

CITY OF LINCOLN
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AGENDA
AUGUST 17, 2026
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
700 BROADWAY STREET
6:00 PM

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Roll call**
3. **Pledge of allegiance**
4. **Public Participation**
5. **Oath of Office for promotion in the Police Department – Brian Clements, Sergeant, Jared Kink, Sergeant, Michael Fruge, Corporal.**
6. **Consent Agenda By Omnibus Vote**

All items under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine in nature and/or non-controversial and will be approved by on motion. If anyone wishes to have a separate vote on any item, it will be pulled from the Consent Agenda and voted on separately.

- A. Payment of Bills.
 - B. Approval of minutes August 3, 2026 Regular City Council Meeting
7. **Ordinances and Resolutions**
8. **Bids**
 - A. Approval of bid from Opperman Construction for the Hamilton Street Sidewalk Reconstruction Project for a total not to exceed \$372,507.50.
 - B. Approval of bid from Thomas Excavating and Concrete for the demolition and removal of the property at 29 Tulip Dr. in an amount not to exceed \$7,500.00.
9. **Reports**
 - A. City Treasurer's Report for July, 2026
 - B. City Clerk's Report for July, 2026
 - C. Department Head Reports for July, 2026
10. **New Business/Communication**
 - A. Approval of Rental Agreement for the Linc Conference Room at 102 N. Chicago Street, Lincoln, Illinois
11. **Possible Executive Session**
12. **Adjournment**

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REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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

Monday, August 3, 2026

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

Present:

Alderwoman Robin McClallen, Ward 1
Alderman Steve Parrott, Ward 1
Alderman Tim Becke, 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, Street Superintendent
Joe Meister, Police Chief
Wes Woodhall, Building and Safety Officer
Scott McCoy, Director of Tourism

Remote:

Andrew Bowns, Veolia Water
Bud Mason, Veolia Water, Project Manager

Absent:

Alderman Sam Downs, Ward 2

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 June 23, 2026 Committee of the Whole Meeting

C. Request from Logan Railsplitting Association to permit the closing of various city streets on Saturday, August 29, 2026 at 8am through Sunday, August 30, 2026 for the National Railsplitting Contest & Tomahawk Throwing and related events.

D. Request from Z-Culture Production to permit the closing of S. McLean Street from the intersection of Pulaski Street to the corner of the Art Institute Saturday, October 10, 2026 from 8am until 3pm for filming of a short-film called "LIFT".

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

The certificate of liability insurance has been updated and received by the Clerk's office.

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

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

Nays: (0)

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (1) Alderman Sam Downs

New Business/Communications:

A. Approval of Economic Development grant to Sacred Armor at 414 Pulaski Street for roof replacement repair in an amount not to exceed \$7,500.00.

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

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

Nays: (0)

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (1) Alderman Sam Downs

B. Approval of Economic Development Grant to Robert Becherer dba Management Company LLC at 303 S Kickapoo Street for window replacement in an amount not to exceed \$7,500.

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

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

Nays: (0)

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (1) Alderman Sam Downs

C. Approval of Crawford, Murphy & Tilley Engineering Service Work Order No 19 for 2026-2027 resurfacing program in an amount not to exceed \$93,600.00.

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

Nays: (0)

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (1) Alderman Sam Downs

D. Approval of funding agreement between the City of Lincoln and the Logan County Tourism Bureau for the period beginning September 1, 2026 and ending on August 31, 2028 in an amount of \$40,000.00 per year.

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

Nays: (0)

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (1) Alderman Sam Downs

E. Approval of the investments of an amount not to exceed \$7,000.00 in Certificates of Deposit for terms not to exceed twelve months.

Alderman Bateman made the motion to approve, Alderman Anderson seconded. Mayor Welch called for discussion.

The amount for this item should be \$7,000,000.

Treasurer Conzo stated that one of the banks is requiring that the authorized signers be listed in the agenda item. The authorized signers are Mayor Tracy Welch, City Clerk Peggy Bateman and Treasurer Chuck Conzo.

Alderman Anderson made the motion to amend the amount to \$7,000,000.00, Alderwoman O'Donoghue seconded. City Clerk Bateman called roll of the amendment.

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

Nays: (0)

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (1) Alderman Sam Downs

Alderman Parrott made the motion to amend the agenda item to include authorized singers Mayor Tracy Welch, City Clerk Peggy Bateman, and Treasurer Chuck Conzo, Alderman Clemons seconded. City Clerk Bateman called the roll on the amendment.

