

## **REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Lincoln City Hall, Council Chambers  
700 Broadway Street | Lincoln, Illinois

**Monday, July 17, 2023**

The Regular Meeting of the City Council of Lincoln was called to order by Mayor Welch at 7:02pm, with proper notice given. City Clerk Peggy Bateman called roll.

### **Present:**

Aldерwoman Robin McClallen, Ward 1  
Alderman Steve Parrott, Ward 1  
Vacant, Ward 2  
Alderman Sam Downs, Ward 2  
Alderman Kevin Bateman, Ward 3  
Aldерwoman Wanda Lee Rohlf, Ward 3  
Alderman Craig Eimer, Ward 4  
Aldерwoman Rhonda O'Donoghue, Ward 4

### **Staff Present:**

Peggy Bateman, City Clerk  
Chuck Conzo, City Treasurer  
John Hoblit, City Attorney  
Bob Dunovsky, Fire Chief  
Walt Landers, Streets Superintendent  
Andrew Bowns, Veolia Water, Project Manager  
Matt Comstock, Deputy Police Chief

### **Remotely:**

Wes Woodhall, Building and Safety Officer

### **Absent:**

Joe Meister, Police Chief

### **Presiding:**

Tracy Welch, Mayor

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### **Public Comment:**

There was no one present or on the phone for public comment.

### **Consent Agenda by Omnibus Vote:**

#### **A. Payment of Bills**

**B. Approval of minutes for May 23, 2023 Committee of the Whole Meeting, May 30, 2023 Special Voting Meeting, June 5, 2023 Regular City Council Meeting, June 27, 2023 Committee of the Whole Meeting, July 3, 2023 Regular City Council Meeting.**

**C. Approval of Request from "Up in Smoke" to close various City Streets at times specified in the Request to Permit event with Street Closures on Friday, August 25, 2023 and Saturday, August 26, 2023 for the "12<sup>th</sup> Annual Pigs and Swigs and Balloons Over 66 Event" and Dock Dogs.**

Alderman Downs made the motion to approve, Alderwoman Rohlfs seconded. Mayor Welch called for discussion.

There being no other discussion, City Clerk Bateman called roll.

**Yeas: (7)** Alderman Steve Parrott, Alderman Sam Downs, Alderwoman Rhonda O'Donoghue, Alderwoman Wanda Lee Rohlfs, Alderman Kevin Bateman, Alderman Craig Eimer, Alderwoman Robin McClallen

**Nays: (0)**

**Abstain: (0)**

**Absent: (0)**

Mayor Welch moved to other items on the agenda.

### **Ordinances and Resolutions:**

#### **A. Ordinance 2023-1009 Adopting Amendment No#2 to Appropriations Ordinance FY 2022-2023.**

Alderman Parrott made the motion to approve, Alderman Downs seconded. Mayor Welch called for discussion, there being none, City Clerk Bateman called roll.

**Yeas: (7)** Alderman Steve Parrott, Alderman Sam Downs, Alderwoman Wanda Lee Rohlfs, Alderman Craig Eimer, Alderman Kevin Bateman, Alderwoman Robin McClallen, Alderwoman Rhonda O'Donoghue

**Nays: (0)**

**Abstain: (0)**

**Absent: (0)**

#### **B. Ordinance 2023-1010 amending the permitting requirements for sewer repair in the City of Lincoln.**

Alderwoman McClallen made the motion to approve, Alderman Downs seconded. Mayor Welch called for discussion.

An effective date was not previously discussed. Alderman Bateman made the motion to amend the item to include an effective date of September 1, 2023, Alderman Downs seconded.

There being no other discussion, City Clerk Bateman called roll on the amendment.

**Yeas: (7)** Alderman Steve Parrott, Alderman Sam Downs, Alderwoman Wanda Lee Rohlfs, Alderman Craig Eimer, Alderman Kevin Bateman, Alderwoman Robin McClallen, Alderwoman Rhonda O'Donoghue

**Nays: (0)**

**Abstain: (0)**

**Absent: (0)**

City Clerk Bateman called roll on the item as amended.

**Yeas: (7)** Alderman Steve Parrott, Alderman Sam Downs, Alderwoman Wanda Lee Rohlfs, Alderman Craig Eimer, Alderman Kevin Bateman, Alderwoman Robin McClallen, Alderwoman Rhonda O'Donoghue

**Nays: (0)**

**Abstain: (0)**

**Absent: (0)**

Mayor Welch moved to other items on the agenda.

**Reports**

**A. City Treasurer's Report for June 2023**

Fund Balance is very similar to a month ago.  
Municipal Sales Tax same as a year ago  
Non Home Rule Sales Tax is up from last year  
Video Gaming Tax very similar to a year ago  
Motor Fuel Tax up from a year ago

**B. City Clerk's Report for June 2023**

\$247,072.21 was received in Sewer bills payments, \$35,223.58 was received from the prisons.

**C. Department Head Reports for June 2023**

These reports are either on file or will be soon.

Mayor Welch moved to other items on the agenda.

**New Business/Communications:**

**A. Approval of hiring a Police Officer to fill a vacancy in the Lincoln Police Department.**

Alderman Bateman made the motion to approve, Alderman Eimer seconded. Mayor Welch called for discussion, there being none, City Clerk Bateman called the roll.

**Yeas: (7)** Alderman Steve Parrott, Alderman Sam Downs, Alderwoman Rhonda O'Donoghue, Alderwoman Wanda Lee Rohlfs, Alderman Kevin Bateman, Alderman Craig Eimer, Alderwoman Robin McClallen

**Nays: (0)**

**Abstain: (0)**

**Absent: (0)**

**B. Approval of the purchase of a windscreen for the Blower Building at the Sewage Treatment Plant in an amount not to exceed \$6,500.00.**

Alderwoman Rohlfs made the motion to approve, Alderwoman McClallen seconded. Mayor Welch called for discussion, there being none, City Clerk Bateman called the roll.

