

CITY OF LINCOLN
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AGENDA
SEPTEMBER 22, 2026
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
700 BROADWAY STREET
6:10 PM

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Roll call**
- 3. Pledge of allegiance**
- 4. Public Participation**
- 5. 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 July 28, 2026 Committee of the Whole Meeting, August 11, 2026 Committee of the Whole Meeting, August 17, 2026 Regular City Council Meeting, August 25, 2026 Committee of the Whole Meeting, September 8, 2026 Regular City Council Meeting.**
- 6. Ordinances and Resolutions**
 - A. Resolution of Council Support for application for a Community Development Block Grant.**
 - B. Resolution of Support and Commitment of Local Funds in conjunction with a Community Development Block Grant.**
 - C. Ordinance Outlining Condemnation Proceedings.**
- 7. Bids**
- 8. Reports**
 - A. City Treasurer's Report for August, 2026**
 - B. City Clerk's Report for August, 2026**
 - C. Department Head Reports for August, 2026**
- 9. New Business/Communication**
 - A. Mayoral Proclamation for National See Tracks? Think Train Week for the week of September 21 – 27, 2026.**
 - B. Approval of Sludge/Grit/Waste Disposal at the Wastewater Treatment Plant and Wastewater System in an amount not to exceed \$135,000.00.**
 - C. Motion to Reconsider the Amendment to Ordinance No. 2026-1069 Removing Stop Signs and One Way Street. (Elm Street).**
- 10. Possible Executive Session**
- 11. Adjournment**

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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

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

Tuesday, July 28, 2026

The Committee of the Whole Meeting of the City Council of Lincoln was called to order by Mayor Tracy Welch at 6:01 p.m., 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 Sam Downs, Ward 2
Alderman Kevin Bateman, Ward 3
Alderman Dennis Clemons, Ward 3
Alderman Stan Anderson, Ward 4

Staff Present:

Peggy Bateman, City Clerk
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

Remote:

Andrew Bowns, Veolia Water
Chuck Conzo, City Treasurer – Mr. Conzo dropped off the call after his item, which was moved to the top of the agenda.

Absent:

Alderwoman Rhonda O'Donoghue, Ward 4

Presiding:

Mayor Tracy Welch

Public Comment:

There is no one present for public comment.

Certificates of Deposit – Capital Projects Fund

This item was moved up on the agenda.

Treasurer Conzo sent a memo to the council previous to the agenda going out. He asked for questions but did not receive any.

He was able to obtain an interest schedule from the bank for 3,6,7,9,11 & 12-month certificate of deposits.

Funds being used for the cds is from the bond for 5th Street Road. They'll come due as the project progresses and invoices are received.

The council was in agreement to move forward, with an official vote on Monday. This item will be placed on the regular agenda.

Discussion of Playground Equipment on 8th Street

Ashley Metelko was instructed to find a small piece of equipment within the budget of the \$25,000 grant from the Wood's Foundation. The installation price would be paid out of the Community Improvement line. The total cost would be \$34,809.00

A new piece of equipment was brought forward. That equipment cost came to approximately \$42,000. The Wood's Foundation is favorable for each piece; they just need confirmation from the council that the city will pay the difference.

This item will be placed on the regular agenda.

Discussion about Lincoln Heritage Museum

Lincoln College will soon dissolve. Mayor Welch asked the council if they would like to have a discussion regarding the future of the Lincoln Heritage Museum and its assets.

If the city decided to move forward, there will be a cash gift to the city from Lincoln College that should cover a majority of the expenses for two years. If the museum stays in its current location, there would need to be an agreement in place to lease that space from the new owner.

Currently the museum costs \$3600/month to operate the museum in its current location. The current building has climate control for the artifacts. Mr. Keller is the current director of the Museum. He'd like to bring back the Grand Soiree which was a huge successful fundraiser that was held in the past that benefited the Museum.

This is a topic that needs to be moved on quickly due to the sale of the College.

The main point tonight is whether the council is interested in resuming operations of the museum. That will include entering into an agreement with Lincoln College owners to lease the Museum building and manage the budget for the day-to-day operations in its current model. This will be until the dissolution of the college and then at that time the City will discuss bringing the museum director on as a city employee which will include a salary.

This will be brought back to the next COW.

