Council Meeting September 14, 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, Elijah Keever, Melodee Larsen, and Mark Luce. 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: Jennifer Bryant, Derek Garbart, Stacey Scritchfield, Angela Hecke, and Dustin Florence.

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

MINUTES: Upon motion by Larsen, seconded by Corpstein, Minutes of August 10, 2026, regular meeting were approved as written.

PAYROLL VOUCHER: Payroll Voucher No. 26-08, for August wages and salaries in the amount of $86,098.95, was presented. A motion by Corpstein, seconded by Luce, to approve said Payroll Voucher, carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Accounts Payable lists were reviewed. Invoices prepaid in August totaled $94,877.79. Unpaid invoices received to date totaled $148,958.18. Upon motion by Keever, seconded by Larsen, all said invoices in the amount of $243,835.97, were approved for payment.

DELINQ. ACCNTS.: The Governing Body reviewed a list of fourteen (14) delinquent utility accounts totaling $4,823.85.

ANIMAL PERMIT HEARING: Mayor Schwerdtfager opened a hearing to hear comments regarding James and Jennifer Bryant's application for an animal permit for six (6) chickens on the property located at 1003 N. 4th Street. All property owners within two hundred feet of the property lines were notified of the hearing as specified by the city code. City Hall received three letters in opposition to the animal permit. Mayor Schwerdtfager closed the hearing. The animal permit was denied.

ALLEY VACATION: Derek Garbart requested the Governing Body consider vacating the alley between 1st and 2nd street and Court and Yauger street. Garbart stated the alley does not go through. Superintendent Ahring reported as far as he could tell, there are no utilities that the city would need easements to access and a fence and a garage are already built in the easement. After discussion, Attorney Norris was asked to prepare an ordinance to vacate the alley requested, for review and adoption at the October council meeting.

POOL IMPROVEMENTS: Stacey Scritchfield requested permission to apply for grants to help with pool features and improvements. The grant applications would need to be applied for under the City of Lincoln Center. Scritchfield plans on writing and preparing the documents necessary for applying. Council had no objection.

CITY CODE/DISTURBING THE PEACE: Sheriff Florence and Judge Hecke asked if the council would be willing to make some modifications to the current City Code regarding "Disturbing the Peace." Sheriff Florence will contact Attorney Norris to discuss potential verbiage for an ordinance to adopt code changes. Said ordinance will be presented to the Governing Body at the October council meeting.

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS: Clerk Hillegeist presented a proposed change to the vacation leave policy, an employee benefit

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS: given to full-time employees. The current vacation leave policy is that after completion of your first year of service, employees receive 80 hours of vacation, that must be used by the end of each calendar year. Employees with fifteen years or more of continued service receive 120 hours of vacation leave, that must be used by the end of each calendar year. Following discussion, the matter was tabled with further research required and will be addressed at the October meeting.

GAAP WAIVER RES. #26-03: Resolution No. 26-03, 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 2026. Keever moved to adopt said Resolution, seconded by Larsen. Motion carried.

NUISANCE REPORT: The Governing Body reviewed the nuisance list.

FRISBEE GOLF TOURNAMENT: Clerk Hillegeist relayed she had been contacted from Jim Metz Rec Board president regarding the annual Frisbee Golf Tournament. The tournament is scheduled for October 3, 2026, and they requested use of the park restrooms. Council member Keever asked if the city crew would remove a fallen tree from the pad and make a list of concrete pads that need repaired/replaced.

STREET WORK PROJECT: Superintendent Ahring reported the street work on South Street is delayed waiting on Kansas Gas Service to move the natural gas line from the intersection.

INDUSTRIAL PARK PROJECT: Superintendent Ahring informed the Governing Body of the potential cost for the new utility service installations being requested for the building. After discussion, Ahring was instructed to bill the customer as our city code states.

ADJOURN: There being no further business, the meeting was declared adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

/s/ Heather N. Hillegeist, MMC
City Clerk