

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

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

Tuesday, June 24, 2025

The Committee of the Whole Meeting of the City Council of Lincoln was called to order by Mayor Tracy Welch at 6:03 p.m., with proper notice given. City Clerk Peggy Bateman called roll.

Present:

Aldерwoman Robin McClallen, Ward 1
Alderman Steve Parrott, Ward 1
Alderman David Sanders, Ward 2
Alderman Sam Downs, Ward 2
Alderman Kevin Bateman, Ward 3
Alderman Dennis Clemons, Ward 3
Alderman Stan Anderson, Ward 4
Aldерwoman Rhonda O'Donoghue, Ward 4

Staff Present:

Peggy Bateman, City Clerk
Chuck Conzo, City Treasurer
John Hoblit, City Attorney
Walt Landers, Streets Superintendent
Wes Woodhall, Building and Safety Officer
Ty Johnson, Fire Chief
Joe Meister, Police Chief

Remote:

Andrew Bowns, Veolia Water, Project Manager

Presiding:

Mayor Tracy Welch

Item #9 was moved to the top of the agenda.

Amendment to Solar System Site Lease Agreement with Keystone Power Holding LLC

Anthony Fotopoulos with Keystone Power was present remotely.

This is for a community solar farm. The city will take 20% of the solar output and pay 4 cents per kilowatt hour.

They've acquired the lease of the land at a cost of \$1100 per acre for 2500 years.

Keystone is asking in an amendment for an extra \$1500 from the city to include a construction period into the contract to build the system.

This item will be placed on the regular agenda.

Public Comment:

Cale West – Street Closure request for Mustang Car Show on July 19th.

This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

Lincolnwood Lift Station Pump 1 Repair

This pump needs a full rebuild. The request is for an amount not to exceed \$19,383.76 to be expensed from the equipment fund.

Currently all lift station pumps aren't universal to warrant having a spare pump on hand when one goes down. Mr. Bowns will begin working to get that possible.

This item will be placed on the regular agenda.

Amendment #2 to CMT Work Order #4 – General Sewer Engineering

An extension of the same amendment from last year. The request is for a \$20,000 increase to the work order and brings the amount to \$80,000. This is a budgeted item.

This item will be placed on the regular agenda.

Increase in Sidewalk Reimbursement Rate

This increase is long overdue to the rising cost of concrete. This increase is from \$2 per square foot to \$6. This is half of what one square foot of concrete costs.

This item will be placed on the regular agenda.

Adopting Amendment #1 to the Appropriation Ordinance for FY 24/25

Treasurer Conzo shared with the new council members how Appropriations work.

There were no questions for Treasurer Conzo.

This item will be placed on the regular agenda.

Lincoln's LED Lighting Project

The council approved the LED project for city buildings in March. After walking through again, the company realized there are 18 additional lights which means the labor cost needs to be increased by \$1,420.00.

This item will be placed on the regular agenda.

Ordinance Creating 2-2 of the Lincoln City Code.

This is referring to the Code of Conduct Committee

This item will be added to the regular agenda.

Item not on the agenda.

An Ordinance was passed to purchase of the bank property. An amendment is need to add the purchase price of \$150,000 to the ordinance. There will be two payments made; one this fiscal year and one in the next fiscal year and funds will all come from Hotel/Motel Tax. The building will be used for Lincoln Tourism.

This item will be placed on the regular agenda.

Announcements:

- Thanks to everyone who played a role in Nashville Nights 3rd Friday.
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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 Clemons. All were in favor. Mayor Welch adjourned the meeting at 7:02p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Charity Hutchison, Recording Secretary