Economic Development Grant Commission Grants

1. Sacred Amour – 414 Pulaski St for roof replacement and repair for \$7,500
2. Robert Becherer – 303 S. Kickapoo Street for window replacement for \$7,500

These items will be placed on the regular agenda separately

Crawford, Murphy & Tilley Engineering Services Work Order #19

Work Order #19 is for the design and construction engineering for the Mill and Overlay project for this year.

This item will be placed on the regular agenda.

Logan County Tourism Bureau Funding Agreement

The current agreement expires the end of August 2026.

The city and the county invested \$30,000 each to the Bureau in the last agreement. With those funds the bureau was able to strengthen their organization. They hired a full time executive director is needed to maintain their certified visitor's bureau status and to apply for grants. Their board has grown to included members from all Logan County cities/towns. They've been awarded several grants; one includes the \$465,000 Illinois Route 66 grant. They've also applied for that same grant again.

The bureau is asking for an additional \$10,000 and a 3 year contract from the city and the county to offer a better competitive wage for a director and more opportunities and possibilities.

Discussion was had whether a 3 year agreement was a good idea. There is a 30-day clause to cancel the agreement. The final decision was a 2-year contract, for \$40,000 and the extra \$10,000 has to go to the salary of the director and contingent on the county matching.

This item will be added to the regular agenda.

Request to Permit: National Railsplitting Contest Friday, August 28, 2026 – Sunday, August 30, 2026

This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

Request to Permit: Z-Culture Productions Saturday, October 10, 2026 8am – 3pm.

This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

Reconsideration of stop signs and one-way signs placement on Elm St. Lincoln, IL

Alderman Becke asked to clarify the placement of stop signs and one-way signs on Elm. He was the only person to previously vote no on this item. He went over his clarification with an 11 point presentation.

There was discussion about whether it was approved that stop signs be placed. There was lots of disagreement on where they need to be placed.

There will be a vote next week to postpone the vote to place stop signs. Too much confusion and disagreement.

Announcements:

- Lincoln Letters have been moved and are in place

Adjournment:

There being no further discussion to come before the City Council of Lincoln, Alderman Anderson motioned to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Clemons. All were in favor. Mayor Welch adjourned the meeting at 8:11 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Charity Hutchison, Recording Secretary

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

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

Monday, August 11, 2026

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:

Alderman 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 3
Alderman Stan Anderson, Ward 4

Present:

John Hoblit, City Attorney
Peggy Bateman, City Clerk
Joe Meister, Police Chief
Ty Johnson, Fire Chief
Walt Landers, Streets Superintendent
Wes Woodhall, Building and Safety Officer
Bud Mason, Veolia Water, Project Manager

Remotely:

Scott McCoy, Director of Tourism

Absent:

Alderman Rhonda O'Donoghue, Ward 4
Chuck Conzo, City Treasurer
Andrew Bowns, Veolia Water

Presiding:

Tracy Welch, Mayor

Public Comment:

Laura Williamson and Bill Wilson spoke regarding stop signs and one-way signs on Elm Street.

Hamilton Street Sidewalk Reconstruction Bid Award

The is for sidewalks from Broadway to Lincoln Ave. 5 bids were received. The lowest bid was from Opperman Construction for \$372,507.50. This is \$72,000 over the budgeted amount but there will be funds in the Tremont Street line to cover this. The \$72,000 will be budgeted and returned to Tremont Street in the next fiscal year.

This item will be placed on the regular agenda.

Demolition of 29 Tulip Drive

This property had a fire in late August of 2025. It is a total loss and deemed uninhabitable. Mr. Woodhall has exhausted all efforts with the homeowner and insurance. The city put the demo out for bid. The lowest bid received was \$7,500. There will be tonnage fees that will be added to the cost and a lien will be placed on the property for the total cost.
This item will be placed on the regular agenda.

Amending Ordinance 2026-1069 Regulating Speed Limit – Elm Street

This is Alderman Parrott's item. He'd like to postpone this item until the next COW due to him being out of town next week for the vote.
This item will be postponed to August 25th.

Discussion regarding Lincoln Heritage Museum

There will be a gift of \$250,000 to the city from Lincoln College that can go towards the Heritage Museum. There are \$106,000 in annual operating costs that included the director salary.

Another option is to move the museum to the basement of the Route 66 museum. This would mean climate control would need to be installed and updated for ADA requirements; bathrooms and access to the basement.

The city will need to acquire the ownership of the artifacts and an estimate in value hasn't been completed in years.

Alderman Bateman suggested to reach out to the Museums in Springfield for advice or renting out some artifacts. Alderman Parrott suggested using the Depot. Alderwoman McClellan suggested using the rest of the upstairs area of the Museum instead of the basement.

