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LINCOLN CENTER CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

July 14, 2025
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 K. Larsen, and Mark Luce. Officials present: Attorney Jeffrey A. Norris, and Deputy Clerk Kristin Dail. Also present: Superintendent Jeff Ahring. Others in attendance for all or portions of the meeting: Stephanie Couch, Dana Walters, Dustin Florence, Jesse Knight, Glen Mallam and Stephanie McQueen. There were no amendments to the council meeting agenda. Upon motion by Larsen, seconded by Corpstein, Minutes of the June 9, 2025, meeting were approved as written. Payroll Voucher No. 25-06, for June wages and salaries in the amount of \$96,615.26, was presented. A motion by Keever, seconded by Corpstein, to approve said Payroll Voucher, carried. Accounts Payable lists were reviewed. Invoices prepaid in June totaled \$71,726.82, and unpaid invoices received to date totaled \$278,928.64. Upon motion by Corpstein, seconded by Luce, said invoices in the amount of \$350,655.46, were approved for payment. The Governing Body reviewed a list of six (6) delinquent utility accounts totaling \$3,004.51. Mayor Schwerdtfager opened a hearing to hear comments regarding Stephanie McQueen's application for an animal permit for up to five (5) waterfowl on the property located at 421 S. 2nd 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 emails in opposition to the animal permit. Mayor Schwerdtfager closed the hearing. The animal permit was denied. USD298 LJSHS Principal, Stephanie Couch asked if USD298 could use the Municipal Pool the first six days of school. Corpstein moved to authorize USD298 to use the Municipal Pool for physical education classes for six days after the pool closes to the public, from August 22nd to August 29th and August 12th from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. for a back-to-school party, with future requested dates to be relayed by Clerk Hillegeist. Motion was seconded by Larsen, carried. Lincoln Chamber member Stephanie Couch informed the council about a Golf Tournament Fundraiser they are hosting August 16th, 2025, with opportunities to sponsor the event. Larsen moved to sponsor a hole with a \$150.00 donation to the Chamber's Golf Tournament. Motion seconded by Corpstein, carried. Lincoln County Historical Society Director Dana Walters requested permission to have a permanent flagpole installed at Hazel Avery's grave in the Lincoln Cemetery. She inquired if the City would be willing to share responsibility in purchasing, and setting the pole, and the Historical Society would aid in the maintenance of the pole and flag. Walters was asked to research prices on flag poles that would match the height of the poles currently in the cemetery and present her findings at the next council meeting. Sheriff Florence had provided a new Agreement

Amending the Law Enforcement Services Contract between the City of Lincoln Center and Lincoln County. Said Agreement provided for a 10% increase in compensation, bringing the total annual sum that the City was expected to pay to the County to \$172,792.00, effective January 1, 2026. Keever made a motion to approve the contract amendment, seconded by Corpstein. Motion carried. Lincoln County Emergency Manager Jesse Knight explained the purpose and benefits of participating in the Hazard Mitigation Plan. Every 5 years the State of Kansas is required to review and revise its Hazard Mitigation Plan in coordination with FEMA. Keever motioned to authorize the Mayor to sign the updated Hazard Mitigation Plan. Seconded by Larsen, carried. City Attorney Norris presented an ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 698 OF THE CITY APPROVING THE LINCOLN VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS ("VFW") POST 7928 STREET DANCE COMMUNITY EVENT AS AN ADDITIONAL SPECIAL EVENT WITHIN THE CITY; APPROVING THE LOCATION THEREOF; REQUIRING A TEMPORARY PERMIT FROM THE CITY FOR THE SALE AND CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR AT THE SPECIAL EVENT UNDER K.S.A. 41-719(a)(2); AND INCORPORATING IN THIS ORDINANCE ALL OTHER PROVISIONS OF ORDINANCE NO. 698 INCLUDING PROVIDING FOR REGULATIONS; AND FOR PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF." Said Ordinance would allow

alcoholic liquor to be sold and consumed on 4th Street between Lincoln Avenue and Court Street, Lincoln, Kansas during the VFW street dance community event. Larsen moved to pass said Ordinance, seconded by Luce. Upon call for vote, the following Councilmembers voted Aye: Luce, Keever, Howard, Larsen, and Corpstein. Nays: None. The Ordinance was declared passed, was approved and signed by the Mayor, assigned #760 by the City Clerk, and ordered to be published once in the official city newspaper. Resolution No. 25-02, entitled "A RESOLUTION FIXING A TIME AND PLACE FOR A HEARING BEFORE THE GOVERNING BODY TO DETERMINE WHETHER A STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 711 N. 9th STREET, LINCOLN, KANSAS, IS DANGEROUS, UNSAFE, AND UNFIT FOR HUMAN HABITATIONS, AND DETERMINE WHETHER THE STRUCTURE SHOULD BE CONDEMNED AND ORDERED REPAIRED, OR DEMOLISHED," was presented. Said Resolution pursuant to section 4-605 of Article 6 of the Code of the City of Lincoln Center, sets a hearing date of September 8, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall, 153 W. Lincoln Ave., Lincoln, Kansas, for the owner, owner's agent, any lienholder of records and any occupant of the structure to appear and show cause why the structure should not be condemned and ordered repaired or demolished. Resolution No. 25-02 addresses the property at 711 N. 9th Street. After discussion, Keever moved to adopt Resolution 25-02, seconded by Corp-

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COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

