

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, Elijah Keever, Mark Luce, and Melodee K. Larsen. Councilmember absent: Hayden Howard. Officials present: Attorney Jeffrey A. Norris, Deputy Clerk Kristin Dail. Also present: Superintendent Jeff Ahring.

VISITORS:

Visitors in attendance for all or portions of the meeting: Carly Errebo, Darcy Couse, Arletta Morse, Sean Bentz, Clay Haring & Vicky Hook

AGENDA AMENDMENTS:

There were no amendments to the council meeting agenda.

MINUTES:

Upon motion by Corpstein, seconded by Larsen, Minutes of January 12, 2026, regular meeting were approved as written.

PAYROLL VOUCHER:

Payroll Voucher No. 26-01, for January wages and salaries in the amount of \$77,184.66, was presented. A motion by Keever, seconded by Corpstein, to approve said Payroll Voucher, carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

Accounts Payable lists were reviewed, including prepaid invoices in the amount of \$66,753.18, and unpaid invoices totaling \$189,271.58. Upon motion by Larsen, seconded by Luce, all said invoices in the amount of \$256,006.76, were approved for payment.

DELINQ. ACCNTS.:

Six (6) accounts, totaling \$2,119.07, were on the list of delinquent utilities reviewed.

POST ROCK FESTIVAL:

Carly Errebo explained the requests for the Post Rock Festival are the same as years past. Larsen moved to allow the Post Rock Festival use of the City Park, Scout Cabin & Municipal Pool for the activities on September 5th and waive the \$25 city fee for the temporary alcohol permit, seconded by Corpstein. Motion carried. Carly Errebo also asked for a monetary donation to help with expenses. Luce moved to approve a \$1000 donation to the Post Rock Festival. Motion seconded by Larsen, carried.

SENIOR CENTER:

Senior Center representatives Vicki Hook and Arletta Morse asked the Governing Body for a \$5,000.00 monetary donation to aid in covering operating expenses for 2026. After discussion, Luce moved to approve a \$2,500 monetary donation to the Lincoln Senior Center with the possibility of a 2nd donation to be discussed later in the year, seconded by Corpstein. Carried.

PROSEAL:

Sean Bentz with ProSeal presented the Governing Body with a proposal for pavement preservation on Lincoln Ave from highway 14 to the west city park entrance, and a one (1) block extension both north and south directions on 4th, 3rd and 5th Streets. After discussion, the Governing Body requested references from other cities that ProSeal has completed pavement preservation for. Bentz will send the requested references to Superintendent Ahring.

CASH RENT SEALED BIDS:

Mayor Schwerdtfager opened and read aloud the cash rent bids received. After discussion and tabulation of the bids three motions ensued awarding tracts to the highest bidder.

Keever moved to accept the bids from Todd Haring for \$38/acre for Tract 3, \$25/acre for Tract 4 – two tracts of land planted to brome grass (7.06 acres), and \$40/acre for Tract 9 – 1 tract of farmland (19.89 acres). Motion seconded by Corpstein, carried.

Larsen moved to accept the bid from Clay Haring for \$65/acre for Tract 6, and \$60/acre for Tracts 7 & 8 – three tracts of farmland (122.01 acres). Motion seconded by Corpstein, carried.

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Keever moved to accept the bid from Brad Lyne for \$62.55/acre for Tract 1 – one tract of farmland (6.85 acres). Motion seconded by Corpstein, carried.

BOARD REPRESENTATION: Mayor Schwerdtfager requested this agenda item be tabled until he has corresponded with each board.

LHA/RESIGNATIONS/
APPOINTMENTS: The Governing Body accepted resignations from Carol Rader effective January 18, 2026, and Heather N Hillegeist effective February 9, 2026, from the Lincoln Housing Authority Board.

Mayor Schwerdtfager appointed Deb Ortiz, Nikki Flinn and Scott Crenshaw to unexpired four-year terms as members of the Lincoln Housing Authority Board of Commissioners. Corpstein moved to confirm the Mayor’s appointments, seconded by Larsen. Motion carried.

UTILITY BILLING INSERTS: After discussion, Keever moved to limit inserts included with the utility bills to city use only for future mailings. Motion seconded by Luce, carried.

P PLANT BOILER SYSTEM: Superintendent Ahring presented a proposal from Glassman Corporation for a full set of plate gaskets to service the triangle tube frame heat exchanger. Keever moved to accept the proposal in the amount of \$5,095.00 for the full set of plate gaskets to service the heat exchanger. Motion seconded by Larsen. Motion carried.

Ahring presented a proposal from Kan-Tech, Inc to provide water treatment analysis for the power plants water cooling system for a term of 1 year. The proposal also includes all biocides, dispersants and corrosion inhibitors for proper treatment of the cooling tower. Keever moved to accept the proposal in the amount of \$3,000.00 to provide water treatment analysis and chemicals for a term of 1 year. Motion seconded by Corpstein. Motion Carried.

STREET REPAIRS: Superintendent Ahring presented with Governing Body with two (2) proposals from South Central Sealing & Paving for repairing the intersection of E. South St. and 1st St. Option #1 details a repair utilizing only concrete. Option #2 details a repair utilizing both concrete and asphalt. After discussion in regard to the volume of heavy truck traffic at this intersection, Keever moved to accept the proposal from South Central Sealing & Paving in the amount of \$168,216.80, for Option #1 detailing a concrete only repair. Seconded by Luce, carried.

NUISANCES: The Governing Body reviewed a letter from Public Officer Mallam regarding cats.

EDUCATION: Deputy Clerk Dail advised that Clerk Hillegeist would be attending the City Clerk’s Conference being held in Manhattan on March 11th-13th.

POOL: Deputy Clerk Dail relayed the advertising for pool managers and lifeguards would be in the newspaper and on the city and live lincoln county website.

POST ROCK COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION: The Governing Body reviewed a request from the Post Rock Community Foundation for an annual donation. Donations made to (PRCF) in February are to be matched by the Dane G. Hansen Foundation at 200%. After discussion, Larsen moved to approve a \$500 monetary donation to the Post Rock Community Foundation in February, same as previous years. Motion seconded by Corpstein, carried.

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CATHOLIC YOUTH ORG:

The Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) Fundraising committee inquired if the City of Lincoln would donate a family and an individual season pool pass again this year for their fundraising event. After discussion, Keever moved to donate a family and individual season pool pass to CYO, same as previous year, for the fund-raising event, seconded by Larsen. Motion carried.

DOG POUND:

The Governing Body reviewed a letter from the Lincoln Area Humane Society notifying the city of their closure. Deputy Clerk Dail was instructed to put the dog pound on the March agenda.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business, the meeting was declared adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

/s/ Kristin Dail
Deputy City Clerk