Council Meeting August 10, 2026

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, and Melodee Larsen. Councilmembers absent: Elijah Keever and Mark Luce. Official present: Attorney Jeffrey A. Norris and Clerk Heather N. Hillegeist. Also present: Superintendent Jeff Ahring.

VISITORS: Others in attendance for all or portions of the meeting: Kris Heinze.

AGENDA AMENDMENT: There were no amendments to the council meeting agenda.

MINUTES: Upon motion by Corpstein, seconded by Larsen, Minutes of July 13, 2026, regular meeting were approved as written.

PAYROLL VOUCHER: Payroll Voucher No. 26-07, for July wages and salaries in the amount of $89,978.52, was presented. A motion by Larsen, seconded by Howard, to approve said Payroll Voucher, carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Accounts Payable lists were reviewed. Invoices prepaid in July totaled $6,533.97, and unpaid invoices received to date totaled $89,328.12. Upon motion by Corpstein, seconded by Larsen, all invoices in the amount of $95,862.09 were approved for payment.

DELINQ. ACCNTS. The Governing Body reviewed a list of ten (10) delinquent utility accounts totaling $3,734.62.

ART CENTER SIGN: Art Center board member Kris Heinze relayed the Lincoln Art Center is acquiring a new sign on the front of the building and looking at another potential sign. The additional sign is still in the discussion stage, Heinze was just gathering information for the board at this time.

HEARING RES #26-01: The property owner was not present to address the Governing Body regarding the "Dangerous Structure" at 319 E. Yauger. Attorney Norris reported on his last communication with the party's estate attorney on the matter. Norris planned to have Public Officer Glen Mallam give a final report on the property. No further action was taken.

WATER RATE ORD #770: There came on for consideration an ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER XV, ARTICLE 2, SECTIONS 15-223 TO THE CODE OF THE CITY OF LINCOLN CENTER, KANSAS, TO ESTABLISH NEW WATER RATES FOR WATER SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE CITY OF LINCOLN CENTER." Said ordinance called for a water rate increase effective September 15, 2026. The increase would provide funds necessary for the Kansas Public Water Supply Loan that was applied for in 2020 for the last water line improvement project. Larsen moved to pass said Ordinance, seconded by Howard. Upon call for vote, the following Councilmembers voted Aye: Corpstein, Howard, and Larsen. Nays: None. The Ordinance was declared passed, was approved and signed by the Mayor, assigned #770 by the City Clerk, and ordered to be published once in the Official City Newspaper.

NUISANCES: The Governing Body reviewed the list of nuisances.

LIBRARY TAX CREDITS: Clerk Hillegeist relayed she received notice from Chris Leitch, Kansas Historical Society that the City of Lincoln Center had $8,256.00 in tax credits from the Lincoln Carnegie Library Window project in 2020. The project had been reviewed and finalized. After research and conversation with Mr. Leitch, Hillegeist made calls offering the tax credits to different purchasers. The Bank of Tescott agreed to purchase the credits for $.90 on a dollar, that is the

current rate. The funds belong to the Lincoln Carnegie Library and will be distributed to them when the City receives the funds. Larsen moved to approve the purchase of the City of Lincoln Center's tax credits to the Bank of Tescott in the amount of $7,430.40 and Clerk Hillegeist to prepare the Purchase Agreement accordingly. Corpstein seconded, carried.

2027 BUDGET HEARING: Mayor Schwerdtfager opened a public hearing, for the purpose of hearing and answering comments regarding the proposed 2027 Budget. No objections or comments were received from the public. Mayor Schwerdtfager then closed the budget hearing. There followed a motion by Corpstein, seconded by Larsen, to approve and adopt the Budget for the year 2027. Motion carried.

HOLIDAYS: Clerk Hillegeist requested the Governing Body allow City Hall to close to the public on two holidays that they currently are open on. Hillegeist was not asking for the day off, just to close to the public. Hillegeist noted that there would be no change to the October council meeting annually with this request. This change would allow the office employees time to organize basement files, rotation of files to be destroyed, documenting according to the retention schedule, and deep cleaning of City Hall. Following discussion, Larsen moved to approve City Hall to be closed to the public on Columbus Day and Juneteenth effective immediately, seconded by Corpstein. Motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT RPT: Superintendent Ahring reported planned repairs to the pool this fall. Ahring reported the street work is scheduled to start at the end of August, notifications will go out from the contractor as they have before.

ADJOURN: There being no further business, the meeting was declared adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

/s/ Heather N. Hillegeist, MMC
City Clerk