This item will be an ongoing discussion.

Walk on topic:

Linc Room agreement at 102 N Chicago Street. This is the conference room on the back of the Incubator. \$25/hr or \$100/day.

This item will be placed on the regular agenda.

Announcements:

- Ribbon cut at the LCHS Handlin Field, Friday at 5:30pm
- The first phase of Tremont Street will begin next week.

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 7:11pm 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 7:39pm in order to reconvene the Committee of the Whole meeting. Roll call was taken.

Present:

Alderwoman 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 3
Alderman Stan Anderson, Ward 4

Absent:

Alderwoman Rhonda O'Donoghue, Ward 4

Adjournment:

There being no further discussion to come before the City Council of Lincoln, Alderman Bateman motioned to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Anderson. All were in favor. Mayor Welch adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Charity Hutchison, Recording Secretary

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Lincoln City Hall, Council Chambers
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Monday, August 17, 2026

The Regular Meeting of the City Council of Lincoln was called to order by Mayor Welch at 7:01pm, with proper notice given. City Clerk Peggy Bateman called roll.

Present:

Alderwoman Robin McClallen, Ward 1
Alderman Tim Becke, 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, Street Superintendent
Joe Meister, Police Chief
Wes Woodhall, Building and Safety Officer
Bud Mason, Veolia Water, Project Manager

Absent:

Alderman Steve Parrott, Ward 1
Andrew Bowns, Veolia Water
Scott McCoy, Director of Tourism

Presiding:

Tracy Welch, Mayor

Public Comment:

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

Oath of Office for promotion in the Police Department:

Brian Clements – Sergeant
Jared Kink – Sergeant
Michael Fruge – Corporal

Consent Agenda by Omnibus Vote:

A. Payment of Bills

B. Approval of minutes August 3, 2026 Regular City Council Meeting

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

Yeas: (7) Alderman Sam Downs, 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 Steve Parrott

Bids:

A. Approval of bid from Opperman Construction for the Hamilton Street Sidewalk Reconstruction Project for a total not to exceed \$372,507.50.

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 Sam Downs, 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 Steve Parrott

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.

Alderman Anderson 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 Sam Downs, 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 Steve Parrott

Reports:

A. City Treasurer's Report for July, 2026

General Fund – down from a month ago
Municipal Sales Tax – over and above from last year
State Income Tax – up from a year ago
Replacement Tax – up from last month
Video Gaming Tax – almost even from a year ago

B. City Clerk's Report for July, 2026

\$362,378.87 was received in sewer payments for July. \$36,678.50 was received from both prisons.

C. Department Head Reports for July, 2026

These reports are on file or will be soon.

New Business/Communication:

A. Approval of Rental Agreement for the Linc Conference Room at 102 N. Chicago Street, Lincoln, Illinois.

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

Nays: (0)

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (1) Alderman Steve Parrott

Announcements:

There weren't any announcements

Adjournment:

There being no further discussion to come before the City Council of Lincoln, Alderman Downs motioned to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Anderson. Mayor Welch adjourned the meeting at 6:17p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Charity Hutchison, Recording Secretary

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

Lincoln City Hall, Council Chambers
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Tuesday, August 25, 2026

The Committee of the Whole Meeting of the City Council of Lincoln was called to order by Mayor Tracy Welch at 6:01 p.m., 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 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

Present:

John Hoblit, City Attorney
Peggy Bateman, City Clerk
Joe Meister, Police Chief
Scott McCoy, Director of Tourism
Ty Johnson, Fire Chief
Walt Landers, Streets Superintendent
Bud Mason, Veolia Water, Project Manager

Absent:

Chuck Conzo, City Treasurer
Wes Woodhall, Building and Safety Officer
Andrew Bowns, Veolia Water

Presiding:

Tracy Welch, Mayor

Recognition of Marilyn Montgomery for her service of the Fire & Police Commission.

Public Comment:

There is no public comment.

Proclamation – Constitution Week September 17 – September 23, 2026

This item will be placed on the regular agenda.

Request to Permit: Lincoln Community High School Homecoming decorating and white washing.

This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

Economic Development Grant Approval

1. MLWH LLC at 1200 N Logan to repair and trim around garage doors - \$7,500
2. Trinity Episcopal Church at 402 Pekin St for tuck-pointing - \$7,500

These items will be placed separately on the regular agenda.

