

CITY OF LINCOLN
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AGENDA
MAY 6, 2019
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
7:00 pm

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Swearing in of Elected Council**
Tracy Welch – Ward 1
Kathryn Schmidt – Ward 2
Kevin Bateman – Ward 3
Kathleen Horn – Ward 4
5. **Swearing in of Promotional & New Firefighter**
Robert Dunovsky – Fire Chief
Ty Johnson – Assistant Fire Chief
Todd Koehler – Captain
Andy Dexter – Lieutenant
Andy Carrigan- New Firefighter
6. **Public Participation**
7. **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 one motion. If any one 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 April 23, 2019 Public Hearing, April 23, 2019 Special City Council Meeting, April 23, 2019 Committee of the Whole Meeting
 - C. Request from the Lincoln Area Music Society to permit the placement of a banner in the Welcome Park at the corner of Pekin and Kickapoo Streets from June 6, 2019 through July 8, 2019
8. **Ordinance and Resolution**
9. **Bids**
Revocation of the award of bid to Landmark Ford for the purchase of a truck for use by the Sewer Department
10. **Reports**
11. **New Business/Communication**
Advise & Consent to the Mayoral appointment of Sam Downs to the position of Alderman for the unexpired two-year term in Ward 2
12. **Announcements**
13. **Executive Session** Section 2 (c) (2) Collective Bargaining
14. **Adjournment**

PUBLIC HEARING: FY 2019-2020 Budget

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

Tuesday, April 23, 2019

The Public Hearing regarding the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budget of the City Council of Lincoln was called to order by Mayor Seth Goodman at 7 p.m., with proper notice given. Attendance was noted.

Present:

Alderman Steve Parrott
Alderman Tracy Welch
Alderdwoman Michelle Bauer
Alderman Ron Keller
Alderman Dayne Dalpoas
Alderman Jeff Hoinacki
Alderman Ron Fleshman

Present:

City Administrator Elizabeth Kavelman
Treasurer Chuck Conzo
City Clerk Peggy Bateman
Streets Superintendent Walt Landers
Building and Safety Officer Wes Woodhall
Police Chief Paul Adams
Fire Chief Mark Miller
City Attorney John Hoblit

Absent:

Alderdwoman Heidi Browne

Presiding:

Mayor Seth Goodman

The Lincoln City Council has established a Tentative Budget Resolution in the amount of \$22,876,721 before transfers, for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2019:

Public comment was welcomed by the Lincoln City Council. Mrs. Wanda Lee Rohlfis came forward to discuss Resolution 2019-384, the working budget for FY 2019-2020. She also wanted to discuss a recent letter to the editor that she had submitted to The Lincoln Courier over the weekend.

She talked about her call to action for the citizens of Lincoln to look into the budget, she said she tried to get more people involved. She said during the hearings, she had a hard time following along, and wanted to know if the budget that is online as the one she received in March. She said we usually use the previous year's budget as a template, in order to proceed with that next year's budget, but sometimes, she said, there is a need to make revisions in the budget. She said sometimes those changes call for line items to be added, and those line items are usually voted on by the council.

She said a few things she noticed was the line items for much is what is called, permits, license, fines fees, etc. was missing. She said the state statute requires a line item such as this, to be included, a line

stating the revenue from all sources. She said, with this line item missing—it was a concern for her. She said line items for every revenue source should be listed.

She said the Corporate Property Tax—it could not be \$2,535 as it was listed. She said property taxes are thought of as all property taxes brought in from the city. She said the city had gone from \$1.4 million down to \$2,535. She said we know corporate property taxes bring in more than that—and that sometimes these taxes are transferred directly into accounts, she said that amount of money, she wanted to know as a taxpayer what corporate property tax amount was being transferred into the city.

She also touched on the Pekin Street parking lot (library parking lot), that is not owned by the library. She said she did not know why a \$20,000 increase was added to this parking lot line item, considering all the other roads, streets, bridges etc. projects are needed.

She also found TIF increment line item differences and was interested in those discrepancies. The TIF area included a property tax increment of \$135,000 with \$15 of interest, with the city's contribution being: \$42,053 – the total revenue would be \$177,068. While the expenditures being \$173,018. A difference of about 3,250 of revenues over expenses. She asked what happened to this money.

She then mentioned the Hotel/Motel Tax line item. With the same situation. Revenue projections were at \$175,025 with expenditures being \$166,773 – she asked: Where was the remaining \$8,252? She wanted to know where the remaining amount was. And she had trouble following where the Lincoln Depot rent was coming from.

She said as she had stated in a letter to the editor, she was not saying anything was wrong, she just had some concerns. Treasurer Chuck Conzo said if you look at previous budgets there was a balance left, and that you try not to spend down to the last nickel and that was why there was a balance over and above expenditures. He said this was not unusual.

