

Council Meeting

August 11, 2025

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 Larsen, 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: Dana Walters.
- AGENDA AMENDMENT: There were no amendments to the council meeting agenda.
- MINUTES: Upon motion by Larsen, seconded by Corpstein, Minutes of the July 14, 2025, regular meeting were approved as written.
- PAYROLL VOUCHER: Payroll Voucher No. 25-07, for July wages and salaries in the amount of \$86,536.93, was presented. A motion by Keever, seconded by Larsen, to approve said Payroll Voucher, carried.
- ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Accounts Payable lists were reviewed. Invoices prepaid in July totaled \$15,703.43, and unpaid invoices received to date totaled \$137,188.22. Upon motion by Corpstein, seconded by Luce, all invoices in the amount of \$152,791.65 were approved for payment.
- DELINQ. ACCNTS. The Governing Body reviewed a list of six (6) delinquent utility accounts totaling \$3,004.51.
- CEMETERY FLAGPOLE: Lincoln County Historical Society Director Dana Walters presented her research on flagpole prices to the Governing Body. Walters relayed Mike Hansen had expressed interest in building the flagpole, in addition to the commercial prices presented. After discussion, Keever moved to allow Mike Hansen to build the flagpole with the cost not to exceed \$1,000 for the total project. Seconded by Corpstein, carried.
- HAZ. MIT. RES. #25-04: Resolution No. 25-04, a Resolution to adopt the Kansas Homeland Security Region F Hazard Mitigation Plan as the City of Lincoln Center's Hazard Mitigation Plan, was introduced. Luce moved to adopt Resolution No. 25-04. Motion seconded by Larsen, carried.
- CEMETERY ORD #761: City Attorney Metz presented an Ordinance entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER XII, ARTICLE 4, SECTIONS 12-403, 12-404 AND 12-405 TO THE CODE OF THE CITY OF LINCOLN CENTER, KANSAS, TO AMEND THE SUM CHARGED FOR THE SALE OF BURIAL PLOTS AND THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE OF BURIAL LOTS IN THE CITY OF LINCOLN CENTER, KANSAS." Said ordinance would remove burial permits fees and increase the cost per burial space in the City Cemetery. Larsen moved to pass said Ordinance, seconded by Luce. Upon call for vote, the following Councilmembers voted Aye: Corpstein, Howard, Keever, Larsen, and Luce. Nays: None. The Ordinance was declared passed, was approved and signed by the Mayor, assigned #761 by the City Clerk, and ordered to be published once in the Official City Newspaper.
- ANIMAL PERMITS: The Governing Body discussed citizens submitting multiple applications throughout the year for animals permits after receiving a denial. After discussion, Attorney Norris was instructed to prepare an Ordinance for the September council meeting, restricting the application to once per calendar year, adding an application fee and prohibiting roosters within the city code.
- 2026 BUDGET HEARING: Mayor Schwerdtfager opened a public hearing, for the purpose of hearing and answering comments regarding the proposed 2026 Budget. No objections or comments were received from the public. Mayor Schwerdtfager then closed the budget hearing. There followed a

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motion by Keever, seconded by Larsen, to approve and adopt the Budget for the year 2026. Motion carried.

- STREET REPAIR BIDS: Superintendent Ahring presented the Governing Body with the street work proposals requested for the additional repairs on North street from 7th to 9th, and the intersection at 1st and Franklin Street. Keever moved to accept the additional proposal from South Central Sealing & Paving in the amount of \$33,116.33, seconded by Corpstein, carried. The total street repair project cost is \$114,722.36.
- NUISANCES: The Governing Body reviewed the list of nuisances and instructed Ahring to make contact with some contractors for help with clean up of the nuisance properties on 7th Street, Court Street and College Avenue. The contractor's bills would be passed on to the property owners.
- POOL CLOSING DATES: Clerk Hillegeist relayed the pool will be closing end of day August 21, 2025. The pool will reopen on the weekend of August 23rd, 24th, and 30th weather permitting.
- JUDGE APPOINTMENT: Hillegeist reported a new magistrate judge has been hired. The Governing Body discussed Charter Ordinance #10 that was adopted allowing certain city officials to live in adjacent counties.
- STO & UPO: Hillegeist relayed that Sheriff Florence had requested the city order and adopt the new 2025 Standard Traffic and Uniform Public Offense Code books. Hillegeist stated the Attorney would present ordinances to review and adopt at the September council meeting.
- IT PROPOSALS/BIDS: Hillegeist stated she has been notified that Wilson Communications is terminating their IT portion of the company. Hillegeist is in the process of gathering proposals/bids from three (3) other companies.
- SUPERINTENDENT RPT: Superintendent Ahring asked for suggestions on replacement material for the pebble rock around the playground equipment in the park that washed away. Ahring was instructed to research and find the best solution with a reasonable cost.
- ADJOURN: There being no further business, the meeting was declared adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

/s/ Heather N. Hillegeist, MMC
City Clerk