Discussion regarding the purchase of Museum Gift Shop Merchandise from McCoy Core USA LLC

Scott McCoy's company, McCoy Core USA, creates customized Route 66 memorabilia that he sells for resale. It will be treated like consignment where the city would only pay for the items that are sold in the gift shop. There needs to be detailed inventory kept and 3rd party keeping track of the sales to keep things clean and transparent. City Attorney Hoblit will draft his legal opinion for the council before vote. This item will be placed on the regular agenda.

Transfer ownership of Large Donut to Mel-O-Crème

The large donut was purchased with Grant money through the Logan County Tourism. As part of the arrangement of moving the donut, Mayor Welch is suggesting transferring of ownership to Mel-O-Crème so they can maintain it and insure it. There will be language added that should Mel-O-Crème close, they would offer the donut back to the city before selling it. This item will be placed on the regular agenda.

Amendment to Ordinance No 2026-1069 removing stop signs and one-way street

The council was pretty split with reasons for and against the signs being added. Mayor Welch shared that the concern was raised about the safety of the children in that area of Elm Street. The homeowners stated they would prefer the one-way but will take the speed reduction if that is all they can get. It was suggested to add a 4-way stop be installed at the 9th Street intersection. There are federal guidelines that the Street Superintendent and Police Chief follow for when stop/yield signs are warranted, this scenario would not qualify for added signage according to Chief Meister. One particular reason was there needed to be 2000 units through that area in a day. His traffic study showed 700.

The council will vote next week on whether to reduce the speed in that area, stop signs are off the table.

This item will be added to the regular agenda.

Announcements:

- Balloons Over 66 ribbon cutting this Friday
- Streets close on Friday morning at 5am for Up in Smoke. Street closure previously approved.
- Railsplitter Festival is this weekend.
- Union Street closure due to a water main break.
- The city was successful in the purchase of the Oasis so grant writing will proceed to assist with the cost of demolition.

Executive Session 2(C) 5 Purchase or Lease of Property:

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 7:34pm in order to enter Executive Session. Mayor Welch announced there may be city business conducted upon reconvening.

Return from Executive Session:

The council reconvened from Executive Session at 8:14pm in order to reconvene the Committee of the Whole meeting. Roll call was taken.

Present:

Alderwoman 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 3
Alderman Stan Anderson, Ward 4
Alderwoman Rhonda O'Donoghue, Ward 4

Adjournment:

There being no further discussion to come before the City Council of Lincoln, Alderman Bateman motioned to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Anderson. All were in favor. Mayor Welch adjourned the meeting at 8:14p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Charity Hutchison, Recording Secretary

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Lincoln City Hall, Council Chambers
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Monday, September 8, 2026

The Regular Meeting of the City Council of Lincoln was called to order by Mayor Welch at 6:01pm, with proper notice given. City Clerk Peggy Bateman called roll.

Present:

Alderman 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 3
Alderman Stan Anderson, Ward 4
Alderman Rhonda O'Donoghue, Ward 4

Staff Present:

Peggy Bateman, City Clerk
Chuck Conzo, City Treasurer
John Hoblit, City Attorney
Ty Johnson, Fire Chief
Joe Meister, Police Chief
Wes Woodhall, Building and Safety Officer
Bud Mason, Veolia Water, Project Manager

Absent:

Walt Landers, Streets Superintendent
Scott McCoy, Director of Tourism
Andrew Bowns, Veolia Water

Presiding:

Tracy Welch, Mayor

A moment of silence was held for the passing of Detective Sergeant Ray Vonderahe on September 8, 2026. Mr. Vonderahe served with the Lincoln Police Department for 20 years.

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 July 14, 2026 Committee of the Whole Meeting, July 20, 2026 Public Hearing, July 20, 2026 Regular City Council Meeting.

C. Request from Lincoln Community High School Football Boosters to permit street closures for white washing on Wyatt Ave from Kickapoo Street to Lincoln Community High School on October 1, 2026 from 4:30pm until 7:30pm.

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

Yeas: (8) Alderman Steve Parrott, Alderman Sam Downs, Aldерwoman Rhonda O'Donoghue, Alderman Dennis Clemons, Alderman Kevin Bateman, Alderman Stan Anderson, Aldерwoman Robin McClallen, Alderman Tim Becke

Nays: (0)

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (0)

Ordinances and Resolutions:

A. Mayoral Proclamation 2026-533 Proclaiming September 17-September 23, 2026 as Constitution Week in the City of Lincoln.

