DIRECTOR’S MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2003 - 11:00 A.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 113

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IV. DIRECTORS

V. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

VI. ADJOURNMENT
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2003
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COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Jon Camp, Chair; Terry Werner, Vice-Chair; Jonathan Cook, Annette McRoy, Ken Svoboda, Patte Newman, Glenn Friendt.

OTHERS PRESENT: Mayor Coleen Seng, Mark Bowen, Ann Harrell, Corrie Kielty, Lin Quenzer, Darl Naumann, Mayor’s Office; City Clerk, Joan Ross; Dana Roper, City Attorney; Directors and Department Heads; Darrell Podany, Aide to Council Members Camp, Friendt, & Svoboda; Tammy Grammer, City Council Staff and Nate Jenkins, Lincoln Journal Star Representative.

I. MAYOR

Mayor Coleen Seng stated to Council that she was down here for a little while for their Pre-Council Meeting regarding ‘Acreage Cost of Rural Services Study’ and then she watched some more of it up stairs and commented that it’s going to be a big issue. Mayor Seng commented that it is one of those things that was in the Comprehensive Plan and they’re all going to now live with it.

Mayor Coleen Seng stated to Council the officer in Omaha that was killed, he’s a relative, a brother of one of our own officers, so Police Chief Casady may want to tell them about the group that’s going up tomorrow for the funeral. Police Chief Casady stated to Council that they have 134 officers that are going to go up to the funeral and this is not effecting staffing along with the personnel at all that some of them are going up on their own time. So, if they hear any complaints that they took all the Police Officers out of the City for this, that’s not true. Police Chief Casady stated to Council that they’re going to be helping the Omaha Police Department covering some of their jurisdictions during the funeral procession. Police Chief Casady stated to Council the officer that was murdered, Jason Pratt, his brother Mike Pratt is a Lincoln Police Officer.

Mayor Coleen Seng stated to Council that they probably have read and saw that Harley Bair gave a very fine large contribution into the Sunken Gardens capital campaign. Mayor Seng stated to Council that Harley Bair is the nephew of E.M. Bair, the Lincoln Park Superintendent who created the Gardens and was in office back in the early 1930’s. Mr. Camp asked Mayor Seng how does the challenge work because he didn’t notice that in her Press Release like one for one, dollar to dollar or something from others. Mayor Seng stated to Mr. Camp ‘no’ and commented Lynn [Johnson]. Lynn Johnson stated that he’s not sure that he knows the specifics on that yet, but he will find out and let him know. Mayor Seng stated to Mr. Camp that if they go to the Garden Party on Sunday, they will probably find out.
Mayor Coleen Seng stated to Council that she thinks, Don Herz has some really good news about the Sales Tax figures. Don Herz stated to Council that he just got their Sales Tax numbers on Friday and so he will hand those out to them and indicated that this is for the month of September, which represents sales in July. Mr. Herz stated to Council the Gross Sales Tax are up 5% and their Net Sales are up about 4.6% and he thinks the thing that is kind of interesting is the fact that it’s such a strong month on top of last year’s month of September when they had such a strong month. So, if they look at the last page they started the year up about $338,000 over their projections and so it’s just a good start to the fiscal year and he thought that they would be interested in it. [Copy of the hand out is on file in the City Council Office - RE: Sales Tax figures]

Mayor Coleen Seng stated to Council that there’s a Town Hall Meeting tonight and she hopes that some of them can get out there to North Star. Mayor Seng stated to Council that she also really wants to ‘thank’ them all that several of them have been picking up various invitations to represent the City and so ‘thank you’ very much when they do that. Mayor Seng stated to Council that unless they object, she will continue it and commented that she knows that Terry [Werner] even had to sit through a long installation and that’s very long, so ‘thank-you’.

1. Letter from Mayor Coleen Seng - RE: Invite to her first Town Hall Meeting on September 22nd. — Mayor Coleen Seng reminded Council of the Town Hall Meeting tonight during her comments to them under “I. Mayor”. (See that discussion)

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II. CITY CLERK

City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Council that before they start on the Agenda, she has a couple of things for them, which actually does pertain to the Agenda, but she just wants to highlight them. City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Council that on “Barrymore’s”, she did give them a hand out along with their ‘Miscellaneous Referral Sheet’ of their conditional approval. City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Council that she just got this information in this morning, so the applicant hasn’t heard, however, it can be mailed to
the applicant and also be brought up at the meeting today when they come in. City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Council that she has the licenses and if approved, then she will just send those out one at a time as she does on all football SDL licenses.