Her question was that if he had an \$8,000 figure, how that would balance out with the overall bottom line figure.

She said when you do a budget, don't you plan on your revenues and your expenses being the same. He said ideally your revenues would exceed the expenses. He said the \$8,000 would remain in the fund for future years.

He said you sat over there for several years. And that he hope she didn't vote to send every nickel in every fund. He said the TIF Balance, what that transfer is—he did not know what that increment was going to be. He would not transfer more into the TIF Fund than what was needed, he said it would zero out, or be very low. He said having more in there, having a larger amount to transfer—would only be in the event that they needed it. He said the transfers are all as needed. He touched on the fire truck. He said if the TIF increment covers it all there won't be any transfers. The transfers are as needed.

She then asked about the projection page and the amount for the depot rental: \$10,800, she asked him to go through the process of when this comes in. It's now 90 percent. The city does not restrict where they pay the rent from.

He moved to the Library Parking lot and the revenue projections sheet—he said the fund is on page three, there is \$20,000 in grants and there is a double asterisk next to this. He said it's pending on the approval of a grant. He said there may be some expenses associated with that, if the city was going to pay it it would be covered by a state grant. He was not prepared to cover this topic tonight.

City Administrator Beth Kavelman mentioned that this was the Farnsworth Group bill dated back to 2015, and that the council had agreed not to pay this bill. Mrs. Rohlf then asked about this. He said its \$20,000 that the city contends that it does not owe to the group this bill from some work they claim to have done awhile back. This would be subject to the state grant, and that was why this was in there with the asterisks. The bill is actually \$25,000, there is \$5,000 remaining in the account.

He moved to the property tax, these projections list the corporate property tax, \$2,535, that portion of the tax levy goes in the GRF for any purpose, the rest was outlined further down in the GRF. He said if you go further down, there were sub funds and audit funds.

He covered sub funds, Mrs. Rohlf said she had looked into all those funds, but it was not clear what the city gets in corporate property taxes. He suggested she reads the tax levy ordinance. He said the ordinance does list that. She wanted it to be put in the budget and to be able to see all transfers out. He said there are no transfers, they're all paid out of sub funds. He said it was the same as it was 10 years ago when she was there. More on electronic transfers into sub funds was continued.

He said there was no need to transfer it to. He said we have expenditure lines for the audit, IMRF contribution, ESDA contract. He said expenditure lines are all listed in the budget document. [Inaudible].

He said in the past it has shown transfer to fire pension, but they do not have to do that. She said when you say, "transfer," you mean transfer to, and when you transfer to you don't have to transfer from. He explained you're transferring it to these funds which are not a part of the GRF. He said you're not transferring property tax revenue and it does not have anything to do with the IMRF, audit fund, public benefit fund [inaudible] etc. are not part of the GRF and are not a part of the tax revenue [inaudible].

He said when she looks at her tax bill, there's a line that says corporate property taxes. He said the tax bill would only show the amount for the City of Lincoln, however, the ordinance breaks it down. But her bill would not.

Conversation continued.

He said the city is taxing district, the county is, the parks district, the cemetery district . . . he said those are the taxing districts . . . she said these were done through an ordinance . . .

He said yes . . . nothing about this has changed. He said property tax levees have been around, there is nothing new about this. He said they go back further than the 1930's. [Inaudible]. He said there was nothing new about this. She said, but all of this originally comes from a line item that says . . . [inaudible]. He said on your property tax bill. . . he said that was the same as it has always been.

Mr. Rick Hoefle came of Lincoln forward next to share concern over a small issues, he said he knew last year when the city did not have a city administrator, he said Peggy signed for the budget . . . he said it's a city administrator doing the budget this year. City Administrator Kavelman said she wanted to, but Treasurer Conzo spearheaded it. Mr. Conzo said if he may . . . he got a lot of input from the city administrator and the department heads and that she was underestimating her input on it.

Mr. Hoefle wanted to urge the treasurer to be careful with this, as under city code—the city administrator is responsible for preparing the budget and handling the proceedings on the budget, but yet from what he has seen—it has not happened. Mr. Hoefle said in today's world, with all the questioning what people are doing, with watchdogs, they needed to follow procedures.

Treasurer Conzo said that has happened, and he is the scribe, he said the city administrator was not there when they did some of other ones and that he gave her some supporting documents. He said she has been active . . .

Mr. Hoefle said he was surprised, because former city administrator (Clay) was active when he was here, he directed things. Treasurer Conzo said he did the revenue projections then and he ironed out things and did the presentation at the council meetings. Mr. Hoefle wanted to make sure everyone was aware of their own city codes, and the need to follow them and the formal procedures. He said he had a couple of other questions—most things related to the TIF and then he wanted to talk about economic development.

He said you folks voted in a truck and went out for bids outside the city, he said he understood there was a savings—but they have three local dealers, even if they would cost more, they should have been the ones to put in the bids.

He said what you're saying to businesses is pay taxes, be good citizens, but don't worry about it—we don't care about your business. He said you're losing convenience for our citizens. Alderman Parrott weighed in on two of the bids, and then said one bidder did not come back with a bid apples for apples, after numerous attempts. He did agree though that they should try to keep things locally. He said it's kind of hard to even chose them if they're not going to cooperate on the request.

Mr. Hoefle's problem was that precedent had been set. And that over the years, business had been lost. He said he's tight with his money, but the business should have been local. He gave Wes kudos on a bid for code enforcement. He said he got bids locally. He said they're telling those businesses that they don't matter.

He then wanted to hit on the TIF, as he was concerned about it. He said he's getting calls from people. He said the talk now is about bankruptcy, which will effect projections on the city's budget. He said whoever buys the property now is going to immediately protest/dispute their taxes. He said the tax assessment last year was around \$3 million. He said the property will sell for much lower than \$3 million, he said you're going to be looking at a significant reduction. He said about \$94,000 was projected in TIF money, but yet they only took in \$133,000. Mr. Hoefle we carried over a surplus from the year before, which was actually taxpayer money, it was just transferred.

He said you and I had a conversation with Alderman Fleshman and Lance Rainforth and that you, (Mr. Conzo) supported that, and that he was positive that the TIF would support itself. Mr. Hoefle said he disagreed with him, and that was when they knew it was already in bankruptcy, so, Mr. Hoefle wanted to know if it would support itself. Mr. Conzo did not remember saying it would support itself, but rather it was their hope that it would. He said we don't know what will happen in the 2019 tax year. He said the tax bills that taxpayers will receive will be based on 2018. Mr. Conzo said they would expect the TIF to be the same as it was in 2018, but appeals going forward are going to be for 2019 tax year, 2020 tax year—and if it sells for less it will be in lower tax increment. He did not ever remember saying prior to this . . . Mr. Hoefle interrupted saying that he was fighting him tooth and nail that the TIF proceeds were in it, and that he had said they were taxpayer dollars, but that Mr. Conzo said they would have the amount of TIF in order to do it, and that he said yes, for this year, but not ongoing.

He then asked how much was in the TIF account. There was \$27.44 [inaudible]. Mr. Hoefle said the consensus of the public—is they don't think the TIF is legal, they think it was a fraud. The wanted to know if it was a grant, a gift or a TIF—he said he talked to legal counsel and they don't think it's a TIF—he said something is wrong with this and he would like to know and what people are asking him is if this is going to be a tax burden for the city. Mr. Conzo said the time for that was when this was created. He wanted to

know with bankruptcy if the city could be responsible for any of this as the city agreed to enter into something that was questionable.

Alderman Ron Fleshman said the conversation that he recalls was that Treasurer Conzo projected revenue that within 4-5 years, that if things escalated, the TIF would be able to fund itself then, but not immediately. Mr. Hoefle said he had asked when that 4-5 years began, because up to last year, when he was on the council, the city had paid almost 100 percent of that TIF bond, and the TIF bond was already four years old.

Mr. Fleshman said moving forward this year with the budget, the taxes are for 2018, so they'd move forward as if the revenue is going to be there, possibly with whatever happens with properties of concern, they would have to adjust from there.

Mr. Hoefle said people are calling it a bond now, rather than a TIF. He said he is trying to explain what little he knows about it—he said there are hints that there's lack of transparency, improper handling of the budget, and that people don't want this to end up like the chamber or alliance, and that there are still questions going on with this because of their money handling and budget practices. He said he is getting calls, and he's trying to answer them. He did not want to see anyone coming into question under this.

He said there have been people putting this information out . . . and that people have talked to certain people . . . Mrs. Leslie Hoefle stood up and talked about the investigation into various questionable items regarding the TIF, fiber optics, revitalization plan . . . they took these to five different agencies. They were told things did not add up and that there might have been things turned over . . . that a five percent of a kick back was awarded to vendors, if preferred vendors were used.

She said the numbers they used got them to the states attorney, to the FBI, IRS, back to the FBI etc. She said these numbers are critical, they do not lie, and they are still being asked for information. She said transparency is huge and that people are following this, because of this TIF and this bankruptcy. She said the agencies are truly interested in this. She said the public feels they were being lied to.

Mrs. Hellen Rainforth mentioned that she and Treasurer Chuck Conzo spoke about three weeks ago and that it was an absolute falsehood that no one brought it to his attention when the TIF was being created and everything that this was an absolute falsehood. She said she and her family stepped forward right away and said this was not a legal situation and that her family went to Mayor Snyder, the Logan County State's Attorney Jonathan Wright, and that they then went higher. She said this has not been an immediate situation this has been over at least a four year period and that they have tried to remain somewhat silent about it. She said she had told Chuck every check he signed—he was culpable, she said everyone knew it was a scam.

Mr. Conzo said that he did not say that no one pointed it out to him, but when it was created, there were not a lot of people speaking against it and as a result, that and probably a number of other things, the TIF Development Agreement was approved. He said he knew she pointed it out to him.

Mrs. Rainforth said they pointed it out to every authority figure and they got to all of them. She said I think it is all in process. She said there are people who are culpable and will be capable. She said transparency is vital. She said downtown Lincoln has been decimated in the chambers because of what has been allowed to take place. She wanted to asked again . . . was it a grant, was it a gift, or was it a TIF – she said three weeks ago he said it was grant.

He said a TIF grant. She said David Lantern and Keith Snyder said it was a gift. She said it was never legally set up correctly and that they knew it from the beginning. She said a lawyer came down from

Chicago and walked downtown Lincoln with them. She said transparency was vital to protect everyone sitting there right now. She said it was being looked into backwards.

Mr. Lance Rainforth wanted to weigh in next. He started by saying he was one of the few people there 5-6 years ago with the TIF concerns. He said he thought it was a good meeting with Mr. Fleshman, Chuck and Rick Hoefle had six to eight months ago, but the conversation—to bring people up to speed, they are revenue negative on TIF and have been from day one because when the TIF was created, the city wrote a check for \$2.3 million, with the expectation that the downtown would be flourishing, they'd make it up.

He said they went back to Snyder time and time again . . . saying the tax base wasn't backing it up. He said the tax base did not back it up, it was actually shrinking. There is a diminishing tax base in Lincoln, as does Illinois. No one took the cautionary tale from retailers and from the business community who generate the city's taxes. They were revenue negative, talking about making it up with the GRF, no one was being genuine to the taxpayers, they're on the hook for the TIF. They are still on the hook for the TIF. They will still be on the hook for the TIF. Under that definition, they do not have a TIF.

The TIF does not meet the criteria of a TIF, they do not have a TIF. It does not function as a TIF as all the money as given away ahead of the funding being available, before they collected the money. The city got the cart in front of the horse. He said most of them weren't there at the time, but for those who are, he thought it should really haunt them. He said this has done damage.

He said they went into a conversation about projections, the four of them projected about getting to revenue neutral, he said everyone was sitting there talking about projections of year 12, year 14 . . . that they could still be able to come out net positive on the back five years, back six years.

Because then he said they discussed that he had petitioned to lower his taxes based on comp, revenue changes in the downtown. As State Bank of Lincoln got their taxes lowered 70 percent. And it dropped below the TIF line. Many, many businesses followed suit because of Chicago and Sangamon Streets, at the hands of MMIL, they dropped the property values to where everyone qualified. He said they are now diminishing through the TIF, because of the group of people who took the \$2.3 million, brought the valuations down, down, down . . .

He said then after that conversation they were now projecting years, 17', 18, and 19' which left them two to three years on the net positive of the TIF. Now, he asked where do you suppose we are, genuinely—each one of you, based on the loss of the bottle factory . . . he said it was no one's fault here. He said it is the circumstances of Illinois, it effects the business community as a whole, it effects the tax collection as a whole.

He said if they don't come through this situation through the foreclosures of the MMIL's, and however the U.S. Attorney handles the MMIL's . . . and whatever Regions decides to do with the FDIC and the federal investigation and court hearing . . . He said they went and defrauded a banking institution, which is a federal crime. He said we are talking about a federal issues, and that it was just one issue. He said it is now a concern, after seven or eight years of coming to the chambers of trying to explain how downtown Lincoln business works—they will never reach neutral with your TIF. He said he said that he said that six to eight months ago that he said it was time to tell the taxpayers, when you use the term TIF, it's not genuine, because you are using the general revenue fund to backfill the TIF. He wanted to set the record straight because there was some confusion about the meeting the four of them had about projections.

He said we are not looking at a revenue positive situation with the TIF. He said it is a huge hole for the budget and council to fill annually. He said it's a very large budgetary conversation going forward on any

projects they project out. He said they are holding the bag on the TIF. That they are backfilling a TIF that is diminishing. He said when it comes to a fire station, or a road, or whatever it is coming down the pike – bear in mind that they are holding the bag for the MMIL fiasco for another 16 years. Mr. Conzo said he did not disagree with him.

Mr. Rainforth then said he may have misunderstood when he was sitting in the back about the library parking lot. Mr. Lance Rainforth then wanted to know if it was 2015 for the library parking lot. For a bill that might be owned to Farnsworth Group. He said you're certainly not going to make whole on a bill from four or five years ago . . . Mr. Conzo said, but prior to that it would be a grant for the state . . . he said he was confused as the details are from 2015. Mr. Conzo said that this is why the city was not paying it on demand. Mr. Rainforth said it's 2019 now, he wanted to know if everyone knew about what was going on. He wanted to make sure the city was not going to make whole on a bill from four years ago. Mr. Rainforth asked the city attorney to speak to it. He asked if he had been in on the budget conversations— Mr. Hoblit said he had not been.

Mr. Conzo was doubting very much that the city would pay this bill, but he wanted to anticipate worst case scenarios. He said they paid a bill for the same amount three years ago. Mr. Rainforth asked if he would be looking in to that. Mr. Hoblit said he would look into this as it is \$25,000. Mr. Conzo said he did not think the city is wrong, but that no one was paying this. But they budgeted for it in the event that they were wrong. He said we paid a bill for that same amount three years ago. He tried to anticipate worst case scenarios, he said.

Mr. Rainforth said he immediately had a visceral reaction to the TIF seven years ago with former Mayor Keith Snyder. Mr. Rainforth said that was why he approached the council seven years ago with the half glass full scenario with Keith Snyder. He said everything needs to be done properly through the budgetary process. He said we can fix this, we all have the means and the money to do it, but he said this needs to be done properly through the budgetary process. He said there are a lot of people watching this.

Alderman Fleshman wanted to bring up the meeting that they had had and the facade TIF grant came up during that same meeting, Mr. Rainforth said—correct. It was a separate situation talked about at the same meeting. He said his request was to change this from a façade TIF grant . . . his request was to change that to a façade grant to a business that falls into the TIF district . . .

Mr. Rainforth weighed in and said . . . actually Ron, what the conversation was . . . the façade grant was started years and years ago. It used to be up to \$10,000, and you have to have receipts for it and a lot of people took advantage of it. He said that was not the TIF, unfortunately, when the TIF started to show itself, past leadership was throwing the façade grant TIF as one, to highlight the successes of the programs when in actuality they were blending two programs. He said it was confusing a lot of people in the community. He said they were combining them, and it confused a lot of people in the city.

He said the businesses are in the trenches. There was miscommunication on the TIF grant and the TIF façade. The communications on what these two things were, was confusing. Mr. Fleshman said they changed that in the budget this year, as the two are listed separately.

He said he does respect and appreciate what the council does and most people in the community do not have a clue or want a part of it. He said it all has to match up.

Mrs. Wanda Lee Rohlf's then came forward to ask about the Telecommunications Tax and how it previously was listed in the budget. She said the most the city had ever received was \$280,000. Mr. Conzo said, yes . . . and it had dwindled and it's now about \$21,000 a month. That was the main tax that used to go to the TIF district. He said it has dwindled, it used to be around \$40,000 a month, and now is

around \$21,000 a month. So, he said even . . . every year since the TIF was created, it had dwindled. He mentioned the loss was due to changes with the rise of mobile phones. She said this money is going to have to come from somewhere.

Treasurer Chuck Conzo said she was absolutely right and there are big problems with the TIF and he has never disputed that. He never was particularly enthused about the idea, it wasn't his idea to do it. But he said what he's trying to do is to manage what they have and to minimize the cost of this to the taxpayer. He said there is a limited amount of things . . . he said this is something that should have been done years ago when this was created, but the council at the time did not see fit to do it that way. He said this will have to be addressed as best as they can.

He said the TIF increment is paying part of it, so there is some value in having it. Mrs. Rohlf said something [inaudible]. Mr. Conzo said we have not received any property tax year for this year, but it's not going to get up to \$177,000. Mrs. Rohlf said something [inaudible] about the tax increment amount [inaudible]. Mayor Goodman called for any further comment.

City Administrator Beth Kavelman had a question about the Hotel/Motel Tax, she said it should be a double entry, and wanted to know if that was happening. Mr. Conzo asked her what page she was on. She said it was on page 12, expenditures to the tourism bureau. She asked if the group turns around and writes a separate check to the city for \$900. He said it's a separate check. She asked how long they had been doing that. He said it is in the revenue line. He said it goes into the GRF and not back into the Hotel/Motel Tax Revenue fund.

Mayor Goodman called for further discussion.

Adjournment:

There being no further discussion to come before the City Council of Lincoln, Mayor Goodman called the hearing to a close at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Alex Williams, Recording Secretary

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MAYOR

CITY CLERK

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Lincoln City Hall, Council Chambers
700 Broadway Street | Lincoln, Illinois

Tuesday, April 23, 2019

A special meeting of the City Council of Lincoln was called to order by Mayor Seth Goodman at 8 p.m., with proper notice given. The hearing was held in regards to the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budget. Roll call was taken by City Clerk Peggy Bateman.

Present:

Alderman Steve Parrott
Alderman Tracy Welch
Alderman Ron Fleshman
Alderwoman Michelle Bauer
Alderman Ron Keller
Alderman Jeff Hoinacki
Alderman Dayne Dalpoas

Present:

Treasurer Chuck Conzo
City Clerk Peggy Bateman
City Attorney Blinn Bates
Police Chief Paul Adams
Building and Safety Officer Wes Woodhall
Waste Water and Treatment Manager Greg Pyles
Streets Superintendent Walt Landers
Fire Chief Mark Miller

Absent:

Alderwoman Heidi Browne

Presiding:

Mayor Seth Goodman

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Participation:

Mr. and Mrs. Lessen came forward to share their continued concern relating to the condition of the city's sewer lines and mains. He wanted to know if there were any regular inspection of the mains, if they were ever inspected. Alderman Fleshman shared there are manhole and water sewer main inspections on an annual basis, a percentage of them are inspected yearly. Mr. Lessen wanted to know if a crack was discovered, how it would be found, and what happens from there. He said if he did an inspection on his lateral, a

crack might not be found, so what would happen if there was a crack on the main. Mr. Fleshman thought a crack could not be detected through a video of the main, it would have to physically be dug up and found that way.

Mayor Goodman called upon representatives from Veolia. Mr. Shawn Wright stood up in the back and commented. Mr. Lessen repeated his question for him. There are regular inspections, so many each year. He said if there is a crack all the way through that it would show up on the camera, then it would be fixed. Mr. Lessen said there is no emergency plan in place so if one breaks, it's all done on a timely basis.

Mr. Fleshman said that is not true, there is a sewer lining project that was performed last year, and more is earmarked for projects next year. He said there are sewers being replaced. Mr. Lessen asked how many laterals are dug up each year. He said there has to be some kind of record of it. Mr. Wright said the city does not dig up lateral . . . there would have to be a work order, a request needed to be put in.

Mr. Lessen wanted to know who interprets city policy and who was responsible. Mr. Dalpoas asked him to repeat the question. Mr. Lessen said it's not clear who is responsible for the city mains. Mrs. Lessen explained it in a different way.

Alderman Welch said the city attorney is typically the person who drafts them, however, everything is open to interpretation, which is why they run things through a lawyer. Mrs. Lessen said no one seems to understand what's happening. Mr. Welch said he was confused because when they met previously, the policy was shared, and that everyone in the meeting would agreed that it was not handled well. They did not feel that they had received an answer and things are getting drug out. Mr. Welch said he thought they had cleared up a lot of confusion at one of their meetings a few weeks ago, he said they handed out the packet of information from Veolia. He said he thought those in the meeting would agree that it was not handled well and that it should not have taken six months to get answers.

Mr. Lessen said he did not believe they received an answer. Mr. Welch said the next meeting was tomorrow at 5 p.m., to clear up any additional questions. He said he did not personally feel that they have left the Lessen's high and dry. He would continue to work with them after the new council comes in. He said he'd be glad to bring in the city attorney, the mayor or whoever needed to help with it.

Mrs. Lessen said they did not want this happening to someone else, so someone else does not have the face this same thing in future. Mr. Welch said it is city government and some things do not move swiftly. Mr. Welch said they are being heard.

Consent Agenda by Omnibus Vote:

A. Payment of Bills

B. Approval of the April 9, 2019 Regular Committee of the Whole Meeting and April 15, 2019 Regular City Council Meeting minutes

Alderman Parrott made the motion, seconded by Alderman Dalpoas. City Clerk Peggy Bateman called roll.

Yeas: (7)
Nays: (0)
Absent: (1)

Ordinance and Resolution:
Resolution adopting a Working Budget for F.Y. 2019-2020

Alderwoman Bauer made the motion, Alderman Welch seconded it. City Administrator Elizabeth Kavelman shared that she just received her username for the budget software on Monday, April 22. She said she did not get to participate as much as she had wanted to. Mrs. Wanda Lee Rohlf's asked a question, [inaudible]. Treasurer Chuck Conzo answered the question about breakdowns. He said the city is in compliance with the state statute. He said it does list the sources, they are put together in the document.

Mayor Goodman called on City Clerk Peggy Bateman to take the roll.

Yeas: (7)
Nays: (0)
Absent: (1)

Adjournment:

Alderman Keller motioned to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Dalpoas. There being no discussion to come before the City Council of Lincoln, Mayor Goodman called the special meeting to a close at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By:
Alex Williams, Recording Secretary

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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

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

Tuesday, April 23, 2019

The Committee of the Whole Meeting of the City Council of Lincoln was called to order by Mayor Seth Goodman at 8:15 p.m., with proper notice given. City Clerk Peggy Bateman took roll.

Present:

Alderman Steve Parrott
Alderman Tracy Welch
Alderman Ron Fleshman
Alderwoman Michelle Bauer
Alderman Ron Keller
Alderman Jeff Hoinacki
Alderman Dayne Dalpoas

Staff Present:

City Administrator Elizabeth Kavelman
City Clerk Peggy Bateman
City Attorney John Hoblit
Treasurer Chuck Conzo
Fire Chief Mark Miller
Police Chief Paul Adams
Building and Safety Officer Wes Woodhall
Streets Superintendent Walt Landers
Veolia Water, Greg Pyles

Absent:

Alderwoman Heidi Browne

Presiding:

Mayor Seth Goodman

Public Comment:

There being no public participation, Mayor Seth Goodman moved to agenda items.

Lincoln Area Music Society to place a banner in lot at the corner of Pekin and Kickapoo Streets:

Alderwoman Bauer opened the conversation saying his should be approved by the Logan County Tourism Bureau prior to approving as a council, as they are under a lease agreement at the site. Alderman Welch said tourism and the city have a current agreement for the welcome garden. Mayor Goodman called on members of the board who were present to weigh in. The

event is June 6. The banner promotes the music in the park throughout the summer. The item would be placed on the agenda contingent upon the approval of the tourism board.

Review of the 5th Street Road Project:

City Administrator Elizabeth Kavelman weighed in on the current movement and development on the project. She said two of the property owners have had some activity, one was a title change, one was a plat. She said she knows he the aldermen have been trying, but they are not getting a response. She said if anyone had any suggestions—to let her know. Alderman Welch asked about outstanding parcels at this point. There are 11 outstanding parcels, two are close to coming to fruition. Alderman Keller wanted to know if it was 11 landowners or parcels. It is 11 landowners.

Announcements:

Mayor Goodman asked if anyone had any announcements.

- Yellowbook will be sending out new phonebooks this summer
- The Land of Lincoln CEO tradeshow is coming up on May 1, 4-6 p.m. at the American Legion
- Alderman Welch wanted to bring up the issue of the truck purchase again, he had spoken with Matt Xamis about the truck, he said it was not handled as the normal bid process had been handled. He said the confusion comes in because additional features were added after the bid was awarded. He wanted to send it back out to bid. Alderman Parrott wanted to see consistency across the board, he wanted to shop local as much as possible, he said from a policy perspective, they may need to look at the bid process. Landmark released their state contract price, and Xamis did not feel they received a fair opportunity, due to miscommunication. Mr. Walt Landers weighed in on the city's purchasing policy. Mr. Wright said the city might not want to be talking price, just to rebid it and see how it comes. Mr. Kevin Bateman said he took the brunt of this on Facebook, but said he has nothing to do with the fleet department at Landmark Ford. He said you either leave the Landmark out of it, or you go local. He said the bid came in via Veolia, not the City of Lincoln. He wanted to explain, as there was confusion about state contracts and bids. He said Landmark is the lowest price truck in certain weight ranges in the State of Illinois. He said everyone will be competing down to get to the Landmark price. He said the state bid is usually the lowest bid. He said Landmark is going to be the low bidder. Alderman Welch said it is understood that Landmark has the state contract. He said he'd hope Mr. Bateman would abstain from the vote when he is on the council. Mr. Welch said people did not have the opportunity to bid the entire package. Alderman Parrott wanted Alderman Welch to explain what was added to the bid after . . . Landmark came in the lowest, and was awarded the bid, then the city went back to them and asked to add additional features . . . none of the items was included in the original request to all bidders. Mr. Welch reiterated that he did not want to throw anyone under the bus, he wanted to correct what had been done improperly and give vendors a shot. Mr. Landers said he could sit down with Mr. Pyles and conduct the process in that same manner that he conducts these RFP's in the past. Mr. Bateman said he would like the bids opened in the council chambers, and that they come in sealed envelopes, unless the council would reject the Landmark bid. He said for transparency purposes, the mayor should open the bids from his desk. He said it needed to be as transparent as possible. Mr. Landers said