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

Yeas: (8) Alderman Steve Parrott, Alderman Sam Downs, Aldерwoman Rhonda O'Donoghue, Alderman Dennis Clemons, Alderman Kevin Bateman, Alderman Stan Anderson, Aldерwoman Robin McClallen, Alderman Tim Becke

Nays: (0)

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (0)

B. Amendment to Ordinance No. 2026-1069 removing stop signs and One Way Street (Elm Street)

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

Yeas: (4) Alderman Steve Parrott, Alderman Sam Downs, Alderman Dennis Clemons, Alderman Kevin Bateman

Nays: (4) Aldерwoman Rhonda O'Donoghue, Alderman Stan Anderson, Alderman Tim Becke, Aldерwoman Robin McClallen

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (0)

Mayor Welch broke the 4-4 tie and voted Nay. Item did not pass.

New Business/Communications:

A. Approval of Economic Development Grant to MLWH LLC located at 1200 N Logan Street for repair to block walls around garage doors in the amount not to exceed \$7,500.00.

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

Yeas: (8) Alderman Steve Parrott, Alderman Sam Downs, Aldерwoman Rhonda O'Donoghue, Alderman Dennis Clemons, Alderman Kevin Bateman, Alderman Stan Anderson, Aldерwoman Robin McClallen, Alderman Tim Becke

Nays: (0)

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (0)

B. Approval of Economic Development Grant to Trinity Episcopal Church located at 402 Pekin Street for tuck pointing in an amount not to exceed \$7,500.00

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: (8) Alderman Steve Parrott, Alderman Sam Downs, Alderman Stan Anderson, Alderman Dennis Clemons, Alderman Kevin Bateman, Alderwoman Rhonda O'Donoghue, Alderwoman Robin McClallen, Alderman Tim Becke

Nays: (0)

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (0)

C. Approval of purchasing Museum Gift Shop Merchandise from McCoy Core USA LLC.

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

To clarify the item, the city will only purchase the items that sell. There will not be any inventory help by the city. Mr. McCoy will invoice the city for items sold to be paid. Alderman's Parrott and Downs will oversee the sales and inventory.

Alderman Bateman made the motion to amend the item to read Approval of purchasing upon the sale of museum gift shop merchandise from McCoy Core USA LLC, Alderman Parrott seconded.

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

Yeas: (8) Alderman Steve Parrott, Alderman Sam Downs, Alderman Dennis Clemons, Alderman Stan Anderson, Alderman Kevin Bateman, Alderwoman Robin McClallen, Alderwoman Rhonda O'Donoghue, Alderman Tim Becke

Nays: (0)

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (0)

City Clerk Bateman called roll on the item as amended.

Yeas: (8) Alderman Steve Parrott, Alderman Sam Downs, Alderman Dennis Clemons, Alderman Stan Anderson, Alderman Kevin Bateman, Alderwoman Robin McClallen, Alderwoman Rhonda O'Donoghue, Alderman Tim Becke

Nays: (0)

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (0)

D. Approval of transfer to ownership agreement between the City of Lincoln and owners of Mel-O-Crème Donuts & Craft/Owner Lincoln.

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

Yeas: (8) Alderman Steve Parrott, Alderman Sam Downs, Alderman Dennis Clemons, Alderman Stan Anderson, Alderman Kevin Bateman, Alderwoman Robin McClallen, Alderwoman Rhonda O'Donoghue, Alderman Tim Becke

Nays: (0)

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (0)

Announcements:

- Continuing to work though the CDG Grants. There needs to be a public hearing held as part of that process. There has been a change in the Courier, they are only printing one day a week. Due to that change, Mayor Welch is asking the Council to move the meetings for the 21st to the 22nd and hold both meetings on the 22nd. All were in favor.
- Touch a Truck is this weekend, Saturday, September 12th.
- This Friday will be this fall's first Movie in the Park. Weather permitting and begins at 7pm.
- Beginning Thursday, September 10th, Tremont Street from Union to Logan will be closed to through traffic.

Adjournment:

There being no further discussion to come before the City Council of Lincoln, Alderman Anderson motioned to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Downs. Mayor Welch adjourned the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Charity Hutchison, Recording Secretary

COUNCIL RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT

Resolution No. _____

WHEREAS, the City of Lincoln is applying to the State of Illinois for a Community Development Block Grant, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that an application be made and agreements entered into with the State of Illinois.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

- 1) that the City of Lincoln apply for a grant under the terms and conditions of the State of Illinois and shall enter into and agree to the understandings and assurances contained in said application.
- 2) that the Mayor and City Clerk on behalf of the City of Lincoln execute such documents and all other documents necessary for the carrying out of said application.
- 3) that the Mayor and City Clerk are authorized to provide such additional information as may be required to accomplish the obtaining of such grant.