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

Nays: (0)

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (1) Alderman Sam Downs

City Clerk Bateman called the roll on the item as amended.

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

Nays: (0)

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (1) Alderman Sam Downs

F. Approval to postpone the placement of stop signs on Elm Street.

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

After having time to reflect on this topic, Alderman Becke feels he should refer to Police Chief Meister and Street Superintendent Lander's expertise on this matter.

After conducting a traffic study, both the Chief and Superintendent feel that there isn't a need for any changes in this area. There were only 4 accidents over ten years.

Chief Meister stated that the initial complaints from the residents in that area, was the speeding and fear of a child getting hit. He stated that you can regulate with signage as much as you can, but some folks still will not follow them. He also said that the law states that if there is a sidewalk available, the pedestrian must utilize the sidewalk. Meaning that if a child were to run out into the street and get hit, unfortunately, the child would be at fault due to there being sidewalks in that block.

Alderman Anderson feels the road should be left the way it is.

For clarification the vote will be for a yes or no to postpone the placement of stop signs in this section of Elm Street.

City Clerk Bateman called the roll.

Yeas: (6) Alderman Steve Parrott, Alderwoman Rhonda O'Donoghue, Alderman Dennis Clemons, Alderman Kevin Bateman, Alderman Stan Anderson, Alderwoman Robin McClellan,

Nays: (1) Alderman Tim Becke

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (1) Alderman Sam Downs

G. Approval of the installation of playground equipment at the Eighth Street Park at a cost not to exceed \$10,000.00 (tabled 7/06/2026).

Alderman Bateman made the motion to remove the item from the table, Alderman Parrott seconded. City Clerk Bateman called the roll to remove the item.

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

Nays: (0)

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (1) Alderman Sam Downs

Mayor Welch called for discussion.

The grant will still be approved. The additional funding will cover the cost of the double zip line equipment that was suggested by Alderman Bateman and City Clerk Bateman. Alderman Bateman believes the cost will be more than an additional \$10,000. The extra cost will require an amendment to the appropriations.

Alderman Bateman made the motion to amend the item to read not to exceed \$20,000.00, Alderman Parrott seconded. For clarification this vote is to increase the amount for the double zip line.

City Clerk Batmen called the roll on the amendment.

Yeas: (4) Alderman Steve Parrott, Alderman Dennis Clemons, Alderman Kevin Bateman, Alderman Stan Anderson

Nays: (3) Alderwoman Rhonda O'Donoghue, Alderwoman Robin McClellan, Alderman Tim Becke

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (1) Alderman Sam Downs

City Clerk Bateman called roll on the item as amended.

Yeas: (4) Alderman Steve Parrott, Alderman Dennis Clemons, Alderman Kevin Bateman, Alderman Stan Anderson

Nays: (3) Alderwoman Rhonda O'Donoghue, Alderwoman Robin McClellan, Alderman Tim Becke

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (1) Alderman Sam Downs

Announcements:

- Coffee with the Mayor is this Saturday at Guest House

Adjournment:

There being no further discussion to come before the City Council of Lincoln, Alderman Parrott motioned to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Clemons. Mayor Welch adjourned the meeting at 6:47 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Charity Hutchison, Recording Secretary



To: Mayor Welch and Aldermen of the City of Lincoln
From: Chris Whitfield, City Engineer through Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Inc.
CC: Walt Landers, Street Superintendent
Date: August 5, 2026
Subject: Hamilton Street Sidewalk Reconstruction Bid Award

Background

As coordinated with Walt Landers, City of Lincoln Street Superintendent, and as further directed by the City Council, CMT produced bidding documents for the Hamilton Street Sidewalk Reconstruction project. Construction is expected to start in September and continue until November of this year. The project was to use Local Funds. CMT had IDOT advertise the project on their July 23rd Contractor's Bulletin for a bid opening on August 5, 2026.

Tremont Street Reconstruction Bid Results

The City received five bids:

- Opperman Construction \$372,507.50
- PH Broughton & Sons \$398,816.50
- Otto Baum \$394,000.00
- Truman L. Flatt & Sons \$394,448.15
- Illinois Civil Contractors \$402,412.50

CMT's engineers estimate of probable cost is \$381,282.00

CMT's recommendation is to accept the low bid from Opperman Construction

Fiscal Impact: Within Capital Projects budget for both FY26-27.

COW Recommendation

1. Award the Hamilton Street Sidewalk contract to Opperman Construction for a total not to exceed amount of \$372,507.50 and place this on the August 17, 2026, Regular City Council Meeting agenda.