that is typically how it is done, a notice is put out, and then a notice is shared with local dealers, the specs, etc. and then they can bring in the bids in sealed envelopes. Mr. Landers continued. Attorney John Hoblit asked everyone to refresh his recollection, as there was previously a vote on this. He continued. Mr. Shawn Wright said Mr. Welch is somewhat right and that there was confusion and that the policy needed to be shared. Fire Chief Mark Miller weighed in on his experience with the City of Lincoln Fire Department. The purchasing policy of the city, is two percent within the lowest bid, is awarded. Alderman Parrott asked about the hand delivery of bids. He said he foresaw the potential for problems. Police Chief Paul Adams then shared his RFP experience, when searching for electricians, plumbers . . . etc. He sent the RFP to people within 50 miles. The RFP was also shared on the city website. They did not go out for bid on landscaping, because the recent bid on that project came in lower than \$20,000. Alderman Dalpoas talked about repealing the bid they had previously accepted. Alderwoman Bauer said those who voted, will not be in office when the next vote is taken. Mr. Hoblit said he would continue to look for an answer. Mr. Landers said he preferred to email the RFP, but he did hand deliver the documents as well. Mr. Welch wanted to see an item on the agenda to reject all bids for the vehicle that was previously approved. Alderman Parrott touched on the paver program, he said he thought they had to rescind the second, and then rescind the motion. Alderwoman Bauer clarified. Mr. Hoblit said they are looking for a repeal and then rescinding the bid process. The revocation of the award of the bid . . . Mr. Hoblit said he would look in to the issue more, and come next voting meeting, if new council member cannot vote, it may need to be added to a COW . . . he did not foresee there being a problem at this time. Mr. Welch said when this topic came up last week, he made a request that in anticipation, he asked that the order not be submitted for the vehicle, and it had not been ordered yet.

- Mayor Goodman wanted to appoint Sam Downs to the vacancy created by Alderman Fleshman.
- He then thanked the people who were leaving.
- The DEA drug takeback program will be at ALMH, from 10-2 p.m. at the police station. The prescriptions will be sent on to the DEA for safe disposal.
- Alderman Dalpoas said tonight would be his last night, he thanked everyone.
- Alderman Welch thanked everyone for their service to the community, and for their commitment.
- Alderman Fleshman thanked the mayor for his appointment.
- Alderwoman Bauer said she would submit written comment, as it would be hard for her to get through her goodbyes and thank yous.
- Chief Miller thanked everyone too, saying it was his last council city meeting and this was the best job in the world.

Executive Session: Alderman Hoinacki made a motion to go into executive session under **2(c)2 Collective Bargaining**. Seconded by Alderman Keller. Mr. Hoinacki said it would be short. The council recessed the City of the Whole (COW) meeting at 8:48 p.m. in order to enter into executive session. Mayor Goodman said there would be no further business to come before the council upon reconvening to the COW.

Reconvening the Committee of the Whole:

The City Council of Lincoln reconvened the COW meeting following executive session at 9:27 p.m. City Clerk Bateman called roll.

Present:

Alderman Steve Parrott
Alderman Tracy Welch
Alderman Ron Fleshman
Alderwoman Michelle Bauer
Alderman Ron Keller
Alderman Jeff Hoinacki
Alderman Dayne Dalpoas

Absent:

Alderwoman Heidi Browne

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the council, Alderwoman Bauer motioned to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Dalpoas. City Clerk Bateman called roll.

Present:

Alderman Steve Parrott
Alderman Tracy Welch
Alderman Ron Fleshman
Alderwoman Michelle Bauer
Alderman Ron Keller
Alderman Jeff Hoinacki
Alderman Dayne Dalpoas

Absent:

Alderwoman Heidi Browne

Mayor Goodman adjourned the meeting at 9:28 p.m.

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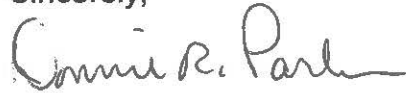
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Lincoln City Council:

The Lincoln Area Music Society (LAMS) board is once again asking to place a banner in the vacant lot at the corner of Pekin and Kickapoo streets to advertise the summer band concert series. The banner will be put in place on June 6, 2019 and removed no later than July 8, 2019. The concerts are scheduled for June 9, 16, 23, 30 and July 7. Please contact Donnie Parker at (217) 737-3609 if you have any questions. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Lincoln Area Music Society Board



101 N Chicago St | Lincoln, IL 62656 | 217.732.8687

City of Lincoln Alderman

700 Broadway Street

Lincoln, IL 62656

April 26, 2019

Dear Alderman,

The Logan County Tourism Bureau gives permission to the Lincoln Area Music Society to place their sign in the Welcome Garden. (Grass lot at the corner of Kickapoo Street and Pekin Street)

We recommend that the sign be placed on the Kickapoo Street side close to the brick building, so it does not block the view of the Welcome Garden.

Please contact me with any questions at director@destinationlogancountyil.com or 217-732-8687.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morgan Gleason". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Morgan Gleason

Logan County Tourism Bureau

Executive Director