Passed this _____ day of _____, _____.

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk - City of Lincoln

Mayor - City of Lincoln

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT AND COMMITMENT OF LOCAL FUNDS

Resolution No. _____

WHEREAS, the City of Lincoln, is applying to the State of Illinois for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) grant,

WHEREAS, it is necessary that an application be made and agreements be entered into with the State of Illinois, and

WHEREAS, cost of the project are such that financial participation by the grantee is necessary in conjunction with CDBG funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

- 1) that the City of Lincoln apply for a grant under the terms and conditions of the State of Illinois and shall enter into and agree to the understandings and assurances contained in said application.
- 2) that the Mayor and City Clerk on behalf of the City of Lincoln execute such documents and all other documents necessary for the carrying out of said application.
- 3) that the Mayor and City Clerk are authorized to provide such additional information as may be required to accomplish the obtaining of such grant.
- 4) that the City of Lincoln does hereby commit funds from **City Funds and future grant awards** in the amount of **\$45,000** for use in conjunction with an Illinois Community Development Block Grant of **\$250,000**, for an estimated total project cost of **\$295,000**.

Passed this _____ day of _____,

Mayor -City of Lincoln

ATTEST:

City Clerk - City of Lincoln

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE OUTLINING CONDEMNATION PROCEEDINGS

THIS ORDINANCE is made and adopted by the CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINCOLN, LOGAN COUNTY, ILLINOIS, at a regular meeting held in the City Council Chambers in said City on the _____ day of _____, 2026, WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the CITY OF LINCOLN is a municipal corporation located in Logan County, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, the CITY OF LINCOLN at times condemns buildings and has them demolished; and

WHEREAS, on occasion the building being condemned is inhabited by people who refuse to leave upon condemning a building; and

WHEREAS, it would be in the best interest of the community and the resident's safety when a building is condemned as not being safe to live in that they leave said building;

WHEREAS, the CITY OF LINCOLN will now hereby codify the procedure of condemnation;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED by the CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINCOLN, as follows:

1. That the City of Lincoln will hereby amend Title 7 Chapter 2 Part 4 of the Lincoln City Code. (See Attached Exhibit)
3. Effective Date. That this Amendment is effective immediately upon its passage.

The vote on the adoption of this Ordinance was as follows:

Alderman Parrott	_____	Alderwoman O'Donoghue	_____
Alderman Clemons	_____	Alderman Anderson	_____
Alderman Bateman	_____	Alderwoman McClallen	_____
Alderman Becke	_____	Alderman Downs	_____

Ayes: _____

Nays: _____

Absent: _____

Absent: _____

Passed and approved this ____ day of _____, 2026.

CITY OF LINCOLN,

BY: _____
Tracy Welch, Mayor
City of Lincoln, Logan County, Illinois

ATTEST: _____ (SEAL)
City Clerk, City of Lincoln,
Logan County, Illinois

EXHIBIT A

§ 7-2-4 Abatement Of Nuisance.

[1960 Code §§ 8.54.080, 8.54.090, 8.54.100; Ord. 2012-742, 3-19-2012]

- (A) **Duty To Abate:** It is hereby made the duty, jointly and severally, of every person creating or causing a nuisance, and of every property owner, and of every person in possession or control of any premises upon which any nuisance may be found or maintained, to immediately abate the same.
- (B) **Notice To Abate Nuisance:** Whenever any nuisance is found to exist, it shall be lawful for the Mayor, the health officer or the Chief of Police to serve or cause to be served, by any policeman or assistant, a notice, written or printed, or partly written and partly printed, upon the person or persons whose duty it is above declared to be, to abate such nuisance, directing such person or persons to abate the same within a reasonable time to be stated in said notice; provided, that nothing herein shall operate to abridge the right of the City to sue for the penalties incurred without first giving such notice.
- (C) **Abatement By City:** If such person, after being served with notice as provided in the foregoing subsection, shall not within the time specified in the notice abate such nuisance, the same shall be abated by the officers of the City, and an accurate account of the expense shall be made, and suit shall forthwith be brought against the person or persons aforesaid, in any court of competent jurisdiction, to recover such expense.
- (D) **Abatement Of Nuisance Through Circuit Court Proceedings:** If such person, after being served with notice as provided in the foregoing subsection, shall not, within the time specified in the notice, abate such nuisance, the City shall employ one or more of the following circuit court remedies:
 - 1. Prosecute any person violating this chapter to obtain a conviction and assessment of a penalty.
 - 2. Obtain a court order directing the defendant or defendants to abate the nuisance under such conditions and circumstances as the court may direct.
 - 3. Commence proceedings in court seeking a personal judgment from the owner of such property where the nuisance was abated or removed at the expense of the City.
- (E) **Condemnation.** The Building and Safety Officer shall condemn and placard any dwelling, building, or structure found to have defects that render it unfit for human habitation, occupancy, or a danger to public health and safety. The following will occur upon Condemnation:

