

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, Clerk Heather N. Hillegeist. Also present: Superintendent Jeff Ahring.

VISITORS:

Visitors in attendance for all or portions of the meeting: Carla Errebo, Shayla Errebo, Jarrod Heinze, Mary Meier, Adrianna Nelson, Darcy Couse, and Jonah Keever.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS:

Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) Pool Pass Donation.

MINUTES:

Upon motion by Larsen, seconded by Corpstein, Minutes of January 13, 2025, regular meeting were approved as written.

PAYROLL VOUCHER:

Payroll Voucher No. 25-01, for January wages and salaries in the amount of \$86,604.19, was presented. A motion by Keever, seconded by Luce, to approve said Payroll Voucher, carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

Accounts Payable lists were reviewed, including prepaid invoices in the amount of \$34,095.90, and unpaid invoices totaling \$214,734.48. Upon motion by Corpstein, seconded by Larsen, all said invoices in the amount of \$248,830.38, were approved for payment.

DELINQ. ACCNTS.:

Three (3) accounts, totaling \$2,013.31, were on the list of delinquent utilities reviewed.

ANIMAL PERMIT HEARING:

Mayor Schwerdtfager opened a hearing to hear comments regarding Jonathan and Adrianna Nelson's application for an animal permit for twelve (12) chickens on the property located at 601 S 4th Street. All property owners within two hundred feet of the property lines were notified of the hearing as specified by the city code. A neighbor was in opposition to the chicken permit. Mayor Schwerdtfager closed the hearing. The animal permit was denied.

POST ROCK FESTIVAL:

Carla Errebo explained the requests for the Post Rock Festival are the same as years past. Luce moved to allow the Post Rock Festival use of the City Park, Scout Cabin & Municipal Pool for the activities on August 30th and waive the \$25 city fee for the temporary alcohol permit, seconded by Larsen. Motion carried. Carla Errebo asked for a monetary donation to help with the expense of an ADA portable restroom. Luce moved to approve a \$1000 donation to the Post Rock Festival. Motion seconded by Larsen, carried.

USED FIRE TRUCK PURCHASE:

Fire Chief Jarrod Heinze reported that he found a ladder truck on purple wave that the City of Concordia had listed, that he would like to bid on. Heinze had gone to look at the truck. He explained the 1985 ladder truck has several water and electrical issues and will not pass a pressure test. After discussion, Luce move to approve Fire Chief Heinze to bid up to \$120,000 on the 2000 Emergency One Quint Fire Truck ending on February 18, 2025. Motion seconded by Corpstein, carried.

CATHOLIC YOUTH ORG:

Councilmember Corpstein presented a request from the Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) Fundraising committee inquiring if the City of Lincoln would donate a family and an individual season pool pass. After discussion, Larsen moved to donate a family and individual season pool pass to CYO for the fund-raising event, seconded by Luce. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL:

Superintendent Ahring reported Christopher Craft had successfully completed his 6-month training period. Larsen moved to grant Craft a \$1.00/hour pay increase, and the benefits associated with

“full-time” employee, effective with the February 2025 payroll. Motion seconded by Howard, carried.

EAST BALL PARK:

Councilmember Keever presented the Governing Body with a list and estimated budget of East Ball Park Restroom and Concession Stand proposed repairs, updates, and improvements. The project includes paint, new doors, light fixtures, toilets, sinks, concession window, mini split, cabinets, new countertops, and upgrading electric and plumbing. After discussion, Keever moved to proceed with the project with a budget of \$15,000 out of the general fund for the supplies, seconded by Larsen, carried. City Crew and Rec will work together on the labor with volunteers. Mayor Schwerdtfager will meet with Dale Romesburg to discuss concrete work and potential proposals for concrete bids.

NUISANCES:

There was nothing new to report.

SNOW EQUIP QUOTES:

Superintendent Ahring presented the Governing Body with multiple quotes of grasshopper attachments to assist with snow removal. After discussion, Keever moved to accept the quote of the 48” DriftBuster Snowthrower \$2,422.50 and the Snow Performance Package \$1,079.50, and Turf Tires with Chains Kit \$480.25, seconded by Larsen. Motion carried.

EDUCATION:

Clerk Hillegeist advised she would be attending the City Clerk’s Conference being held in Manhattan on March 19th-21st.

ELECTION:

Clerk Hillegeist reminded the Governing Body that the filing deadline for election is noon on June 1st at Lincoln County Clerk’s office.

POOL:

Clerk Hillegeist relayed the advertising for pool managers and lifeguards would be in the February 19, 2025, newspaper and on the city and live lincoln county website. Notices of classes and job openings have been sent to Lincoln Jr./Sr. High School.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 7:56 p.m., Larsen moved to recess to executive session pursuant to justification (b)(1) of K.S.A. 75-4319 with City Attorney Norris, Superintendent Ahring, and Clerk Hillegeist present, for a period of ten (10) minutes regarding personnel matters of non-elected personnel. Motion seconded by Corpstein, carried. The City Council returned to regular session at 8:06 p.m.

ADJOURN:

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

/s/ Heather N. Hillegeist, MMC
City Clerk