Tabulation of Bids - 5 Bidders

Local Public Agency

County

Section Number

Letting Date

City of Lincoln

Logan

08/05/26

Approved
Engineer's Estimate

Attended By
(IDOT Representative(s))

\$381,282.00

C Whitfield, Walt Landers,
Kale Minnaent, Tim
Gillette, Erin Stalnaker,
Eric Rent, Remington Mont

Bidder's Name	Opperman Construction Co.	Truman L. Flatt & Sons Co., Inc.	Otto Baum Company, Inc.	P.H. Broughton & Sons, Inc	Illinois Civil Contractors, Inc.
Bidder's Address	16535 N. 1650 East Rd.	2300 N 16th St.	866 N. Main St.	905 N Lincoln Ave.	420 Pinecrest Dr.
City, State, Zip	Pontiac, IL 61764	Springfield, IL 62702	Morton, IL 61550	Springfield, IL 62702	East Peoria, IL 61611
Proposal Guarantee	Bid Bond	Bid Bond	Bid Bond	Bid Bond	Bid Bond
Terms					

Approved Engineer's Estimate

Item No.	Item	Delivery	Unit	Quantity	Unit Price	Total	Unit Price	Total	Unit Price	Total	Unit Price	Total	Unit Price	Total	Unit Price	Total
21101615	Topsoil Furnish & Place 4"		SY	100	\$11.0000	\$1,100.00	\$75.0000	\$7,500.00	\$43.3400	\$4,334.00	\$76.9300	\$7,693.00	\$50.0000	\$5,000.00	\$55.0000	\$5,500.00
42300200	PCC Driveway Pvmnt, 6"		SY	160	\$159.5000	\$25,520.00	\$145.0000	\$23,200.00	\$99.1800	\$15,868.80	\$111.5600	\$17,849.60	\$135.0000	\$21,600.00	\$135.0000	\$21,600.00
42300400	PCC Driveway Pvmnt, 8"		SY	205	\$170.5000	\$34,952.50	\$155.0000	\$31,775.00	\$113.8500	\$23,339.25	\$122.0100	\$25,012.05	\$162.0000	\$33,210.00	\$145.0000	\$29,725.00
42400100	PCC Sidewalk, 4"		SF	10535	\$15.4000	\$162,239.00	\$15.0000	\$158,025.00	\$15.3700	\$161,922.95	\$12.6200	\$132,951.70	\$12.5000	\$131,687.50	\$13.5000	\$142,222.50
42400800	Detectable Warnings		SF	235	\$45.1000	\$10,598.50	\$60.0000	\$14,100.00	\$43.7200	\$10,274.20	\$38.7000	\$9,094.50	\$50.0000	\$11,750.00	\$35.0000	\$8,225.00
44000200	Driveway Pavement Rem		SY	420	\$33.0000	\$13,860.00	\$18.0000	\$7,560.00	\$17.1400	\$7,198.80	\$37.1100	\$15,586.20	\$30.0000	\$12,600.00	\$54.0000	\$22,680.00
44000500	Comb. C&G Removal		LF	995	\$15.4000	\$15,323.00	\$5.5000	\$5,472.50	\$24.8500	\$24,725.75	\$11.6200	\$11,561.90	\$15.0000	\$14,925.00	\$20.0000	\$19,900.00
44000600	Sidewalk Removal		SF	12160	\$3.3000	\$40,128.00	\$2.5000	\$30,400.00	\$3.7400	\$45,478.40	\$1.9400	\$23,590.40	\$4.6500	\$56,544.00	\$3.5000	\$42,560.00
60603800	Comb C&G, Type B-6.12		LF	995	\$63.8000	\$63,481.00	\$85.0000	\$84,575.00	\$94.5900	\$94,117.05	\$84.4300	\$84,007.85	\$100.0000	\$99,500.00	\$100.0000	\$99,500.00
60260100	Inlets to be Adjusted		EA	4	\$770.0000	\$3,080.00	\$350.0000	\$1,400.00	\$601.3000	\$2,405.20	\$2,893.2500	\$11,573.00	\$1,000.0000	\$4,000.00	\$1,500.0000	\$6,000.00
X7010216	Traffic Control & Protection		LS	1	\$11,000.0000	\$11,000.00	\$8,500.0000	\$8,500.00	\$4,783.7500	\$4,783.75	\$55,079.8000	\$55,079.80	\$8,000.0000	\$8,000.00	\$4,500.0000	\$4,500.00
Total Bid:						As Read:										
						As Calculated:		\$372,507.50		\$394,448.15		\$394,000.00		\$398,816.50		\$402,412.50
						% Over/Under:		(2.30)%		3.45 %		3.34 %		4.60 %		5.54 %

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Tracy Welch and Members of the City Council

FROM: Wes Woodhall, Building and Safety Official

DATE: August 11th, 2026

RE: Demolition of 29 Tulip Dr.