1. The City shall post a placard in a conspicuous place near the main entrance stating: "CONDEMNED - UNFIT FOR HUMAN OCCUPANCY." It shall be unlawful for any person to enter or occupy the building except for the purpose of making required repairs or demolishing the same. If the building is occupied it will be vacated upon condemnation.
2. The Building and Safety Official shall serve written notice to the property owner of record. The owner must initiate repairs to place the building in a safe condition or demolish the structure within thirty (30) days from the date of service.
3. If the property isn't brought into a safe condition within the time frame designated then the City may demolish the building and put a lien on the property for said demolition costs.

If the building is inhabited post condemnation then the City will obtain an emergency injunction/court order to remove the individuals inhabiting it until the property is remediated.

Proclamation _____
National See Tracks? Think Train® Week

WHEREAS See Tracks? Think Train® Week is to be held across the U.S. from September 21 to 27, 2026;

WHEREAS, 2,273 rail grade crossing collisions resulted in 764 personal injuries and were responsible for 287 fatalities in the United States during 2025; and

WHEREAS, educating and informing the public about rail safety (reminding the public that railroad right of ways are private property, enhancing public awareness of the dangers associated with highway rail grade crossings, ensuring pedestrians and motorists are looking and listening while near railways, and obeying established traffic laws) will reduce the number of avoidable fatalities and injuries caused by incidents involving trains and citizens; and

WHEREAS, the International Association of Chiefs of Police, National Operation Lifesaver Inc., United States Department of Transportation, and all local, state, county, and railroad law enforcement officers, first responders, and railroad corporations commit to partnering together in an effort to educate at a national level all aspects of railroad safety, to enforce applicable laws in support of National See Tracks? Think Train® Week;

THEREFORE, I, Tracy L. Welch Mayor of the City of Lincoln do hereby attest my full support proclaiming September 21 to 27, 2026, National See Tracks? Think Train® Week and I encourage all citizens to recognize the importance of rail safety education.

Tracy L. Welch
Mayor
City of Lincoln



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MAYOR

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CITY CLERK

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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETS SECOND AND FOURTH TUESDAY NIGHTS EACH MONTH
CITY COUNCIL MEETS FIRST AND THIRD MONDAY NIGHTS EACH MONTH

To: Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Lincoln

From: Bud Mason, Wastewater Project Leader

Meeting Date: September 15, 2026

RE: Sludge/Grit/Waste Disposal

Background

Material that has been removed from waste streams within the City is in need of disposal.

Analysis/Discussion:

Waste removed from various parts of the plants, lift stations, collection systems, and different processes is in need of disposal. We are nearing our storage capacity for generated waste, collected, and removed throughout the City. This waste will need to be disposed of by landfilling primarily. Some of the waste would be hauled by wastewater personnel; some would be hauled by contractors. It is necessary to remove these wastes to remain compliant with both the IEPA and DNR.

Fiscal Impact:

This project should have a cost not to exceed \$135,000.00. This is the amount that was budgeted for in fiscal year 2026 - 2027.

Council Recommendation:

Approve the waste disposal in an amount not to exceed \$135,000.00 to be expensed from "50-7200-7864 Capital Expense - Building and Grounds".

