

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 Clerk Heather N. Hillegeist. Also, present: Superintendent Jeff Ahring.
- VISITORS: Visitors in attendance for all or portions of the meeting: Shelby Errebo, Carla Errebo, Lisa Feldkamp, Anthony Dail, John McClure, and Glen Mallam.
- AGENDA AMENDMENTS: There were no amendments to the council meeting agenda.
- MINUTES: Upon motion by Corpstein, seconded by Larsen, minutes of the December 31, 2024, year-end meeting were approved as written.
- ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Council reviewed accounts payable lists containing December invoices in the amount of \$192.96 and January invoices to date totaling \$75,032.25. Upon motion by Keever, seconded by Corpstein, all said invoices, in the amount of \$75,225.21, were approved for payment.
- DELINQ. ACCNTS.: Four (4) accounts, totaling \$1,400.55, were on the list of delinquent utilities reviewed and discussed.
- PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL: Upon motion by Larsen, seconded by Corpstein, Elijah Keever was elected President of the Council.
- ACTING PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL: Upon motion by Keever, seconded by Corpstein, Melodee K. Larsen was elected acting President of the Council.
- OFFICIAL DEPOSITORIES: Upon motion by Larsen, seconded by Luce, The Bank of Tescott and Citizens State Bank were designated as Official Depositories for City funds. Corpstein abstained.
- APPOINTMENTS/ CITY OFFICIALS: Mayor Schwerdtfager made the following City Official appointments for the ensuing year:
- City Clerk – Heather N. Hillegeist  
Deputy City Clerk – Kristin G. Dail  
City Treasurer – Kimberly M. Meyer  
City Attorney – Jeffrey A. Norris  
Fire Chief – Jarrod Heinze  
Municipal Judge – Jennifer R. O’Hare
- There followed a motion by Keever, seconded by Larsen, to confirm the Mayor’s appointments and recommendation. Motion carried.
- ANIMAL PERMIT HEARING: Mayor Schwerdtfager opened a hearing to hear comments regarding Stephanie McQueen’s application for an animal permit for up to five (5) ducks on the property located at 421 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. All property owners within two hundred feet of the property lines were notified of the hearing as specified by the city code. City Hall received emails in opposition to the animal permit. Mayor Schwerdtfager closed the hearing. The animal permit was denied.
- LCIC COMMITTEE: Lincoln Center Improvement Committee Member Lisa Feldkamp, reported on the past year’s projects the committee had completed. LCIC committee purchased the final musical

instrument, tuned drums. The committee continues to recognize nice yards and community volunteers, holds quarterly fundraisers, along with planting flowers in the planters and decorating them for the holiday season. They have future projects in the planning stages; replacing the walking park bridge, city flag, main street lot improvement and they are researching ideas for repairs or new Christmas lights for Lincoln Avenue. Feldkamp requested a monetary donation to help with funding of future projects. Corpstein moved to approve a \$500 monetary donation to the Pride Committee, seconded by Kever, carried.

QUARTZITE PARK TRAIL: NCK Outdoors President John McClure relayed that they have be awarded a \$20,000 Wildlife and Parks grant for use in Phase One of the Quartzite Park Trail project. The grant does require a 25% match that can be met with volunteer labor, donated materials, or machine operation. The city would not be responsible for the match. NCK Outdoors requested to transfer the funds to the city to assure Wildlife and Parks of the proper use and distribution of the funds. NCK Outdoors would provide the necessary documents for the bid-letting and facilitate all organized work on the project. After discussion, Kever moved to accept the grant funds in the city’s general fund to provide transparency to Wildlife and Parks and the city to provide the “in kind” match toward the project. Motion seconded by Larsen, carried.

GRDA RES. 25-01: Resolution No. 25-01, authorizing the execution of the Power Purchase Agreement (Grand River Dam Authority Power Supply Project No. 2) between the City of Lincoln Center and Kansas Municipal Energy Agency (KMEA); making certain covenants and agreements to provide for the payment and security thereof and authorizing certain other documents and actions in connection therewith. Kever moved to adopt Resolution No. 25-01, motion seconded by Corpstein, carried.

GRDA POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT: Following discussion, Larsen moved to approved Mayor Schwerdtfager and Clerk Hillegeist to sign the Power Purchase Agreement (Grand River Dam Authority Power Supply Project No. 2) and future documents pertaining to the agreement with KMEA on this project. Motion seconded by Luce, carried.

ANIMAL PERMIT RENEWAL ORD #756: City Attorney Norris presented an Ordinance entitled “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER II, ARTICLE 1, SECTION 2-109 TO THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF LINCOLN CENTER, KANSAS, TO AMEND WHAT ANIMALS, FOWL OR OTHER UNDOMESTICATED ANIMALS MAY BE OWNED OR POSSESSED WITHIN THE CITY OF LINCOLN CENTER, KANSAS AND TO FURTHER MODIFY THE PERMITTING APPLICATION AND RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS FOR THE KEEPING OF ANIMALS, FOWL, OR OTHER UNDOMESTICATED ANIMALS IN THE CITY OF LINCOLN CENTER, KANSAS.” Said Ordinance requires animal permit holders to renew said permits annually by February 1<sup>st</sup> and sets a limit to twelve (12) animals on a premise. Clerk Hillegeist was instructed to send out letters to permit holders regarding the new Ordinance. Larsen moved to pass said Ordinance, seconded by Corpstein. Upon call for vote, the following Councilmembers voted Aye: Corpstein, Howard, Kever, Larsen, and Luce. Nay: None. The Ordinance was declared passed, was approved, and signed by the Mayor, assigned #756 by the City Clerk, and ordered to be published once in the Official City Newspaper.

CITY SVC. AWARDS: Mayor Schwerdtfager announced a City Service Award for Perry Zachgo for 35 years of dedicated service to the City of Lincoln Center.

TRANSFER FUNDS: A motion was made by Larsen, seconded by Corpstein, to transfer \$25,000 from the General Fund to the Recreation Fund for 2025 Rec Appropriation. Motion carried.

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TRANSFER FUNDS:

A motion was made by Larsen, seconded by Corpstein, to transfer \$49,672 from the Light Fund to the Bond and Interest Fund for 2025 GO Bond Payments. Motion carried.

NUISANCES:

Public Officer Glen Mallam reported on the status of the nuisance properties.

SUPERINTENDENT RPT:

Superintendent Ahring requested permission to get quotes for equipment attachments to help with future snow removal.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business, the meeting was declared adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

/s/ Heather N. Hillegeist, MMC  
City Clerk