

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 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: Glen Mallam, Kelly Gourley (via phone), Vicki Hook, and John Gruber.
- AGENDA AMENDMENTS: There were no amendments to the council meeting agenda.
- MINUTES: Upon motion by Corpstein, seconded by Larsen, Minutes of the August 11, 2025, regular meeting were approved as written.
- PAYROLL VOUCHER: Payroll Voucher No. 25-08, for August wages and salaries in the amount of \$84,255.21, 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 August totaled \$165,662.94. Unpaid invoices received to date totaled \$104,504.24. Upon motion by Larsen, seconded by Luce, all said invoices in the amount of \$271,167.18, were approved for payment.
- DELINQ. ACCNTS.: The Governing Body reviewed a list of eight (8) delinquent utility accounts totaling \$2,791.91.
- MUNICIPAL JUDGE APPT.: Mayor Schwerdtfager made the appointment of Angela Hecke as Municipal Judge. Keever moved to confirm the Mayor's appointment with the monthly salary of \$250, motion was seconded by Corpstein. Motion carried.
- HEARING RES #25-02: John Gruber was present to address the Governing Body regarding the "Dangerous Structure" at 711 N 9th. Gruber said the structure was torn down, Public Officer Mallam confirmed the structure has been removed. No further action was taken.
- HEARING RES #25-03: John Gruber was present to address the Governing Body regarding the "Dangerous Structure" at 729 N 9th. Gruber stated he has arranged to sell the property, and part of the agreement is the structure will be removed with the sale. Following discussion, Gruber was given until December 31, 2025, to get the property sold and/or torn down. A resolution will be presented for adoption at the October council meeting.
- SENIOR CENTER: Senior Center representative Vicki Hook reported to the Governing Body that they are short around \$7,000 to cover the operating expenses for the year. Hook asked if it would be possible to get a donation they failed to asked for in 2024 along with a donation for 2025. After discussion, Larsen moved to approve a \$2,000 monetary donation to the Lincoln Senior Center as in previous years, seconded by Corpstein. Carried.
- LINCOLN AVE LOT: Lincoln Economic Development Foundation (LCEDF) Director Kelly Gourley discussed the vacant lot at 132 W. Lincoln Avenue that they now own. Gourley said she has two (2) different community input sessions scheduled on September 11, 2025, from 5 to 6 p.m. and September 12 at noon. These meetings will be at the lot on Lincoln Avenue. Gourley is putting together a steering committee to help with reviewing the communities' suggestions for the vacant lot

“pocket park.” Gourley asked for a staff member and council member to serve on a steering committee. The committee would meet and ultimately make final decisions on the park improvements. After discussion, Councilmember Luce and Superintendent Ahring have agreed to serve on the committee. Gourley has several grants she plans to apply for that are due by the end of October. LCEDF will revisit final ownership of the “pocket park” at a later date.

AMR/AMI WATER
METER QUOTES:

Superintendent Ahring presented the Governing Body with quotes from three (3) companies for Automated Meter Reading (AMR) and Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) meters and software. Ahring explained the difference between AMR and AMI meters. After discussion, Keever moved to accept the quotation for AMR meters, training, software, setup, and installation from Municipal Supply, Inc. in the amount of \$278,087.94, with the water fund to pay for \$39,830 for installation and charges incurred from our utility billing software company, and the light fund to pay \$238,257.94 for meters, mobile data collector, training and setup fees. Motion seconded by Howard, carried.

IT/CYBER SECURITY QUOTES:

Clerk Hillegeist presented the Governing Body with quotes from three (3) companies for IT/Cyber Security services for the City of Lincoln Center. The quotes include services for City Hall, City Shop, and the Power Plant. After discussion, Keever moved to accept the quote from LockIT Technologies for hardware in the amount of \$9,012.27, setup fees \$2,000 and monthly reoccurring fees of \$960. Motion seconded by Luce, carried.

STD TRAFFIC ORD #762:

Attorney Norris presented an ordinance entitled, “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 14, SECTIONS 14-101, 14-102, AND 14-103 OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF LINCOLN CENTER, KANSAS, BY ADOPTING AND INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE THE STANDARD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE FOR KANSAS CITIES, 52nd EDITION (2025); AND REPEALING EXISTING SECTIONS 14-101, 14-102, AND 14-103.” Said ordinance would incorporate the latest edition of the Standard Traffic Ordinance prepared and published in book form by the League of Kansas Municipalities. Keever moved to pass said ordinance, seconded by Larsen. Upon 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 #762 by the City Clerk, and ordered to be published once in the Official City Newspaper.

UPOC ORD #763:

Attorney Norris presented an ordinance entitled “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 11, SECTION 11-101 OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF LINCOLN CENTER, KANSAS, BY ADOPTING AND INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE THE UNIFORM PUBLIC OFFENSE CODE FOR KANSAS CITIES, 41st EDITION (2025), WITH CERTAIN OMISSIONS AND AMENDMENTS THERETO; AND REPEALING EXISTING SECTION 11-101.” Said ordinance would incorporate the latest edition of the Uniform Public Offense Code prepared and published in book form by the League of Kansas Municipalities. Larsen moved to pass said ordinance, seconded by Corpstein. Upon 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 #763 by the City Clerk, and ordered to be published once in the Official City Newspaper.

ANIMAL PERMIT ORD #764:

Attorney Norris presented an ordinance entitled “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE 1, SECTION 2-101 AND SECTION 2-109 TO THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF LINCOLN CENTER, KANSAS, TO AMEND WHAT ANIMALS, FOWL, OR OTHER UNDOMESTICATED ANIMALS MAY BE OWNED OR POSSESSED WITHIN

THE CITY OF LINCOLN CENTER, KANSAS AND TO FURTHER MODIFY THE PERMITTING APPLICATION AND RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS FOR THE KEEPING OF ANIMALS, FOWL, OR OTHER UNDOMESTICATED ANIMALS IN THE CITY OF LINCOLN CENTER, KANSAS.” Said Ordinance limits animal permit applications to once per calendar year and prohibits roosters within the city limits. Larsen moved to pass said Ordinance, seconded by Corpstein. Upon call for vote, the following Councilmembers voted Aye: Corpstein, Howard, Keever, Larsen, and Luce. Nay: None. The Ordinance was declared passed, was approved, and signed by the Mayor, assigned #764 by the City Clerk, and ordered to be published once in the Official City Newspaper.

GAAP WAIVER RES. #25-05: Resolution No. 25-05, entitled “A RESOLUTION BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF LINCOLN CENTER, KANSAS, CONCERNING THE FINANCIAL REPORTING FOR THE CITY OF LINCOLN CENTER, WAIVING GAAP,” was presented. Said Resolution waives the requirements of K.S.A. 75-1120a (a) regarding the financial statements and reporting for the year ending 2025. Keever moved to adopt said Resolution, seconded by Luce. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL: Superintendent Ahring reported Jake Cross had successfully completed his 6-month training period. Keever moved to grant Cross a \$1.00/hour pay increase, and the benefits associated with “full-time” employee, effective with the September 2025 payroll. Motion seconded by Luce, carried.

NUISANCE REPORT: Public Officer Mallam reviewed the nuisance list and pictures of the nuisance properties with the Governing body.

BOILER SYSTEM P PLANT: Superintendent Ahring reported on the well/pump restorations and problems with the new boiler system at the Power Plant. The boilers will be placed on the October agenda.

ADJOURN: There being no further business, the meeting was declared adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

/s/ Heather N. Hillegeist, MMC
City Clerk