

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 Mark Luce. Councilmember absent: Melodee K. Larsen. Officials 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: Sheriff Dustin Florence, Glen Mallam, Kelly Gourley, Cindy Entriiken, and Jacob Littlejohn.
- AGENDA AMENDMENTS: There were no amendments to the council meeting agenda.
- MINUTES: Upon motion by Keever, seconded by Corpstein, Minutes of the August 12, 2024, regular meeting were approved as written. Corpstein made a motion to approve Minutes of the August 29, 2024, special meeting, seconded by Howard.
- PAYROLL VOUCHER: Payroll Voucher No. 24-08, for August wages and salaries in the amount of \$75,779.40, was presented. A motion by Keever, seconded by Corpstein, to approve said Payroll Voucher, carried.
- ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Accounts Payable lists were reviewed. Invoices prepaid in August totaled \$50,348.58. Unpaid invoices received to date totaled \$151,647.97. Upon motion by Keever, seconded by Corpstein, all said invoices in the amount of \$201,996.55, were approved for payment.
- DELINQ. ACCNTS.: The Governing Body reviewed a list of seven (7) delinquent utility accounts totaling \$5,001.85.
- LAW ENFORCEMENT: Sheriff Florence requested the Governing Body give guidance on how to proceed with the fowl in the city without a permit. The city code is vague. Attorney Norris would contact other communities to determine options available to the city and law enforcement.
- NUISANCE REPORT/  
PUBLIC OFFICER: Mayor Schwerdtfager relayed that himself Superintendent Ahring and Clerk Hillegeist interviewed with Glen Mallam at the end of August in consideration of the public officer position. Mallam accepted the position at \$18/hour. Mallam introduced himself and gave background on his previous code enforcement experience. Mallam said he would prepare monthly reports for the council and aim to attend monthly council meetings.
- BASE GRANT BIDS: Lincoln Economic Development Foundation (LCEDF) Director Kelly Gourley said the board had recommendation of: Street Plumbing Heating & Electric for HVAC \$23,000, Zachgo Plumbing, HVAC, & Refrigeration L.L.C. for plumbing \$12,099, and Precision Electrical Contractors L.L.C. for electrical \$22,590 for the renovation of the building at 127 W. Lincoln Avenue for office suites. Gourley also noted that all three contractors suggested by her board are related by marriage to city employees for transparency in conflict of interest. Following discussion, Keever moved to approve the contractors as presented by the LCEDF board. Motion seconded by Corpstein, carried.
- LIBRARY APPNT.: Mayor Schwerdtfager appointed Taylor Robles to regular unexpired four-year term on the Lincoln Carnegie Library Board that was vacated by Kelly Boyd. Corpstein moved to confirm the mayor's appointment. Motion seconded by Luce, carried.

REC COMM RESIGN/APPT.: The Governing Body accepted a resignation from Austin Biggs from the City’s Rec Commission position.

Mayor Schwerdtfager appointed Sara Smith to an unexpired 4-year term as a city representative on the Rec Commission. Keever moved to confirm the mayor’s appointment, seconded by Corpstein. Motion carried.

NHRV PUBLIC HEARING: At 7:00 p.m. a public hearing was held to consider the adoption of a Neighborhood Revitalization Plan, effective for the years 2025 through 2030. No public comments were received.

NHRV ORDINANCE #751: An ordinance entitled “AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION PLAN AND DESIGNATING A NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION AREA,” was presented and considered. A motion was made by Keever, seconded by Corpstein, to pass said ordinance. Upon call for vote, the following Councilmembers voted Aye: Corpstein, Howard, Keever, Luce. Nays: None. The ordinance was declared passed, was approved, and signed by the Mayor, assigned #751 by the City Clerk, and ordered to be published once in the Official City Newspaper.

INTERLOCAL AGMT: Keever moved to approve the Interlocal Agreement between the City, USD 298 & Lincoln County regarding the Neighborhood Revitalization Plan, seconded by Luce. Motion carried.

GAAP WAIVER RES. #24-05: Resolution No. 24-05, entitled “A RESOLUTION BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF LINCOLN CENTER, KANSAS, CONCERNING THE FINANCIAL REPORTING FOR THE CITY OF LINCOLN CENTER, WAIVING GAAP,” was presented. Said Resolution waives the requirements of K.S.A. 75-1120a (a) regarding the financial statements and reporting for the year ending 2024. Keever moved to adopt said Resolution, seconded by Corpstein. Motion carried.

RENEWABLE GENERATION: Superintendent Ahring updated the Governing Body on the process for applying to have renewable generation (solar or wind generation) in the city. Ahring said the Kansas Municipal Energy Agency (KMEA) has issued updated terminology and procedures that he is researching. Ahring will present any necessary changes to the Governing Body at a future meeting.

REAL ESTATE CLOSING: Attorney Norris reported the city had completed all that was necessary for the closing of the real estate property on First Street.

LIBRARY BOARD: Attorney Norris reported he had researched the Kansas State Statutes regarding the library board and the ability for individuals outside of the city limits to be on the board. The city could use home rule and charter out due to the law not being uniform to all cities. Clerk Hillegeist was requested to contact the library board to inquire what they would suggest for the radius and put the item on the agenda for the October council meeting.

FCU BBQ: Clerk Hillegeist relayed a request from Farmway Credit Union to use barricades to block the two parking spaces directly in front of the bank to have a customer appreciation BBQ on September 16, 2024, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The Governing Body had no concern allowing the Farmway Credit Union to block off two (2) parking spaces for the customer appreciation barbeque.

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STREET WORK:

Superintendent Ahring reported the tentative start date for the street work project for Lincoln Avenue is September 23, 2024. Clerk Hillegeist with the assistance of Kris Heinze and Kelly Gourley would be sending out the notification by websites, Facebook and chamber contacts for the local businesses affected by the project.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business, Corpstein moved to adjourn. Motion seconded by Keever, carried. Council adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

/s/ Heather N. Hillegeist, MMC  
City Clerk