

City Hall 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, Mark Luce, Brennan Johnson, Elijah Keever, and Melodee K. Larsen. Officials present: Attorney Jeffrey A. Norris, Clerk Heather N. Hillegeist. Also present: Superintendent Jeff Ahring.
- VISITORS: Visitors in attendance for all or portions of the meeting: Dennis Ray, Eric and Emily Wolgamot, John Baetz.
- AGENDA AMENDMENTS: There were no amendments to the council meeting agenda.
- MINUTES: Upon motion by Keever, seconded by Johnson, Minutes of the May 8, 2023, regular meeting were approved as written.
- PAYROLL VOUCHER: Payroll Voucher No. 23-05, for May wages and salaries in the amount of \$69,491.87 was presented. A motion by Johnson, seconded by Corpstein, to approve said Payroll Voucher, carried.
- ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Accounts Payable lists were reviewed. Invoices prepaid in May totaled \$164,038.49. Unpaid invoices received to date totaled \$126,270.82. Upon motion by Keever, seconded by Corpstein, all said invoices, in the amount of \$290,309.31, were approved for payment.
- DELINQ. ACCNTS.: The Governing Body reviewed a list of three (8) delinquent utility accounts in the amount of \$2,682.63.
- CITY TREASURER APPT.: Mayor Schwerdtfager appointed Kimberly Meyer as City Treasurer effective November 1, 2023 following Galen Liggett's resignation effective October 31, 2023. Corpstein moved to confirm the Mayor's appointment of Kimberly Meyer as City Treasurer effective November 1, 2023, motion was seconded by Luce. Keever moved to start Kimberly Meyer at \$300 monthly salary, seconded by Johnson. Motion carried.
- USD298 TRACK FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE: John Baetz, Chair of the USD298 Track Fundraising Committee, reported that the total funds raised to date for the tract project is \$287,194.12. The total project is expected to cost \$500,000 and scheduled to begin after the end of the 2024 track season, if said funds are raised by December 2023. Baetz inquired if the city would be willing to donate to the project. After discussion, Keever moved to donate \$80,231.40 to USD298 for the tract renovation project. Motion was seconded by Corpstein, carried.
- LINCOLN COUNTY (MOU): The Governing Body reviewed a Memorandum of Understanding for the Lincoln County Storm Drain Project between Lincoln County and the City of Lincoln Center. Following discussion, Keever moved to approved the Memorandum of Understanding as presented, seconded by Johnson, carried.
- ANIMAL PERMIT HEARING: Mayor Schwerdtfager opened a hearing to hear comments regarding Eric and Emily Wolgamot's application for an animal permit for two (2) goats on their property located at 211, 213 and 217 W. Elm Street. All property owners within 200 feet of the property lines were notified of the hearing as specified by the city code. Citizens representing the Faith Baptist Church showed in opposition regarding the animal permit and a letter was read from a neighbor. Mayor Schwerdtfager closed the hearing. Keever moved to deny the animal permit, motion was seconded by Corpstein, carried.
- PERSONNEL: Clerk Hillegeist reported that Miranda Watson had agreed to teach swimming lessons again this year. All swimming lesson monies would be made to the City of Lincoln and Watson would be paid \$15 per student and the city would collect \$10. No lessons would be taught during open pool hours. Watson would be paid through the normal payroll process so the funds would be taxed. Watson requested two

(2) helpers be compensated with a \$40 pool pass in lieu of an hourly wage. Corpstein moved to hire Miranda Watson to teach swimming lesson for the 2023 season and the city to provide (2) season passes for helpers, seconded by Johnson. Motion carried.

Hillegeist relayed some questions from the current Pool Manager Jordan Riggs about overtime and pool hours until 8 p.m. The Council was not inclined to change any hours or close except in inclement weather.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 6:58 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 City Clerk Hillegeist present, for a period of ten (10) minutes for discussion of personnel matters of nonelected personnel. Motion seconded by Corpstein, carried. The City Council returned to regular session at 7:08 p.m.

LANDSCAPING/
MOWING BIDS:

The City received one (1) bid for the landscaping from Eric Wolgamot, Impulse Handyman Services, LLC. After discussion, the Governing Body thanked Eric Wolgamot for his interest but, decided not to accept the bid.

NUISANCES:

Hillegeist reported that she had received several pictures of nuisances from Public Officer Robert Loveless. Hillegeist relayed that Loveless is giving verbal notice prior to sending out written notices. Loveless has been documenting all communications. Next month, there would be more to report. Attorney Norris was asked to contact Jared Spear in regards to towing and storing inoperable vehicles in violation of the City Code.

2024 BUDGET:

Clerk Hillegeist advised she has started the 2024 Budget and reminded them of the changes from the tax lid to the Revenue Neutral Rate (RNR) process. Hillegeist recommended that the city hold a hearing in anticipation of raising the mill levy to accommodate the potential of either assessed valuation increases or decreases. Hillegeist recommended holding the hearing August 21st at 6:30 p.m. Hillegeist was given a list of items to consider for the 2024 Budget.

2024 RNR HEARING:

A public hearing was set for August 21, 2023, at 6:30 p.m., for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to revenue neutral rate and proposed tax rate, as required by 2021 Kansas Senate Bill 13.

SUPERINTENDENT RPT.:

Superintendent Ahring relayed the City was recently inspected for compliance on the sewer lagoons and passed. Kansas Department of Health (KDHE) recommended the city test the lagoons for sludge in the near future. If sludge removal is necessary the estimated cost is around \$800,000.

The City is working on the new Lead and Copper Rule. The mandatory rule came from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA.) The City is responsible to report what material; the water main pipe is constructed of, the individual residential service lines to the meter pit, the service lines to the house, and the plumbing inside of the house. The deadline to complete this is October 2024.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business, Keever moved to adjourn. Motion seconded by Corpstein, carried. Council adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

/s/ Heather N. Hillegeist
City Clerk