

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: Attorney Jeffrey A. Norris and Clerk Heather N. Hillegeist. Also present: Superintendent Jesse C. Meyer.
- VISITORS: Others in attendance for all or portions of the meeting: Anita Simmons, Clay Haring, Kelly Gourley, Jamie Hall, Jesse Knight, Bethany Pingel, Dena Donley, Roy Applequist, Peter Solie, Charlene Batchman, Pat Gardner, Charlene Griffin, Marilyn Helmer and Dorothy Arnold.
- AGENDA AMENDMENTS: There were no amendments to the council meeting agenda.
- MINUTES: Upon motion by Keever, seconded by Johnson, Minutes of the August 8, 2022, regular meeting were approved as written. Larsen made a motion to approve Minutes of the August 22, 2022 special meeting, seconded by Corpstein.
- PAYROLL VOUCHER: Payroll Voucher No. 22-08, for August wages and salaries in the amount of \$70,410.70, was presented. A motion by Keever, seconded by Johnson, to approve said Payroll Voucher, carried.
- ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Accounts Payable lists were reviewed. Invoices prepaid in August totaled \$237,361.16. Unpaid invoices received to date totaled \$202,863.39. Upon motion by Larsen, seconded by Corpstein, all said invoices in the amount of \$440,224.55, were approved for payment.
- DELINQ. ACCNTS.: The Governing Body reviewed a list of five (5) delinquent utility accounts totaling \$1,436.29.
- LIBRARY APPNT.: Mayor Schwerdtfager appointed Laura Keever to an unexpired four-year term on the Lincoln Carnegie Library Board. Corpstein moved to confirm the Mayor's appointments. Motion seconded by Larsen, carried.
- LC AREA HUMANE SOC.: Anita Simmons, representing Lincoln Area Humane Society (LAHS) presented the Governing Body with a report of the dog impounds for the years of 2020 and 2021. She asked if the City would allow out of city dogs to be housed in the shelter, if necessary. After discussion, LAHS was granted permission to use the City Animal Shelter if the County would agree to pay the associated fees; \$20 impound and \$5 day for board to the City.
- NINTH STREET VACATION: Clay Haring requested the City reopen the two blocks of Ninth Street that were vacated in 1996 so he could have guaranteed access to the land he owns. After discussion, the Governing body did not see any city-wide benefit to reversing the street vacation.
- LC EMERGENCY MGR: Jesse Knight, Lincoln County Emergency Manager requested the Governing Body fill out the documentation for the County's new program for ID badges. Knight relayed a grant opportunity that would also be available to the City through the Department of Agriculture. He said Lincoln County is considered low income due to being below the State's median income of \$61,091 per household, therefore the match is 10%. Knight said the funding could be for help with funding new buildings or remodeling existing structures.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION
CITY HALL DESIGN: Bethany Pingel, TreanorHL presented the Governing Body with a set of design plans with the code review and architecture finish recommendations. Pingel informed the Governing Body of the traction elevator quote was miscalculated by \$20,000-\$30,000 that was given at the last meeting and will not fit in the dimension of the purposed area. Therefore, Pingel needs the following decisions for the project to proceed: elevator type changed or choose smaller elevator, design layout for the Community room option #1 or option #2, approval to move forward and proceed to Construction Document Phase. Larsen moved to change to the over-sized hydraulic elevator, design layout of option #1, and approval to proceed forward to the construction document phase. Motion was seconded by Johnson, carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 8:55 p.m., Keever moved to recess to executive session pursuant to justification (b)(4) of K.S.A. 75-4319 with City Attorney Norris, Superintendent Meyer, Economic Development Director Kelly Gourley, Jamie Hall, Roy Applequist and City Clerk Hillegeist present, for a period of fifteen (15) minutes to discuss an economic development opportunity in the City of Lincoln in order to protect the financial information and trade secrets of a private business. Motion seconded by Johnson, carried. The City Council returned to regular session at 9:10 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 9:12 p.m., Keever moved to recess to executive session pursuant to justification (b)(4) of K.S.A. 75-4319 with City Attorney Norris, Superintendent Meyer, Economic Development Director Kelly Gourley, Jamie Hall, Roy Applequist and City Clerk Hillegeist present, for a period of fifteen (15) minutes to discuss an economic development opportunity in the City of Lincoln in order to protect the financial information and trade secrets of a private business. Motion seconded by Johnson, carried. The City Council returned to regular session at 9:27 p.m.

PERSONNEL: Superintendent Meyer reported Roger Wolf had successfully completed his 6-month training period and made recommendation that he receive a \$1/hour increase in pay. Keever moved to grant Wolf a \$1/hour pay increase and the benefits associated with “full-time” employee, effective with the September, 2022 payroll. Motion seconded by Johnson, carried.

Clerk Hillegeist notified the Governing Body that she had received a resignation letter from Stephen Fenn effective September 8, 2022.

The Governing Body engaged in a lengthy discussion on employment openings within the city. Kelly Gourley asked for a potential salary range for the city to hire a journeyman lineman. A range of \$80-\$120,000 annual salary was suggested to see if that would get some applicants. Hillegeist was instructed to put personnel on the October agenda.

GAAP WAIVER RES. #22-05: Resolution No. 22-05, 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 2022. Keever moved to adopt said Resolution, seconded by Larsen. Motion carried.

NUISANCE REPORT: The Governing Body reviewed a list of nuisance properties. Superintendent Meyer reported he had addressed a couple of complaints regarding health nuisances and the crew has been mowing nuisance properties.

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WATER TOWER:

Superintendent Meyer reported the Water Tower had its biennial wash out and inspection in August. Meyer is not aware of any major deficiencies.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business, Keever moved to adjourn. Motion seconded by Johnson, carried. Council adjourned at 10:17 p.m.

/s/ Heather N. Hillegeist
City Clerk