aye: Corpstein, Kever, Larsen and Luce. Nay: None. The Ordinance was declared passed, was approved and signed by the Mayor, assigned #743 by the City Clerk, and ordered to be published once in the Official City Newspaper.

TINY HOMES: Attorney Norris explained what he had learned when researching other cities and ordinances regarding “Tiny Homes & Shipping Container Homes.” Norris asked for guidance on what they intended with the Ordinance. After discussion, it was agreed they did not want shipping containers as homes, each “tiny home” would be required to have city utility connections, driveway per home and one home per residential lot. Attorney Norris would bring an Ordinance for review to the next council meeting.

VAC TRUCK PROPOSALS: Superintendent Ahring presented the Governing Body with two proposals for a “vac truck.” After discussion, Kever moved to purchase the Hurco VAC600 in the amount of \$75,839.13 from Key Equipment & Supply Co. Luce seconded the motion, carried.

PERSONNEL: Superintendent Ahring reported Ethan Curnutt and Robin Wolf had successfully completed their 6-month training period. Larsen moved to grant Curnutt and Wolf a \$.25/hour pay increase and the benefits associated with “full-time” employee, effective with the August, 2023 payroll. Motion seconded by Corpstein, carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 7:13 p.m., Kever moved to recess to executive session pursuant to justification (b)(1) of K.S.A. 75-4319 with City Attorney Norris present, for a period of five (5) minutes regarding personnel matters of non-elected personnel. Motion seconded by Larsen, carried. The City Council returned to regular session at 7:18 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 7:19 p.m., Kever moved to recess to executive session pursuant to justification (b)(1) of K.S.A. 75-4319 with City Attorney Norris present, for a period of five (5) minutes regarding personnel matters of non-elected personnel. Motion seconded by Larsen, carried. The City Council returned to regular session at 7:24 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 7:26 p.m., Kever moved to recess to executive session pursuant to justification (b)(1) of K.S.A. 75-4319 with City Attorney Norris present, for a period of ten (10) minutes regarding

personnel matters of non-elected personnel. Motion seconded by Larsen, carried. The City Council returned to regular session at 7:36 p.m.

PERSONNEL:

Councilmember Keever moved to hire William Carothers as City Superintendent with the starting wage of \$50/hour with additional benefits of; 50% of his relocation expenses up to \$5000, \$500/month in housing assistance for the first 12 months and a vehicle for transportation if his residence is within 15 minutes travel time. Motion died for lack of a second.

NUISANCES:

Robert Loveless discussed a list of nuisances that was presented to the Governing Body.

RNR/BUDGET HEARING:

Clerk Hillegeist reminded the Governing Body of the Revenue Neutral Rate and Budget hearing that is scheduled for August 21, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

SUPERINTENDENT RPT:

Superintendent Ahring reported that they are still waiting on the new well pump for the Tunnel well and the pool pump is in operation. A new pool pump is estimated at \$8,000.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business, Corpstein moved to adjourn. Motion seconded by Larsen, carried. Council adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

/s/ Heather N. Hillegeist, MMC  
City Clerk