Mr. Cook stated to City Clerk Joan Ross okay, they have this conditional of approval for “Barrymore’s”, but they also received another conditional of approval for “Barrymore’s” in the packet, so should they combine those two. City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Mr. Cook that one is from Fire Inspector Chuck Schweitzer and one is from the Health Department and the one from Mr. Schweitzer came in early enough that she could mail it to the applicant. Mr. Cook stated to City Clerk Joan Ross okay, so they just need to include both of them. City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Mr. Cook ‘right’, he will get both of them.

City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Council the next thing that she needs to talk about is on the “Miscellaneous Referral” that there’s an item of setting a hearing date of October 6, 2003 at 1:30 p.m. on “T’s Stop & Shop” for a Class B liquor license located at 1301 N. 27th Street. City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Council that they have not applied for their Zoning Special Permit and she has been told by Investigator Fosler that they were aware of the process, however the application from the Liquor Commission did come in. City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Council that she has prepared a letter for the applicant advising them of that and so what she has done is set this for their regular hearing for them with the usual advertising. But, she would recommend denial simply based on the fact that they did not go through this whole new Special Permit process and she has a letter to go out to the applicant addressing this issue and she intends to copy it to the Liquor Commission. So, if that is acceptable that’s what she will do once the hearing date is set and so they will just take care of that at the meeting, unless, they have other questions. City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Council that there will be no reports from Investigator Fosler on this, if you direct differently, because he feels like if there would be a recommendation of denial until the zoning permit is applied for it, he would feel the resource for them on the liquor application at the time isn’t appropriate for that to be exposed. Discussion continued with Council, City Clerk Joan Ross and Dana Roper on this issue. Following the discussion, City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Council okay, she will get together with Investigator Fosler and make sure that he can have the report ready for them by October 6th, before they get to their meeting because he’s got several license applications already and they’re backing him out farther. So, if this would be a problem to get the investigation and interview finished, she may come back to them at 1:30 p.m. and ask for maybe a later Public Hearing date. Police Chief Casady stated to Council and City Clerk Joan Ross that they will get it done. City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Police Chief Casady okay, they’ll go for October 6th.
City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Council that in regards to Items 7 & 13 [Approving a four-year lease agreement between the City and Capital Towing Inc. for a vehicle impound lot located at 101 Charleston Street; and Approving a four-year contract between the City and Capital Towing Inc. for vehicular towing and storage] she would like to call these two items together.

Mr. Camp commented that he’s assuming they’ll have motions to delay vote on the Resolution for them to coordinate with the Ordinance. Mr. Camp stated that a radio station already reported that they were going to do that, so they ought to do what the news media says what their going to do [laughter] and indicated that he heard it on the radio this morning. Mr. Cook commented that these have to go together, he assumes, there’s no way they can vote on them separately. Dana Roper stated to Mr. Cook that they can vote on them separately if they wanted to, it seems like they’re probably a package. Mr. Camp commented why don’t they delay it because that has been their procedure on something like this.

City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Council that in regards to Item 14 [Appeal of the Denial of Issuance of a Peddler Permit to Carisa Risor by Police Department] Carisa Risor is intending to be here today, she called her last week and talked to her about what to expect and she did inform her that she would be here today.

City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Council that in regards to Items 15, 16 & 18 [Setting the hearing date of Monday, October 6, 2003 at 1:30 p.m. for the App. of Chad & Kira Goertzen dba Zen’s for a liquor catering license located at 122 N. 11th Street, Suite 2; For the App. of Jan-Al Inc. dba Simply Paradise Social Hall for an addition to their licensed premise (5’ 2” x 17’ 6”) located at 3235 North 35th Street; and For the App. of Overstreet, Inc. dba T’s Stop & Shop for a Class B liquor license located at 1301 N. 27th Street] she would like to call these three items together.

