

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

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

Tuesday, April 28, 2026

The Committee of the Whole Meeting of the City Council of Lincoln was called to order by Mayor Tracy Welch at 6:00 p.m., with proper notice given. City Clerk Peggy Bateman called roll.

Present:

Aldерwoman Robin McClallen, Ward 1
Alderman Steve Parrott, Ward 1
Alderman Tim Becke, Ward 2
Alderman Sam Downs, Ward 2
Alderman Kevin Bateman, Ward 3
Alderman Dennis Clemons, Ward
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
Bud Mason, Veolia Water, Project Manager
Scott McCoy, Director of Tourism

Remotely:

Andrew Bowns, Veolia Water, Project Manager

Presiding:

Mayor Tracy Welch

Public Comment:

There is no one present for public comment.

Scott McCoy – Update of Tourism Museum

The first choice for a sign was way out of budget, so Mr. McCoy went with his second choice. This will have led lights that can be changed. This sign is more durable for weather as well. It will also be reimbursed from the Route 66 grant.

The Grand opening will be mid-June with a soft opening on June 1st.

Tremont Street Reconstruction Project Bid

There were five bids received. The engineering estimate for the project was \$2,255,926.48. The lowest bid was \$1,839,372 from Earth Work Solutions from Springfield Il.

This item will be placed on the regular agenda.

Crawford, Murphy & Tilley – Amendment to Work Order No. 08 for Tremont Street Reconstruction Project

This amendment is to change the engineering from design stage to construction stage. This eliminates having to create a new work order.

Shane with CMT recommends a 10% contingency for change orders.

This item will be placed on the regular agenda.

Resolution for MFT Maintenance Program 2026-2027

This is the annual MFT maintenance that allows the city to expend funds from MFT.

This item will be placed on the regular agenda.

A & B Sludge Tank VFD Upgrade

Sewer plant is need three new variable frequency drives. These drives haven't failed yet but they are seeing the same issues happening as they've seen before. This is a budgeted item with a not to exceed amount of \$89,000.00.

This item will be placed on the regular agenda.

Humane Society of Logan County use of Don Shay parking lot for Rides & Rescues Charity Car Show

The item will be placed on the consent agenda.

City Parks Mowing RFP

There were 11 bids received. The lowest bid was from Bid Acre Lawn Care LLC at \$402.94 for all four parks.

This item will be placed on the regular agenda.

Renewal of Certificates of Deposit for Sewer O&M Fund

Two cds have reached maturity in the Sewer O&M Fund. Treasurer Conzo recommends renewing both for 12 month terms.

This item will be placed on the regular agenda.

Ordinance authorizing creating the position Administrative Assistant to the Director of Tourism and establishing salary.

The recommendation for the role will come from the Mayor and voted on by the council. City Attorney Hoblit used the ordinance for the Administrative Assistant to the council as a template but made changes to the duties.

There will be revenue generating once the Museum is open and operating that will go back into the Tourism budget to help offset the salary costs.

This item will be placed on the regular agenda.

The council will also add the appointment of Lexie Groves to the position after the vote of the ordinance.

Ordinance for Building Codes

The council passed the updated building codes last week. This ordinance will implement the 2024 building codes.

This item will be placed on the regular agenda.

Announcements:

- Still needing volunteers for the May 2026 3rd Friday.

- Electrical Aggregation letters have been going out. If individuals have questions, please contact your alderman. The new company providing the electricity is Direct Energy. There is still an opt out option.
- This will be the final week for the extended hours at the Landscape Waste Facility.
- The Veterans fundraiser that Alderman Downs participated in raised a respectable amount of funds. The fundraiser was a campout to raise awareness for homeless veterans.

Executive Session 2C11 Litigation:

There being no further announcements to come before the council, Alderman Downs made the motion to move into Executive Session, seconded by Alderman Clemons. All were in favor.

The Council recessed from the Committee of the Whole meeting at 6:40pm in order to enter Executive Session. Mayor Welch announced there would be no further city business conducted upon reconvening.

Return from Executive Session:

The council reconvened from Executive Session at 7:55pm in order to reconvene the Committee of the Whole meeting. Roll call was taken.

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Adjournment:

There being no further discussion to come before the City Council of Lincoln, Alderman Anderson motioned to adjourn, seconded by Alderman O'Donoghue. All were in favor. Mayor Welch adjourned the meeting at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Charity Hutchison, Recording Secretary