

Council Meeting

December 8, 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 Larsen. 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.
- AGENDA AMENDMENTS: LCIC – City Flag was removed from the agenda..
- MINUTES: Upon motion by Larsen, seconded by Corpstein, minutes of the November 10, 2025, regular meeting were approved as written.
- PAYROLL VOUCHER: Payroll Voucher No. 25-11, for November wages and salaries in the amount of \$75,902.87, 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 November totaled \$22,875.06. Unpaid invoices received to date totaled \$149,383.30. Upon motion by Larsen, seconded by Luce, all said invoices in the amount of \$172,258.36, were approved for payment.
- O/S CHECKS: Upon motion by Keever, seconded by Corpstein, approval was granted to write off six (6) checks, in the amount of \$494.50, which have been outstanding for over six months.
- DELINQ. ACCOUNTS: Clerk Hillegeist requested approval to write off, for bookkeeping purposes only, six (6) of the accounts totaling \$2,722.34. Upon motion by Keever, seconded by Luce, said request was approved.
- BEER LICENSES: Applications for renewal of Cereal Malt Beverage Licenses have been received from K K Smith, Inc., d/b/a Lincoln Grocery; and Dollar General. Each application was accompanied by the appropriate fee. Corpstein moved to issue 2026 Cereal Malt Beverage Licenses to each applicant. Motion seconded by Larsen, carried.
- PERSONNEL/2026 WAGES: After discussion, Keever moved that all full time hourly and salaried employees be granted a \$.50 per hour COLA increase and the starting wage increase to \$20.00 per hour effective with the January 2026 payroll, seconded by Corpstein, carried.
- TREE TRIMMING POLICY: Superintendent Ahring presented a written policy regarding tree and shrub trimming in power lines, electric service lines, underground utilities, street, alleys, and sidewalks. After discussion, Keever moved to approve the policy with the recommended changes, seconded by Luce. Carried. Attorney Norris was requested to present an ordinance to revise the city code for trees and shrubs, specifically the height from street due to equipment size for clearing streets to the January meeting.
- FARM GROUND ACCESS: Attorney Norris discussed the farm ground that is “land locked” due to the vacation of the west end of Lincoln Avenue. After discussion, Norris was approved to prepare an easement for the property owner using a portion of the adjacent city farm ground as access.
- EBP CONCRETE BIDS: Mayor Schwerdtfager reported he has made contract with a few contractors regarding concrete and door repair at the east ballpark. He will continue to work on the project.

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YEAR-END MEETING: The year-end City Council meeting was set for December 31, 2025, at 7:30 a.m.

SUPERINTENDENT RPT: Superintendent Ahring reported he met with a company called ProSeal Inc. on street maintenance and pavement preservation. Ahring will have a proposal for the next council meeting. Council member Keever requested Ahring work on a comprehensive street maintenance plan for the council to review.

P PLANT ENGINE: Councilmember Keever asked for an update on an engine for the power plant. Ahring reported that Cummins is no longer producing 2000 kW engines, he will do some more research.

ADJOURN: There being no further business, the meeting was declared adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

/s/ Heather N. Hillegeist, MMC  
City Clerk