Background: On August 30th of 2025 the above noted property experienced a fire that has deemed the property uninhabitable and is considered a total loss. For many months we have worked with insurance companies and mortgage attorneys to gain resolve, unfortunately with no success. The property owner has been nonresponsive and has abandoned the property. This property is not only a safety concern but a continuing source of severe blight for neighboring properties.

Analysis/Discussion: The Building and Safety Department solicited for bids and received 4 bids:

Thomas Excavating and Concrete	\$7,500.00
Harold Goodman Inc.	\$8,500.00
Mexus Industrial Demolition	\$10,755.00
Byrne's Backhoe and Excavating	\$13,200.00

COW Recommendation: Place on Council agenda for discussion of using budgeted funds for the demolition of 29 Tulip Dr.

Fiscal Impact: Money for this project will be allocated from the FY 2026/2027 budget, line item 02-0224-8599. Tonnage fees will be paid out of a standing account surplus and/or this same account.

Council Recommendation: Approve bid from Thomas Excavating and Concrete for the demolition and removal of the property at 29 Tulip Dr.



Linc Conference Room Lease Agreement

This Lease Agreement ("Agreement") is entered into on this ____ day of _____, 20____, by and between the **City of Lincoln, Illinois** ("Lessor") and _____ ("Lessee").

1. Venue and Purpose

The Lessor agrees to lease the premises located at **102 North Chicago Street, Lincoln, Illinois 62656** ("Venue") to Lessee for the purpose of hosting _____ ("Event") on the date(s) and time(s) specified below.

- Date(s) of Meeting: _____
- Hours of Use: From _____ AM/PM to _____ AM/PM

2. Rental Fee and Payment

a. **Hourly Fee:** The Lessee agrees to pay Lessor \$25 per hour, \$100.00 per day, for use of the Venue.

b. **Payment Schedule:** All rental fees and deposits must be paid in full no later than ten (10) business days prior to the Event unless other arrangements are made.

3. Setup

The city has a conference room and table. Tablecloth service is not provided. The Venue may be decorated as early as the day prior, if available. There are no additional charges for set-up and decorating times. Items may not be affixed to the wall. Any items brought by the tenant must be removed at the end of their meeting, even if the tenant plans to have reoccurring meetings at the Linc Conference room.

4. Insurance Requirements

The Lessee shall provide proof of **General Liability Insurance** with minimum coverage of \$1,000,000 per occurrence, naming the **City of Lincoln, Illinois** as an additional insured.

b. A valid **Certificate of Insurance** must be submitted to the City Clerk's Office no later than ten (10) business days prior to the Event.

5. Alcohol Policy

a. No alcohol may be served in the Linc room or anywhere else on the premises.

6. Compliance with Laws

The Lessee agrees to comply with all applicable **federal, state, and local laws**, including but not limited to public safety regulations, fire codes, and City of Lincoln ordinances.

7. Indemnification

The City of Lincoln assumes no liability for any accidents, damages, or other claims arising out of the rental use of the facility. The Lessee agrees to **indemnify, defend, and hold harmless** the City of Lincoln, its officers, employees, and agents from and against any and all claims, damages, liabilities, and expenses arising out of or related to the Event, except those caused by the sole negligence of the City.

The City of Lincoln shall not be responsible for stolen or lost articles or other lost items of personal property.

8. Use Restrictions

a. Lessee shall not use the Venue for unlawful purposes.

b. Smoking is prohibited inside the Venue.

c. Lessee shall not assign or sublet use of the Venue without prior written consent of the Lessor.

9. Damages

Lessee shall be responsible for any damage to the Venue, furnishings, or equipment beyond normal wear and tear. Repair or replacement costs may result in a claim against your general liability insurance.

10. Termination

The City reserves the right to terminate this Agreement at any time for cause, including but not limited to non-compliance with this Agreement. In such case, Lessee shall forfeit any deposits or rental fees paid.

11. Entire Agreement

This Agreement constitutes the entire understanding between the parties and may only be amended in writing and signed by both parties.

Signatures

City of Lincoln, Illinois (Lessor):

By: _____

Name/Title: _____

Date: _____

Lessee:

By: _____

Name: _____

Organization (if applicable): _____

Date: _____