

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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

December 1, 2025

The Regular Meeting of the City Council of Lincoln was called to order by Mayor Welch at 6:05pm, with proper notice given. City Clerk Peggy Bateman called roll.

Present:

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

Staff Present:

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

Remotely:

Andrew Bowns, Veolia Water, Project Manager
Scott McCoy, Tourism Director

Presiding:

Tracy Welch, Mayor

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 November 12, 2025 Committee of the Whole Meeting, November 17, 2025 Regular City Council Meeting

C. Request from the City of Lincoln to permit the closing of various City Streets on Thursday, December 4, 2025 from 5:30pm – 8:00pm for the Annual Christmas Parade.

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

Due to forecasted colder temps, the Christmas Parade will be postponed to December 11th. Santa and Mrs. Claus will still be at the depot on December 4th.

Alderman Bateman made a motion to remove Item C from the Consent agenda, Alderman Downs seconded. City Clerk Bateman called the roll.

Yeas: (7) Alderman Steve Parrott, Alderman Sam Downs, Alderwoman Rhonda O'Donoghue, Alderman Dennis Clemons, Alderman Kevin Bateman, Alderman Stan Anderson, Alderwoman Robin McClellan

Nays: (0)

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (0)

City Clerk Bateman called the roll on the Consent Agenda as amended.

Yeas: (7) Alderman Steve Parrott, Alderman Sam Downs, Alderwoman Rhonda O'Donoghue, Alderman Dennis Clemons, Alderman Kevin Bateman, Alderman Stan Anderson, Alderwoman Robin McClellan

Nays: (0)

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (0)

Alderman Clemons made the motion to approve Item C, Alderman Downs seconded. Alderman Downs made a motion to amend Item C from 12/4 to 12/11, Alderman Bateman seconded. Mayor Welch called for discussion, there being none, City Clerk Bateman called roll on the amendment.

Yeas: (7) Alderman Steve Parrott, Alderman Sam Downs, Alderwoman Rhonda O'Donoghue, Alderman Dennis Clemons, Alderman Kevin Bateman, Alderman Stan Anderson, Alderwoman Robin McClellan

Nays: (0)

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (0)

City Clerk Bateman called roll on Item C as amended.

Yeas: (7) Alderman Steve Parrott, Alderman Sam Downs, Alderwoman Rhonda O'Donoghue, Alderman Dennis Clemons, Alderman Kevin Bateman, Alderman Stan Anderson, Alderwoman Robin McClellan

Nays: (0)

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (0)

Ordinances and Resolutions:

A. Ordinance creating Section 3-27 of the Lincoln City Code (tabled item 11/17/25)

This item will remain tabled.

New Business/Communications:

A. Approval of the repair of Fire Department Squad 5100 at a cost not to exceed \$18,907.75.

Alderman Parrott 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, Alderwoman Rhonda O'Donoghue, Alderman Dennis Clemons, Alderman Kevin Bateman, Alderman Stan Anderson, Alderwoman Robin McClellan

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

B. Approval of Sewer Blower Building VFD upgrade at a cost not to exceed \$100,750.00.

Alderman Bateman 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, Alderwoman Rhonda O'Donoghue, Alderman Dennis Clemons, Alderman Kevin Bateman, Alderman Stan Anderson, Alderwoman Robin McClellan

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

C. Approval of the renewal of a Certificate of Deposit in the Sewer O & M Fund for a term of seven (7) months at a rate of 3.59%.

Alderwoman O'Donoghue made the motion to approve, Alderman Anderson 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, Alderman Dennis Clemons, Alderman Kevin Bateman, Alderman Stan Anderson, Alderwoman Robin McClellan

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

D. Approval of Economic Development Grant to Shivan OM Oil dba 5th Street Food Market at 1302 5th Street for exterior door replacement at a cost not to exceed \$7,500.00.

Alderman Clemons 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, Alderwoman Rhonda O'Donoghue, Alderman Dennis Clemons, Alderman Kevin Bateman, Alderman Stan Anderson, Alderwoman Robin McClellan

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

E. Approval of Economic Development Grant to Tammy Rich Miley dba IGY6 Thrift at 311 S. Sangamon Street for half roof replacement at a cost not to exceed \$7,500.00.

Alderman Clemons 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, Alderwoman Rhonda O'Donoghue, Alderman Dennis Clemons, Alderman Kevin Bateman, Alderman Stan Anderson, Alderwoman Robin McClellan

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

F. Approval of amended lease agreement for office space between Lincoln Economic Development (LEAD) and the City of Lincoln.

Alderman Downs 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, Alderwoman Rhonda O'Donoghue, Alderman Dennis Clemons, Alderman Kevin Bateman, Alderman Stan Anderson, Alderwoman Robin McClellan

Nays: (0)

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (0)

Announcements:

- The council discussed the multiple pet license ordinance that will be added to the next COW.
- The leaf pickup for 12/3 has been canceled. The LWF will only be open Wednesday, 12/3.
- Street Closure at the 300 block of N. Kickapoo Street for a sewer repair.

Adjournment:

There being no further discussion to come before the City Council of Lincoln, Alderman Downs motioned to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Clemons. Mayor Welch adjourned the meeting at 6:42 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Charity Hutchison, Recording Secretary