

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, Melodee K. Larsen, and Mark Luce. 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: Carla Errebo, Dee Wenger, Russ Black, Megan Muchow, Troy Soukup, Jarrod Heinze and Kelly Gourley.
- AGENDA AMENDMENT: One item was added to the agenda for discussion: Citizen's State Bank, Insured Sweep Accounts
- MINUTES: Upon motion by Corpstein, seconded by Larsen, Minutes of February 9, 2026, regular meeting were approved as written.
- PAYROLL VOUCHER: Payroll Voucher No. 26-02, for February wages and salaries in the amount of \$80,428.92, was presented. A motion by Keever, seconded by Luce, to approve said Payroll Voucher, carried.
- ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Accounts Payable listings were reviewed, including prepaid invoices in the amount of \$73,166.61, and unpaid invoices totaling \$100,755.01. Upon motion by Corpstein, seconded by Larsen, all said invoices, in the amount of \$173,921.62, were approved for payment.
- DELINQ. ACCNTS.: Five (5) accounts, totaling \$2,664.68, were on the list of delinquent utilities reviewed.
- LHA/RESIGNATION/ APPOINTMENT: The Governing Body accepted a resignation from Susan Marshall effective February 18, 2026, from the Lincoln Housing Authority Board.  
  
Mayor Schwerdtfager appointed Becky Rathbun to an unexpired four-year term as a member of the Lincoln Housing Authority Board of Commissioners. Keever moved to confirm the Mayor's appointment, seconded by Corpstein. Motion carried.
- LCIC EASTER EGG HUNT: Lincoln County Improvement Committee (LCIC) member Carla Errebo requested permission to use the City Park for an Easter Egg Hunt on April 4, 2026, and an Ice Cream Social on June 7, 2026. LCIC was granted permission to use the City Park for both events.
- VFW STREET DANCE: Dee Wenger and Russ Black, Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post #7928, requested to barricade 4<sup>th</sup> Street from Lincoln Avenue to Court Street for a street dance on June 6, 2026, from 7 p.m. until 2 a.m. Larsen moved to approve the request for the street closure, seconded by Luce. Carried.
- FIRE CHIEF VEHICLE: Fire Chief Jarrod Heinze relayed that the County Commissioners wanted to know if the city would be willing to help with the cost of a replacement Fire Chief vehicle. Heinze said the county was asking for \$4,000 to help with upfitting of the vehicle. After discussion, Keever moved to pay \$4,000 as requested. Motion seconded by Larsen, carried.

- POCKET PARK PROJECT: Lincoln County Economic Development Director Kelly Gourley update the Governing Body on the Lincoln Avenue Pocket Park Project “Post Rock Plaza.”
- CSB ISA: Citizen’s State Bank representatives Troy Soukup, CEO and Megan Muchow, COO explained the concept of Insured Sweep Accounts (ISA) or also known as reciprocal bank deposits to the Governing Body. The matter was requested to be put on the April agenda.
- KMEA DIRECTOR #2: Upon motion by Larsen, seconded by Luce, Jeff Ahring was appointed to serve as the City of Lincoln Center’s Director #2 on the Kansas Municipal Energy Agency’s Board of Directors expiring April 30, 2028.
- POOL PERSONNEL: Clerk Hillegeist reported nine (9) applications had been received for lifeguards. The city has not received an application for manger to date. Following a general discussion of the qualifications and experience of the applicants, Keever moved to offer employment to Izabell Dail, Chloe Helus, Camden Weber at \$10.50/hour as returning lifeguards, and Josie Svaty, Kenzley Frederking, Harlee Nelson, Tennyson Donley, Cole Schneider and Jayden Meyer at \$10/hour as new guards, subject to the acquisition of all required certifications for the 2026 pool season, utilizing the pay scale approved in February 2022. Motion seconded by Corpstein, carried.
- LINCOLN ANIMAL SHELTER: Following discussion, Ahring was asked to draft a policy of procedures for dogs that are impounding in the Animal Shelter for the April meeting.
- CITYWIDE CLEAN-UP: Clerk Hillegeist asked the Governing Body if they planned to have a city-wide cleanup this Spring. After discussion, April 27<sup>th</sup> for the east side of town and April 28<sup>th</sup> for the west side with 4<sup>th</sup> Street as the split was approved for the dates. Clerk Hillegeist was instructed to send the notice to the newspaper and post it on Live Lincoln County and city’s websites.
- NUISANCES: The Governing Body reviewed the list of nuisance properties.
- SUPERINTENDENT RPT: Superintendent Ahring reported the South Central would be starting the street repair at 1<sup>st</sup> Street and South Street intersection in April. He relayed he is starting to meet with different vendors for Automatic Meter Reading (AMR) and Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) electric meters. He requested we start discussing power plant engines. Clerk Hillegeist was instructed to put Power Plant Engines on the April agenda.
- ADJOURN: There being no further business, the meeting was declared adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

/s/ Heather N. Hillegeist, MMC  
City Clerk