Mr. Camp stated to City Clerk Joan Ross that he was going to make a comment about the meeting today, after she calls Item 7 [Approving a four-year lease agreement between the City and Capital Towing Inc. for a vehicle impound lot located at 101 Charleston Street]. Mr. Camp stated to City Clerk Joan Ross that he’s sure that they will have quite a bit of testimony on it, he has no idea who’s going to come, but he would like to advise opposed to the testimony that they would like to keep on track. Mr. Camp commented that he just thought that they should keep the testimony on line and not get off track. City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Mr. Camp so he intends to make a statement. Mr. Camp stated to City Clerk Joan Ross ‘yes’, after she calls Item 7, he’s just going to say to the first people that come to testify that they would like to stay on track. City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Mr. Camp that she will call Items 7 & 13 together. Mr. Camp stated to City Clerk Joan Ross ‘yes’.
Mr. Cook stated that under “II. City Clerk” there is a letter from George Hancock about the lighting district asking why it is done as it’s done and he’s suggesting that it not be assessed as it is by lot or by some particular lot size that just because it’s a bigger lot, he doesn’t benefit more. Mr. Cook stated that he knows that there has been a lot of discussion about it and that there are owners that have large frontages that are going to be expected to pay more and he thinks that question may come up during the Public Hearing. Mr. Cook stated that he knows that will be an issue for Board of Equalization and he thinks that maybe they need a letter in writing back to Mr. Hancock that they also can provide to others who have questions about how this assessment process is working. Mr. Cook commented that you vote one way, you’re assessed a different way and there’s lots of other logical ways to do it and there’s a reason why it was done this way, but it requires explanation.

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   Mr. Camp stated that he has one question and commented to Patte Newman you had this RFI on the South 84th Street and Public Works is handling it. Mr. Camp stated to Allan Abbott since they had the Public Hearing on it, how is the negotiations going with some of the property owners is there any give and take and stated that he knows that Roger [Figard] worked on it. Allan Abbott stated to Mr. Camp that there has been a lot of giving, he doesn’t know about on taking, but obviously there are those property owners no matter what they do, they are not going to be satisfied. Mr. Abbott stated that he thinks they met with them all again and made another offer and cut back what they could, so ‘yes’ there has been continuing discussions with them whether or not they’re satisfied is a different question. Mr. Camp commented to Mr. Abbott so there has been giving since that date. Mr. Abbott stated to Mr. Camp ‘yes’.

GLENN FRIENDT

   Mr. Friendt stated that he would like to talk with Allan Abbott after the Directors’ Meeting today.
1. Request to Allan Abbott, Public Works & Utilities Director - RE: Constituent/ Brome Lane closing (RFI#27 - 9/10/03). — NO COMMENTS FROM GLENN FRIENDT.

Mr. Cook stated that in regards to the Brome Lane closing, he has received a lot of phone calls about it. Mr. Cook stated that he did communicate with Allan [Abbott] on Friday about the possibility of setting up a meeting with the neighbors because there’s so many up set with this that they need to have somebody from Public Works come out and talk about the design and why they’re doing what they’re doing and whether there are any other options left. Mr. Cook indicated to Mr. Abbott that a lot of those folks feel like they didn’t know and it’s important to them. Mr. Cook stated to Allan Abbott that he now has the statistics on who uses the road, so “thank-you” for that and he thinks that is something that needs to be brought to those folks as well. Mr. Cook stated to Mr. Abbott that he’s going to talk to Lori Seibel, since he thinks that she was kind of a lead person there to see about setting up a meeting. Mr. Friendt commented to Allan Abbott that he thinks that there’s got to be a little different response from them. Allan Abbott stated to Mr. Friendt that just for the record, they have called Lori [Seibel] several times asking to set up a meeting, she was supposed to set it up and she has never called back and she continues to go to Council person to Council person to get the answer changed, rather than to meet to understanding answers. Mr. Abbott stated to Council that they’ll be glad to meet, but just so they know they have made the offer to meet, but she has not responded, so they’ll make another offer to meet. Mr. Werner stated to Mr. Abbott if one gets set up, will he let him know. Mr. Abbott stated to Mr. Werner that they will let the whole Council know.

JON CAMP

1. Letter & Picture from Steve & Jeanne Cross (4307 Prescott) - RE: Thank you for your efforts in finding solutions to our neighborhood street concerns. — Mr. Camp stated that he appreciates the Public Works & Utilities Department getting the street crossing there done.

2. Letter & Material from Brian McManus - RE: The “Segway” transportation device. — