

**CITY OF LINCOLN**  
**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**AGENDA**  
**DECEMBER 2, 2024**  
**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. **Students of Land of Lincoln CEO Program**
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 one 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 November 12, 2024 Committee of the Whole Meeting, November 18, 2024 Regular City Council Meeting.

C. Approval of City Council Meeting Schedule for Calendar Year 2025.

D. Approval of City Holiday for Calendar Year 2025.

7. **Ordinances and Resolutions**

A Resolution of the City of Lincoln in Support of State Action to Protect the Mahomet Aquifer.

8. **Bids**

9. **Reports**

10. **New Business/Communications**

Approval of the designation of ARPA Funds for a park pavilion in the amount of \$136,514.44.

11. **Announcements**

12. **Possible Executive Session**

13. **Adjournment**

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## **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING**

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

**Tuesday, November 12, 2024**

The Committee of the Whole Meeting of the City Council of Lincoln was called to order by Mayor Tracy Welch at 6:02 p.m., with proper notice given. City Clerk Peggy Bateman called roll.

### **Present:**

Alderwoman Robin McClallen, Ward 1  
Alderman Steve Parrott, Ward 1  
Alderman David Sanders, Ward 2  
Alderman Sam Downs, Ward 2  
Alderman Kevin Bateman, Ward 3  
Alderwoman Wanda Lee Rohlf, Ward 3  
Alderman Craig Eimer, Ward 4  
Alderwoman Rhonda O'Donoghue, Ward 4

### **Staff Present:**

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

### **Absent:**

Walt Landers, Streets Superintendent

### **Presiding:**

Mayor Tracy Welch

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### **Oath of Office – Probationary Fire Fighter Brock Casey**

Mayor Welch moved this item to go first. City Attorney John Hoblit swore in Brock Casey.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Tourism Report – Alice Roate McCray**

Mayor Welch added this item to the agenda.

Hotel/Motel Tax = \$57,000.00 – up from a year ago

Began their new yearly grant with the Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity. That grant is in the amount of \$37,400.00

Trying something new for advertising. They are using Carousel ads and receiving great feedback with engagement.

461 people stopped in with Tourism related questions, 147 had the Route 66 passport

410 people stopped in the Mill Museum, 148 had the Route 66 passport.

The Mill Museum is closed for the season but will open by appointment only.

Christmas purchases can be made at the Depot.

Christmas page information is pinned to the top of their Facebook page.

Tourism will look into lighting the mural that was completed at the Beverage Genie.

**Public Comment:**

Mark Doolin was present to address the council regarding the recent increase in crime around the city.

**Josh Garrett and Sara Schwantz with RW Garrett – Health Insurance Renewal for City Employees and Retirees**

Mr. Garrett and Mrs. Schwantz went over the plans for the City.

Over 65 Retirees policy

Health Alliance is doing away with standalone prescription drug plan. Max out of pocket is \$2,000 with a deductible of \$590. A prescription drug policy will cost \$51/month. Or they can take the Medicare Advantage Plan that includes prescription, vision and dental.

Under 65 policy

Plans from Health Alliance and BCBS were presented.

The Insurance Committee felt that Health Alliance was the better choice. A 5-tier plan offer with a 2 year 9% cap and \$50,000 retention.

These plans will be placed on the regular agenda.

**Request to Permit: Lincoln’s Annual Christmas Parade Thursday, December 5, 2024**

This item will be placed on the consent agenda.

**Lincolnwood Lift Station Control Upgrade**

Mr. Bowns does not think this control will not make it much longer. The upgrade will cost \$15,300.00.

This item will be placed on the regular agenda.

Mayor Welch moved on to other items on the agenda.

**Announcements:**

- Alderman Parrott attended the Logan County Spark Expo at the Junior High. He created a mock election to encourage students and show the importance of voting.
- Open House on Thursday for the Illinois American new facility that is behind the LWF.

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**Adjournment:**

There being no further discussion to come before the City Council of Lincoln, Alderman Eimer motioned to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Downs. All were in favor. Mayor Welch adjourned the meeting at 7:14 p.m.

**Respectfully Submitted By:**

Charity Hutchison, Recording Secretary

**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

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

**Monday, November 18, 2024**

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:**

- Alderman Robin McClallen, Ward 1
- Alderman Steve Parrott, Ward 1
- Alderman David Sanders, Ward 2
- Alderman Sam Downs, Ward 2
- Alderman Kevin Bateman, Ward 3
- Alderman Wanda Lee Rohlfs, Ward 3
- Alderman Rhonda O'Donoghue, Ward 4

**Staff Present:**

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

**Absent:**

- Alderman Craig Eimer, Ward 4

**Presiding:**

- Tracy Welch, Mayor

**Public Comment:**

There was no one present for public comment.

**Consent Agenda by Omnibus Vote:**

**A. Payment of Bills**

**B. Approval of minutes October 29, 2024 Committee of the Whole Meeting, November 4, 2024**

**Regular City Council Meeting**

**C. Request from the Logan County Tourism Bureau to permit the closing of various city streets for Lincoln's Annual Christmas Parade on Thursday, December 5, 2024 from 5:30pm until 8:00pm.**

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

**Yeas: (7)** Alderman Steve Parrott, Alderman Sam Downs, Alderman Rhonda O'Donoghue, Alderman Wanda Lee Rohlfs, Alderman Kevin Bateman, Alderman Robin McClallen, Alderman David Sanders

**Nays: (0)**  
**Abstain: (0)**  
**Absent: (1)** Alderman Craig Eimer

**Reports:**

**A. City Treasurer's Report for October, 2024**

General Fund Balance – has gone done  
Some improvement on Fire/Police Pensions  
Municipal Sales tax – slight increase  
Non-Home Rule Sales Tax - \$14,000 over from last year  
State Income Tax - \$130,000 over from last year  
Replacement Tax – down considerably  
Motor Fuel Tax – almost the same  
Video Gaming Tax – a little ahead of where we were

**B. City Clerk's Report for October, 2024**

\$249,410.42 was received for the month of October in sewer payments. \$42,197.99 was received from both prisons.

**C. Department Head Reports for October, 2024**

These reports are either on file now or will be soon.

**New Business/Communications:**

**A. Approval of Health Insurance 2025 Renewal Plan for City Employees with the Health Alliance Five-Tier Rates**

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

**Yeas: (6)** Alderman Steve Parrott, Alderman Sam Downs, Alderwoman Rhonda O'Donoghue, Alderwoman Wanda Lee Rohlfs, Alderwoman Robin McClallen, Alderman David Sanders

**Nays: (0)**

**Abstain: (1)** Alderman Kevin Bateman

**Absent: (1)** Alderman Craig Eimer

**B. Approval of Health Insurance 2025 Renewal Plan for over 65 City Retirees with the Health Alliance Medicare Supplement Plan N and the Health Alliance Advantage Plan.**

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

**Yeas: (7)** Alderman Steve Parrott, Alderman Sam Downs, Alderwoman Rhonda O'Donoghue, Alderwoman Robin McClallen, Alderman Kevin Bateman, Alderwoman Wanda Lee Rohlfs, Alderman David Sanders

**Nays: (0)**

**Abstain: (0)**

**Absent: (1)** Alderman Craig Eimer

**C. Approval of Lincolnwood Lift Station Control Upgrade to replace the control system by Britton Electronics and Automation Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$18,000.00.**

Alderman Sanders 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, Alderman Sam Downs, Alderwoman Rhonda O'Donoghue, Alderman Kevin Bateman, Alderwoman Wanda Lee Rohlf, Alderwoman Robin McClallen, Alderman David Sanders

**Nays: (0)**

**Abstain: (0)**

**Absent: (1)** Alderman Craig Eimer

**Announcements:**

- Increase in charges and changes to the format of the billing from Comcast becoming Dec 10, 2024.
- Mayor Welch shared an update regarding the Logan Correction Center. A press release will come out tomorrow. Logan will continue to operate as long as fiscally possible.

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**Adjournment:**

There being no further discussion to come before the City Council of Lincoln, Alderman Bateman motioned to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Downs. Mayor Welch adjourned the meeting at 6:21 p.m.

**Respectfully Submitted By:**

Charity Hutchison, Recording Secretary

**TRACY WELCH**  
MAYOR

**PEGGY S. BATEMAN**  
CITY CLERK

**CHARLES N. CONZO**  
CITY TREASURER

**JOHN A. HOBLIT**  
CITY ATTORNEY



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CITY COUNCIL MEETS FIRST AND THIRD MONDAY NIGHTS EACH MONTH

## CITY OF LINCOLN SCHEDULED MEETING FOR 2025 CALENDAR YEAR

### REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS @ 6:00 P.M.

January 6, 2025  
January 21, 2025 (20<sup>th</sup> Holiday)  
February 3, 2025  
February 18, 2025 (17<sup>th</sup> Holiday)  
March 3, 2025  
March 17, 2025  
April 7, 2025  
April 21, 2025  
May 5, 2025  
May 19, 2025  
June 2, 2025  
June 16, 2025  
July 7, 2025  
July 21, 2025  
August 4, 2025  
August 18, 2025  
September 2, 2025 (1st Holiday)  
September 15, 2025  
October 6, 2025  
October 20, 2025  
November 3, 2025  
November 17, 2025  
December 1, 2025  
December 15, 2025

### COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETINGS @ 6:00 P.M.

January 14, 2025  
January 28, 2025  
February 11, 2025  
February 26, 2025(25<sup>th</sup> Primary)  
March 11, 2025  
March 25, 2025  
April 15, 2025  
April 29, 2025  
May 13, 2025  
May 27, 2025  
June 10, 2025  
June 24, 2025  
July 15, 2025  
July 29, 2025  
August 12, 2025  
August 26, 2025  
September 9, 2025  
September 23, 2025  
October 14, 2025  
October 28, 2025  
November 12, 2025(11<sup>th</sup> Holiday)  
November 25, 2025  
December 9, 2025  
December 23, 2025

#### CITY COUNCIL

FIRST WARD  
STEVE PARROTT  
ROBIN MCCLALLEN

SECOND WARD  
DAVID SANDERS  
SAM DOWNS

THIRD WARD  
KEVIN BATEMAN  
WANDA LEE ROHLFS

FOURTH WARD  
RHONDA O'DONOGHUE  
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## CITY OF LINCOLN 2025 HOLIDAYS

JANUARY 1 <sup>ST</sup>	WEDNESDAY	NEW YEARS DAY
JANUARY 20 <sup>TH</sup>	MONDAY	MARTIN LUTHER KING
FEBRUARY 12 <sup>TH</sup>	WEDNESDAY	LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY
APRIL 18 <sup>TH</sup>	FRIDAY	GOOD FRIDAY
MAY 26 <sup>TH</sup>	MONDAY	MEMORIAL DAY
JUNE 19 <sup>TH</sup>	THURSDAY	JUNETEENTH
JULY 4 <sup>TH</sup>	FRIDAY	INDEPENDENCE DAY
SEPTEMBER 1 <sup>ST</sup>	MONDAY	LABOR DAY
OCTOBER 13 <sup>TH</sup>	MONDAY	COLUMBUS DAY
NOVEMBER 11 <sup>TH</sup>	TUESDAY	VETERAN'S DAY
NOVEMBER 27 <sup>TH</sup>	THURSDAY	THANKSGIVING
NOVEMBER 28 <sup>TH</sup>	FRIDAY	DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING
DECEMBER 25 <sup>TH</sup>	THURSDAY	CHRISTMAS DAY
DECEMBER 26 <sup>TH</sup>	FRIDAY	DAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