July 28, 2025
The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met in the courthouse commission meeting room on Monday, July 28, 2025. Chairman Debora Smith called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. with Vice-Chairman Leon Hart and Member Kenny Meitler present. County Clerk Dawn Harlow was in attendance as recording secretary. Others present for portions of the meeting: Adam Robertson, Felicia Strahm, Colleen Tennant, Dustin Florence, Brandon Cochran, and Debra Ohdle. Correspondence: a flyer from Yutzy Roofing, a flyer from Diamond Equity, and bills for Lincoln Park Manor. The board scheduled a Public Building Commission meeting on Thursday, July 31, immediately following the commission meeting to approve the interest payment on the hospital bonds. Human Resource Officer Felicia Strahm played the radio advertisement demo. The board approved to advertise on the radio for the open positions. Strahm provided a status update on available open positions. Strahm requested an executive session to discuss employees at the health department. Debora Smith moved to recess into executive session for ten minutes for

the purpose of discussing the Health Department staff, pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(2)(b)(1) to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel, with the board, Adam Robertson, and Felicia Strahm, seconded by Leon Hart. Motion carried. Time in: 9:10 a.m. Time out: 9:20 a.m. The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 9:20 a.m. with no action taken. Transportation Bus Director Colleen Tennant reminded the board that the department hours will change beginning August 1. Tennant related that she plans to apply for a new van in the upcoming grant cycle. Tennant requested approval to purchase a printer for the office. The board approved the request. Sheriff Dustin Florence reported that he met with a consultant and recommended that the board contract with the Goldberg Group Architects to assist the county in designing a sheriff's office and jail. Florence related that he is working on contracting with lab techs to complete lab draws when needed and is receiving quotes to replace the fingerprinting machine. Administrator Robertson and Ambulance Service Director Brandon Cochran provided the updated specifications and letter of intent for the am-

bulance purchase. Debora Smith moved to authorize Adam Robertson to sign the letter of intent to purchase an ambulance with a 2028 delivery date, seconded by Leon Hart. Motion carried. Debra Ohdle, Executive Director of the North Central Regional Planning Commission, gave an overview of the services provided by the organization. Administrators' report: comments from department heads regarding department head meeting topics; reviewed the agreement with ESPY and will reach out to change the point of contact; and summary of the Hospital Board and WEB fund meetings that he attended. The group discussed the following matters: the pocket park and the courthouse rehabilitation project. Commissioner Smith forwarded an inquiry from a WEB fund member about funding projects for schools and private businesses. The board inquired about the status of the ambulance service accounts receivable project. Debora Smith moved to approve the July 31, 2025, minutes, seconded by Kenny Meitler. Motion carried. The chairman adjourned the meeting at 1:03 p.m. The next meeting will be in the courthouse commission meeting room at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday,

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BETHANY CHURCH Eight miles north, six miles west and one mile north of Lincoln Sunday School @ 9:45 am Worship Service @ 11:00 am Evening Service @ 7:00 pm	LINCOLN PARK MANOR CHAPEL Morning Worship @ 9:30 am Afternoon Worship @ 2:30 pm
BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH LC-MS Pastor Christopher Craig Sylvan Grove, Kansas Sunday School following Worship Sunday Worship @ 10:30 am	LINCOLN UNITED METHODIST Pastors Kaye & Jeff Metzler Worship Service @ 11:00 am
BEVERLY COMMUNITY CHURCH www.beverlycommunitychurch.org Pastor Toby Flaming Sunday School @ 9:30 am Morning Worship @ 10:45 am	PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Sylvan Grove, Kansas Sunday School @ 10:00 am Church @ 11:00 am
CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH Pastor, Chris Hall Sunday School @ 9:30 am Worship Service @ 10:30 am Nursery available during service Light Keepers Wed. @6:30 grades 6-12	ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH Pastor Don Haselhuhn Lincoln, Kansas Two and one-half miles south of Lincoln on Highway 14 Sunday/Bible School...9:30 am Worship Service.....10:30 am
CULVER METHODIST CHURCH Pastor Demerle Eckart 401 Main Street, Culver, Ks Sunday Worship @ 9:30 am Saturday Coffee @ 8-10 am	ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH Father Mark Wesely, Lincoln Rectory phone: 785-524-4823 Email: stpat327@gmail.com Sunday Mass @ 11:00 am Sunday CCD Classes @ 9:45 am Weekday Mass: Mondays - 3:30 pm
DENMARK EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN COMMUNITY CHURCH. ELCA Worship Service @ 10:30 am	ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH LCMS Pastor Don Haselhuhn Six and one-half miles south and 4 miles east of Lincoln Worship Service @ 9:00 am
FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor Jonathan Schale Lincoln Park Manor @ 9:30 am Bible Study @10:30 am Worship Hour @ 11:00 am Afternoon Worship @ 2:00 pm Wed. Bible Study @ 7:00 pm	ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH. ELCA Pastor Rod Thompson, Tescott Worship Service @ 9:00 am
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor Carolyn Allen, Barnard Morning Worship @11:00 pm	TESCOTT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Pastor Demerle Eckart Sunday School @ 10:00 am Worship @ 11:00 am
GRACE CHAPEL-HUNTER Pastors Kaye & Jeff Metzler Worship Service @ 9:00 am	TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH. HUNTER Pastor Matthew Schneider Hunter, Kansas Sunday School @ 9:00 am Worship Service @10:00 am Midweek/Confirmation Wednesdays @ 4:30 to 5:45
LINCOLN COMMUNITY CHURCH www.lincolncommunitychurch.org Pastor Steven Rohn Sunday School @ 9:30 am Worship Service @ 10:30 am Women of Grace.Wed. @ 5:30 pm To rent the cube call Michael Pickering 785-488-7049. Sunday Evening Service @ 6:30 Adventure Club Wed. 6pm - 7pm Ages 3-12	<div>St. John Lutheran Church  Two and 1/2 miles south of Lincoln on Highway 14 Pastor Don Haselhuhn. Service Times: Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship: 10:30 a.m.</div>

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