

Council Meeting

November 14, 2022

Council Chambers:

ROLL CALL:

The City Council of Lincoln Center convened in regular session at 7:30 p.m. with Mayor Travis Schwerdtfager presiding. Councilmembers present: Angela K. Corpstein, Brennan Johnson, Elijah Keever and Melodee K. Larsen. Officials present: Deputy Clerk Kristin Dail and via phone, Attorney Jeffrey A. Norris.

VISITORS:

Visitors in attendance for all or portions of the meeting: Jeff Ahring, Bob Loveless, Clay Haring, Tony Lamia and Jesse Zachgo.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS:

There were no amendments to the council meeting agenda.

MINUTES:

Upon motion by Keever, seconded by Corpstein, Minutes of the October 10, 2022, regular meeting were approved as written.

PAYROLL VOUCHER:

Payroll Voucher No. 22-10, for October wages and salaries in the amount of \$54,877.09 was presented. A motion by Larsen, seconded by Johnson, to approve said Payroll Voucher, carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

Accounts Payable lists were reviewed. Invoices prepaid in October totaled \$112,496.29 and unpaid invoices received to date totaled \$117,866.06. Upon motion by Keever, seconded by Corpstein, all said invoices in the amount of \$230,362.35 were approved for payment.

DELINQ. ACCOUNTS:

The Governing Body reviewed a list of six (6) delinquent utility accounts totaling \$2,437.15.

CHAMBER XMAS PARADE:

Chamber board member Michelle Hair requested the approval for use of barricades and street closure on December 10th for a lighted Christmas parade. After discussion, Corpstein moved to allow the Chamber to use barricades and block Lincoln Avenue from 2nd Street to 5th Street at 6 p.m. for a lighted Christmas parade on December 10, 2022. Larsen seconded the motion, carried.

ACCTS. RECEIVABLE BILL:

Bob Loveless questioned a bill he had received for a water service repair. Following discussion, a motion was made by Keever that the city would stand the costs of the waterline repair due to the extenuating circumstances. Motion seconded by Larsen, carried.

AIRPORT OPERATING
LEASE:

The Governing Body discussed the current Airport Operating Lease. Deputy Clerk Dail was instructed to contact other towns in regards to their Airport Operating Lease, for review at the next council meeting.

HEALTH INSURANCE:

The Governing Body was presented with a Medical Expense Reimbursement Plan (MERP) for the city employees from Scott Day, Day Insurance Solutions, LLC. The proposal included that the umbrella plan would still be through Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas (BCBS) with a \$6,350 deductible. However, the city would contract with Freedom Claims Management (FCMI) and use MERP claims funds to pay the difference from the \$6,350 deductible down to the \$3,675 deductible/coinsurance amount. There is potential for the city saving money if we have a healthier group, if all employees had a major health issue the city would be liable for \$34,775 for current employee population. Following discussion, Keever moved to accept the proposal with Day Insurance Solutions, LLC for the Kansas Municipal Insurance Trust (KMIT) health insurance group plan year beginning January 1, 2023. Motion seconded by Corpstein, carried.

ELECTRIC RATE ORD. #739: There came on for consideration an Ordinance entitled “AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING NEW ELECTRIC RATES FOR ELECTRIC SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE CITY OF LINCOLN CENTER; INCLUDING RATES FOR COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL DUSK TO DAWN YARDLIGHTS.” Said Ordinance reflected the electric rate increase of \$.02 per kWh, and to add \$2.00 service charge, across the board. Larsen moved to pass said Ordinance, seconded by Johnson. Upon call for vote, the following Councilmembers voted Aye: Keever, Larsen, Johnson and Corpstein. Nay: None. The Ordinance was declared passed, was approved and signed by the Mayor, assigned #739 by the Deputy Clerk, and ordered to be published once in the official city newspaper.

PERSONNEL/HOLIDAY: In consideration of the upcoming holidays, Councilmember Keever moved to 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 for the 2022, Motion seconded by Larsen, carried.

PERSONNEL: Upon discussion of advertising vacant positions on Indeed, Councilmember Keever made a motion to add a cell phone line to the City’s plan, and issue a smartphone to the Power Plant Foreman. Which will aide in the managing of Indeed applicants, and make the GIS system more accessible. Motion was seconded by Johnson, carried.

PERSONNEL: Deputy Clerk Dail reported Christina Blase had successfully completed her 6-month training period and made recommendation that she receive a \$.50/hour increase in pay. Larsen moved to grant Blase a \$.50/hour pay increase and the benefits associated with “full-time” employee, effective with the November, 2022 payroll. Motion seconded by Corpstein, carried.

INDY PARK BLDG: Attorney Norris reported he had been contacted by Zack Steven regarding the correspondence Reddi Industries, Inc. received concerning the lease agreement. Steven stated Reddi Industries, Inc. would voluntarily exit their lease agreement early so that any interested parties could utilize the building. After discussion, Keever moved to advertise for sealed bids for the lease of 828 N Industrial Park with a deadline of December 12, 2022 at 5 p.m. to City Hall. Motion seconded by Corpstein, carried.

NUISANCES: The Governing Body reviewed a list of nuisance properties that Superintendent Meyer is working on.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 8:45 p.m., Corpstein moved to enter into executive session for 5 minutes for the purpose of consultation with an attorney on matters that would be deemed privileged in an attorney-client relationship. Motion seconded by Larsen, carried. The City Attorney and Deputy Clerk were invited to remain. The Governing Body returned to regular session at 8:50 p.m.

ADJOURN: There being no further business, Larsen moved to adjourn. Motion seconded by Corpstein, carried. Council adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

/s/ Kristin Dail
Deputy City Clerk