CITY COUNCIL

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ORDINANCE NO.
AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE NO. 2026-1069
AN AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE 2026-1069 REMOVING
STOP SIGNS AND ONE WAY STREET

THIS ORDINANCE is made and adopted by the CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINCOLN, LOGAN COUNTY, ILLINOIS, at a regular meeting held in the City Council Chambers in said City on the ____ day of _____, 2026,
WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the CITY OF LINCOLN is a municipal corporation located in Logan County, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, North Elm Street is a road within the City of Lincoln; and

WHEREAS, the Council passed ordinance 2026-1069 which implemented stop signs, a one way street, and reduced speed limits; and

WHEREAS, the Council has had further time to deliberate the matter amongst themselves and City leadership, and as a result want to remove the previously passed stipulations for a one way street and stop signs while keeping the reduction in speed limit;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED by the CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINCOLN, as follows:

1. That the one way road on Elm Street within the City of Lincoln between 8th Street and 10th Street for northbound traffic only is hereby removed. (See Attached Exhibit)
2. Any stop sign placement hereby previously agreed to is also removed, thereby keeping the status quo for signage in this area.
3. Effective Date. That this Amendment is effective immediately upon its passage.

The vote on the adoption of this Ordinance was as follows:

Alderman Parrott	_____	Alderwoman O'Donoghue	_____
Alderman Clemons	_____	Alderman Anderson	_____
Alderman Bateman	_____	Alderwoman McClallen	_____
Alderman Becke	_____	Alderman Downs	_____

Ayes: _____

Nays: _____

Absent: _____

Absent: _____

Passed and approved this ____ day of _____, 2026.

CITY OF LINCOLN,

BY: _____

Tracy Welch, Mayor
City of Lincoln, Logan County, Illinois

ATTEST: _____ (SEAL)

City Clerk, City of Lincoln,
Logan County, Illinois

EXHIBIT A

§ 9-10-3 One-Way Streets And Alleys.

[Ord. 243, 10-19-1987; Ord. 309, 6-19-1989; Ord. 352, 5-3-1993; Ord. 555, 12-2-2002; Ord. 565, 8-18-2003; Ord. 2011-724, 1-18-2011]

Upon those streets or parts of streets described below, vehicular traffic shall move only in the indicated direction when signs indicating the direction of traffic are erected and maintained at every intersection where movement in the opposite direction is prohibited.

(A) One-Way Streets And Alleys:

1. The alleys in blocks 10, 15 and 20 of the original town, now a part of the City (said blocks lie between Kickapoo and Chicago Streets), from Clinton Street to Pekin Street shall be one-way northbound alleys, except south 1/2 of block 20 and north 1/2 of block 10.

2. The following section of Clinton Street is hereby declared a one-way street, allowing traffic to proceed only in a westerly direction over the following portion of said street: Clinton Street, between Logan and Union Street, is hereby declared to be a one-way thoroughfare for westbound traffic only.

3. The alley lying between Sangamon Street and Logan Street and conveying traffic from Pulaski Street to Broadway is designated as a one-way alley for said block and traffic is directed to proceed from Pulaski Street to Broadway only, and appropriate signs shall be placed at the entrances of said alley with Pulaski Street and Broadway to so indicate that it is a one-way alley.

4. The alley between Tremont Street and the extension of Lincoln Avenue into the Centennial Courts housing authority, the said alley running along the northwest side of Centennial Courts and the southeast side of Heitmann Towney's survey of the City, is designated as a one-way alley, and traffic is directed to proceed only in a northeasterly direction in said alley, and appropriate signs shall be placed at the entrances of said alley to so indicate that it is a one-way alley.

5. The alley between Pekin Street and Broadway Street and blocks 12 and 16 in the original town of Lincoln be a one-way alley allowing traffic to travel towards Broadway Street only.

6. The alley between Kankakee Street to Ottawa Street in block 7 in Wyatt And Latham's Second Addition to the City be a one-way alley allowing traffic to travel easterly from Ottawa Street to Kankakee Street only.

7. The following section of Ottawa Street is hereby declared a one-way street, allowing traffic to proceed only in a northerly direction from Union Street to Broadway Street over

the following portion of said street: Ottawa Street between Union Street and Broadway Street is hereby declared to be a one-way thoroughfare for northbound traffic only.

8. The following section of Seventh Street is hereby declared a one-way street, allowing traffic to proceed only in a westerly direction from Union Street to the intersection of Seventh Street and Maple Street over the following portion of said streets: Seventh Street between Union Street and Maple Street is hereby declared to be a one-way thoroughfare for westbound traffic only.

~~9. The following section of Elm Street is hereby declared a one-way street, allowing traffic to proceed only in a northerly direction over the following portion of said street: Elm Street, between Eighth and Tenth Street, is hereby declared to be a one-way thoroughfare for northbound traffic only.~~