

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, and Melodee K. Larsen. Councilmember absent: 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: Sheriff Dustin Florence, Glen Mallam, Jared Spear, and Lisa Simmons.

AGENDA AMENDMENT: Two items were added to the agenda for discussion: City Wide Cleanup and Sheriff's Office Parking.

MINUTES: Upon motion by Corpstein, seconded by Larsen, Minutes of February 10, 2025, regular meeting were approved as written.

PAYROLL VOUCHER: Payroll Voucher No. 25-02, for February wages and salaries in the amount of \$72,898.97, was presented. A motion by Keever, seconded by Corpstein, to approve said Payroll Voucher, carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Accounts Payable listings were reviewed, including prepaid invoices in the amount of \$89,688.53, and unpaid invoices totaling \$199,712.94. Upon motion by Keever, seconded by Larsen, all said invoices, in the amount of \$289,401.47, were approved for payment.

O/S CHECKS: Upon motion by Corpstein, seconded by Keever, approval was granted to write off four (4) checks, in the amount of \$445.00, which have been outstanding for over six months.

DELINQ. ACCNTS.: Five (5) accounts, totaling \$1,606.62, were on the list of delinquent utilities reviewed.

LHA/APPOINTMENT: Mayor Schwerdtfager re-appointed Heather Hillegeist to a 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.

ANIMAL PERMIT ENFORCEMENT: Sheriff Florence questioned the Governing Body on the procedure for handling animals where the owners have not been approved for permits in the city limits. Sheriff Florence was instructed to issue citations to violators, and they would have a municipal court hearing to answer for the violations. City Hall was instructed to notify the Sheriff's office of all animal permits issued and complaints received are to be directed to the Sheriff's office.

STREET VACATION: Local business owners Jared Spear and Lisa Simmons requested a portion of Lincoln Avenue be vacated from the railroad tracks to the west. After discussion, Attorney Norris was instructed to draft an Ordinance for the April council meeting.

CITY LIMITS: Spear and Simmons questioned if the old elevator could be annexed out of the city limits for demolition purposes. Attorney Norris will research and update the council at the April meeting on his findings.

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- SHERIFF'S OFC PARKING: Sheriff Florence asked if the Governing Body would be opposed to a curb cut on second street in front of the sheriff's office for angle parking. The idea would be to remove the curb, guttering and lawn enough for angle parking, roughly thirty feet in length. After discussion, there was no objection, providing that the curb and gutter were replaced according to code.
- KMEA DIRECTOR #1: Upon motion by Larsen, seconded by Corpstein, Elijah Keever was appointed to serve as the City of Lincoln Center's Director #1 on the Kansas Municipal Energy Agency's Board of Directors expiring April 30, 2027.
- EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 7:09 p.m., Keever 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 five (5) minutes regarding personnel matters of non-elected personnel. Motion seconded by Larsen, carried. The City Council returned to regular session at 7:14 p.m.
- POOL PERSONNEL: Clerk Hillegeist reported nine (9) applications had been received, two (2) for managers and seven (7) for lifeguards. Following a general discussion of the qualifications and experience of the applicants, Keever moved to offer employment to Kathy Nelson as manager at \$18/hour, offer employment as lifeguards to Mason Florence at \$11.50/hour, Olivia Dail at \$10.50/hour, and Izabell Dail, Aniston Madsen, Ian Ryan, Bentley Smith, Chloe Helus, Camden Weber at \$10/hour as new guards, subject to the acquisition of all required certifications for the 2025 pool season, utilizing the pay scale approved in February 2022. Motion seconded by Larsen, carried.
- NUISANCES: Public Officer Mallam updated the Governing Body on the nuisance report.
- CITYWIDE CLEAN-UP: Clerk Hillegeist asked the Governing Body if they planned to have a city-wide cleanup this Spring. After discussion, April 28th for the east side of town and April 29th for the west side with 4th 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.
- ADJOURN: There being no further business, the meeting was declared adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

/s/ Heather N. Hillegeist, MMC
City Clerk