Peggy S. Bateman  
City Clerk

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2024 - \_\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LINCOLN IN SUPPORT OF STATE ACTION TO  
PROTECT THE MAHOMET AQUIFER**

**WHEREAS**, drinking water aquifers are a public good and critical resource threatened by changing climate, pollution, and overconsumption; and

**WHEREAS**, the US Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”) can designate an aquifer as a sole source aquifer if no reasonably available alternative drinking water sources exist should the aquifer become contaminated; and

**WHEREAS**, the US EPA has designated the Mahomet Aquifer as a sole-source aquifer, and may, upon petition, designate other aquifers in Illinois as sole source; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mahomet Aquifer provides drinking water for nearly 1 million people in Central Illinois, including many Logan County residents and City of Lincoln residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the business of sequestering carbon in saline aquifers is increasing due to the federal 45Q tax credit, which offers \$85 per metric ton of sequestered carbon; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mt. Simon Sandstone saline aquifer, located below the freshwater Mahomet Aquifer, is an attractive target for CO<sub>2</sub> sequestration; and

**WHEREAS**, new carbon sequestration projects propose to sequester carbon at an unprecedented scale in Illinois, with projects proposing to store over one hundred times the amount of carbon already sequestered in Illinois; and

**WHEREAS**, as of this date, four of seven new carbon sequestration projects would inject CO<sub>2</sub> through and/or store it under the Mahomet Aquifer or its recharge areas; and

**WHEREAS**, it is likely that more carbon sequestration projects will be proposed in Illinois, and some may impact the Mahomet Aquifer in Logan County; and

**WHEREAS**, leaked carbon risks acidification of the Mahomet Aquifer, threatening to release heavy metals known to cause acute and chronic toxicity, liver, kidney, and intestinal damage, anemia, and cancer; and

**WHEREAS**, no guarantee exists that CO<sub>2</sub> won't leak into the Mahomet Aquifer; and

**WHEREAS**, Archer Daniels Midland's carbon sequestration facility, where the only active carbon sequestration wells in Illinois are located, has leaked twice; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of the State of Illinois that its only current sole source aquifer, the Mahomet Aquifer, and any future sole source aquifers are protected from water quality threats; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Lincoln desires to protect the Mahomet Aquifer and all sole source aquifers, recognizing that no reasonably available alternative drinking water sources exist should these aquifers become contaminated.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINCOLN, LOGAN COUNTY, ILLINOIS:**

**SECTION 1.** that the City of Lincoln calls on the General Assembly and the Governor of Illinois to protect the Mahomet Aquifer and future designated sole-source aquifers in the state from potential contamination associated with injecting CO<sub>2</sub> through and storage of CO<sub>2</sub> under any sole source aquifer and its recharge areas, by passing, without delay, a Sole Source Aquifer Carbon Sequestration Ban.

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

Alderman Parrott	_____	Alderwoman Rohlf	_____
Alderwoman McClallen	_____	Alderman Bateman	_____
Alderman Downs	_____	Alderman Eimer	_____
Alderwoman O'Donoghue	_____	Alderman Sanders	_____

Ayes: \_\_\_\_\_

Nays: \_\_\_\_\_

Abstain: \_\_\_\_\_

Absent: \_\_\_\_\_

Passed and approved this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

CITY OF LINCOLN,

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

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

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_ (SEAL)

City Clerk, City of Lincoln,  
Logan County, Illinois

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Mayor and City Council Members  
**FROM:** Ashley Metelko, Administrative Assistant  
**MEETING DATE:** November 26, 2024  
**RE:** Allocation of remaining ARPA Funds

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**Background:**

As most of you may know, all remaining ARPA funds must be allocated by December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024. That deadline is fast approaching. I am requesting that we use the remaining ARPA funds towards a pavilion in our 8<sup>th</sup> Street Park. That amount looks to be about \$136, 514.44. If we do not allocate this money by December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024, then it must be returned.

**Council Recommendation:** To be placed on regular agenda December 2, 2024.