

Council Meeting

November 10, 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, Mark Luce, and Melodee K. Larsen. Officials present: Attorney Jeffrey A. Norris and City Clerk Heather N. Hillegeist. Also Present: City Superintendent Jeff Ahring.

VISITORS: Visitors in attendance for all or portions of the meeting: none.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS: There were no amendments to the council meeting agenda.

MINUTES: Upon motion by Corpstein, seconded by Larsen, Minutes of the October 13, 2025, regular meeting were approved as written.

PAYROLL VOUCHER: Payroll Voucher No. 25-10, for October wages and salaries in the amount of \$71,411.05 was presented. A motion by Larsen, seconded by Luce, to approve said Payroll Voucher, carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Accounts Payable lists were reviewed. Invoices prepaid in October totaled \$26,246.18, and unpaid invoices received to date totaled \$117,630.50. Upon motion by Keever, seconded by Corpstein, all invoices, in the amount of \$143,876.68 were approved for payment.

DELINQ. ACCOUNTS: The Governing Body reviewed a list of ten (10) delinquent utility accounts totaling \$3,454.74.

WATER RATE ORD #766: There came on for consideration an ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER XV, ARTICLE 2, SECTION 15-223 TO THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF LINCOLN CENTER, KANSAS, TO ACCOUNT FOR THE USE OF BOTH GALLONS AND CUBIC FEET IN THE CALCULATION OF RATES FOR WATER SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE CITY OF LINCOLN CENTER." Said ordinance establishes a water rate for gallons and cubic feet. The city has a project to install new electronic meters that will read in gallons. This is not an increase for either water rate. Keever moved to pass said ordinance, seconded by Luce. 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 No. 766 by the City Clerk, and ordered to be published once in the Official City Newspaper.

SCHOOL ZONE SIGNAGE: After discussion, Keever moved to authorize Superintendent Ahring to purchase the appropriate signage necessary to reduce the speed limit on North Street near the High School during specific hours. Seconded by Luce, carried.

WBP PARK EQUIPMENT: Councilmember Luce relayed he has not heard back from the Catholic Church regarding the west ballpark playground equipment.

NUISANCES: The Governing Body reviewed a list of nuisance properties. There was nothing new to report.

PERSONNEL/HOLIDAY: In consideration of the upcoming holidays, Councilmember Keever moved to give employees an additional holiday off with pay on December 26, 2025, approve a cash bonus in the amount of \$50.00, in addition to the purchase of \$50.00 in Chamber Bucks for all full-time hourly and salary employees. Motion seconded by Luce, carried.

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TREE TRIMMING:

Superintendent Ahring and Mayor Schwerdtfager discussed the city's tree trimming policy. After discussion, Ahring was instructed to get the policy in writing and present it at the next council meeting.

EBP:

Clerk Hillegeist was instructed to put east ballpark concrete bids on the December agenda.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business, the meeting was declared adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

/s/ Heather N. Hillegeist, MMC
City Clerk