**Yeas: (7)** Alderman Steve Parrott, Alderman Sam Downs, Alderman Craig Eimer, Alderwoman Wanda Lee Rohlfs, Alderman Kevin Bateman, Alderwoman Rhonda O'Donoghue, Alderwoman Robin McClallen

**Nays: (0)**

**Abstain: (0)**

**Absent: (0)**

**C. Approval of Curb and Sidewalk Improvement Initial Targets for FY 2023-2024.**

Alderwoman Rohlfs made the motion to approve, Alderwoman O'Donoghue seconded. Mayor Welch called for discussion, there being none, City Clerk Bateman called the roll.

**Yeas: (7)** Alderman Steve Parrott, Alderman Sam Downs, Alderman Craig Eimer, Alderwoman Wanda Lee Rohlfs, Alderman Kevin Bateman, Alderwoman Rhonda O'Donoghue, Alderwoman Robin McClallen

**Nays: (0)**

**Abstain: (0)**

**Absent: (0)**

**D. Approval of Hot Mix Asphalt Mill and Overly Project Targets for FY 2023-2024**

Alderman Downs made the motion to approve, Alderwoman O'Donoghue seconded. Mayor Welch called for discussion

Alderman Bateman asked if these funds can be moved to the already approved oil and chip project and added more targets. Superintendent Landers stated that the bid packet for the oil and chip has already been prepared and would need to be revised. The contractor awarded the project would have to also hold to the unit prices and agree to take on the extra targets if time allows them.

Alderman Bateman made a motion to move the funds to the oil and chip targets, there was no second.

There being no other discussion, City Clerk Bateman called the roll.

**Yeas: (6)** Alderman Steve Parrott, Alderman Sam Downs, Alderman Craig Eimer, Alderwoman Wanda Lee Rohlfs, Alderwoman Rhonda O'Donoghue, Alderwoman Robin McClallen

**Nays: (1)** Alderman Kevin Bateman

**Abstain: (0)**

**Absent: (0)**

**E. Approval of the expenditure for Work Order No. 4 and Work Order No. 5 for Sewer Engineering Services from Crawford, Murphy & Tilley in the amount not to exceed \$40,000.**

Alderwoman Rohlfs made the motion to approve, Alderman Parrott seconded. Mayor Welch called for discussion, there being none, City Clerk Bateman called the roll.

**Yeas: (7)** Alderman Steve Parrott, Alderman Sam Downs, Alderman Craig Eimer, Alderwoman Wanda Lee Rohlfs, Alderman Kevin Bateman, Alderwoman Rhonda O'Donoghue, Alderwoman Robin McClallen

**Nays: (0)**

**Abstain: (0)**

**Absent: (0)**

**F. Approval of the expenditure for Work Order No.3 for Engineering Services for the Scarification/Oil & Chip Resurfacing Project from Crawford, Murphy and Tilley in an amount not to exceed \$77,000.00.**

Alderwoman McClallen made the motion to approve, Alderwoman O'Donoghue seconded. Mayor Welch called for discussion, there being none, City Clerk Bateman called the roll.

**Yeas: (7)** Alderman Steve Parrott, Alderman Sam Downs, Alderman Craig Eimer, Alderwoman Wanda Lee Rohlfs, Alderman Kevin Bateman, Alderwoman Rhonda O'Donoghue, Alderwoman Robin McClallen

**Nays: (0)**  
**Abstain: (0)**  
**Absent: (0)**

**G. Approval of agreement between Utility Service Partners Private Label, Inc. dba Service Line Warranties of America, and the City of Lincoln.**

Alderman Parrott made the motion to approve, Alderwoman O'Donoghue seconded. Mayor Welch called for discussion, there being none, City Clerk Bateman called the roll.

**Yeas: (7)** Alderman Steve Parrott, Alderman Sam Downs, Alderman Craig Eimer, Alderwoman Wanda Lee Rohlf, Alderman Kevin Bateman, Alderwoman Rhonda O'Donoghue, Alderwoman Robin McClallen

**Nays: (0)**  
**Abstain: (0)**  
**Absent: (0)**

**H. Approval of the expenditure of \$15,000 for the installation of a Mural on the North wall of property at 116 N. Kickapoo Street.**

Alderman Parrott made the motion to approve, Alderman Bateman seconded. Mayor Welch called for discussion, there being none, City Clerk Bateman called the roll.

**Yeas: (7)** Alderman Steve Parrott, Alderman Sam Downs, Alderman Craig Eimer, Alderwoman Wanda Lee Rohlf, Alderman Kevin Bateman, Alderwoman Rhonda O'Donoghue, Alderwoman Robin McClallen

**Nays: (0)**  
**Abstain: (0)**  
**Absent: (0)**

**Announcements:**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays is this Friday. Volunteers are still needed.
- Mayor Welch read a letter addressed to the council from Bob Rankin, Assistant Manager at Lincoln Farm & Home, stating the benefits his store sees from the racetrack. So much so that Farm & Home decided to sponsor the Aug 18<sup>th</sup> race.
- Plans to beautify the welcome signs were discussed. Solar lighting, landscaping etc.

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**Adjournment:**

There being no further discussion to come before the City Council of Lincoln, Alderman Downs motioned to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Eimer. Mayor Welch adjourned the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

**Respectfully Submitted by:**

Charity Hutchison, Recording Secretary