

Council Meeting

December 9, 2024

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 by phone.
- VISITORS: Others in attendance for all or portions of the meeting: Lisa Feldkamp, Nancy Walter, Glenn Stegman & Glen Mallam.
- AGENDA AMENDMENTS: There were no amendments to the council meeting agenda.
- MINUTES: Upon motion by Corpstein, seconded by Larsen, minutes of the November 12, 2024, regular meeting were approved as written.
- PAYROLL VOUCHER: Payroll Voucher No. 24-11, for November wages and salaries in the amount of \$72,988.49, 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 \$118,260.06. Unpaid invoices received to date totaled \$91,094.24. Upon motion by Corpstein, seconded by Keever, all said invoices in the amount of \$209,354.30, were approved for payment. Larsen abstained.
- DELINQ. ACCOUNTS: Clerk Hillegeist requested approval to write off, for bookkeeping purposes only, seven (7) of the accounts totaling \$5,480.30. Upon motion by Keever, seconded by Larsen, said request was approved.
- ANIMAL PERMIT HEARING: Mayor Schwerdtfager opened a hearing to hear comments regarding Roxanne Zachgo's application for an animal permit for thirteen (13) chickens, (3) ducks and (1) horse on the property located at 509 E. Yauger. All property owners within two hundred feet of the property lines were notified of the hearing as specified by the city code. Following discussion, the location was determined to be in the floodplain area and the permit was denied.
- REC COMM RESIGN/APPT.: The Governing Body accepted a resignation from Randi Stoppel from the USD 299's Rec Commission position.
- Mayor Schwerdtfager appointed Raine Bradshaw to an unexpired 2-year term as USD 299's representative on the Rec Commission. Keever moved to confirm the mayor's appointment, seconded by Corpstein. Motion carried.
- BEER LICENSES: Applications for renewal of Cereal Malt Beverage Licenses had been received from K K Smith, Inc., d/b/a Lincoln Grocery; and Dollar General. Each application was accompanied by the appropriate fee. Larsen moved to issue 2025 Cereal Malt Beverage Licenses to each applicant. Motion seconded by Luce, carried.
- ANIMAL PERMIT ORD: After discussion, the matter was tabled until the January meeting with Attorney Norris to make the requested revisions to the draft ordinance.
- CURFEW ORD #755: City Attorney Norris presented an Ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER XI, ARTICLE 2, SECTION 11-203, 11-204, 11-205, 11-206, AND 11-207 TO

THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF LINCOLN CENTER, KANSAS, TO MODIFY ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES AND ESTABLISH PENALTIES FOR PERSONS FOUND TO BE IN VIOLATION OF ANY PROVISION OF CHAPTER II OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF LINCOLN CENTER, KANSAS.” Said Ordinance will assist with curfew violations involving minors within the city. Keever 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 #755 by the City Clerk, and ordered to be published once in the Official City Newspaper.

RESOLUTION #24-08: Resolution No. 24-08, entitled “A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE ABATEMENT AND CLEANUP OF THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 405 W. COURT STREET, LINCOLN, KANSAS.” was presented. Said Resolution pursuant to section 8-201 of Article 2 of the Code of the City of Lincoln Center, allows the City or other agents to enter the property and abate the conditions with incurred expenses to be assessed to the property. After discussion, Keever moved to adopt Resolution 24-08, seconded by Larsen, carried.

RESOLUTION #24-09: Resolution No. 24-09, entitled “A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE ABATEMENT AND CLEANUP OF THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 409 W. COURT STREET, LINCOLN, KANSAS.” was presented. Said Resolution pursuant to section 8-201 of Article 2 of the Code of the City of Lincoln Center, allows the City or other agents to enter the property and abate the conditions with incurred expenses to be assessed to the property. After discussion, Keever moved to adopt Resolution 24-09, seconded by Corpstein, carried.

RESOLUTION #24-10: Resolution No. 24-10, entitled “A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE ABATEMENT AND CLEANUP OF THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 518 N. 7th STREET, LINCOLN, KANSAS.” was presented. Said Resolution pursuant to section 8-201 of Article 2 of the Code of the City of Lincoln Center, allows the City or other agents to enter the property and abate the conditions with incurred expenses to be assessed to the property. After discussion, Keever moved to adopt Resolution 24-10, seconded by Luce, carried.

RESOLUTION #24-11: Resolution No. 24-11, entitled “A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE ABATEMENT AND CLEANUP OF THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 117 E. COLLEGE AVENUE, LINCOLN, KANSAS.” was presented. Said Resolution pursuant to section 8-201 of Article 2 of the Code of the City of Lincoln Center, allows the City or other agents to enter the property and abate the conditions with incurred expenses to be assessed to the property. After discussion, Keever moved to adopt Resolution 24-11, seconded by Luce, carried.

RESOLUTION #24-12: Resolution No. 24-12, entitled “A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE ABATEMENT AND CLEANUP OF THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 316 N. 6th STREET, LINCOLN, KANSAS.” was presented. Said Resolution pursuant to section 8-201 of Article 2 of the Code of the City of Lincoln Center, allows the City or other agents to enter the property and abate the conditions with incurred expenses to be assessed to the property. After discussion, Keever moved to adopt Resolution 24-12, seconded by Luce, carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 7:07 p.m., Larsen moved to recess to executive session pursuant to justification (b)(1) of K.S.A. 75-4319 with City Attorney Norris, City Clerk Hillegeist, and Superintendent Ahring present, for a period of ten (10) minutes regarding personnel matters of non-elected personnel. Motion seconded by Keever, carried. The City Council returned to regular session at 7:17 p.m.

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PERSONNEL/2025 WAGES: After discussion, Keever moved that all full time hourly and salaried employees and Public Officer Mallam be granted a \$.50 per hour COLA increase and the starting wage increase to \$19.75 per hour effective with the January 2025 payroll, seconded by Corpstein, carried.

Following recommendations by Superintendent Ahring, Keever moved to give merit raises to Foreman Michael Biggs \$2.00 per hour Power Plant Operator Robin Wolf \$1.50 per hour effective with the January 2025 payroll. Motion seconded by Corpstein, carried.

NUISANCES: Public Office Mallam discussed nuisance properties and answered questions.

YEAR-END MEETING: The year-end City Council meeting was set for December 31, 2024, at 7:30 a.m.

ADJOURN: There being no further business, the meeting was declared adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

/s/ Heather N. Hillegeist, MMC
City Clerk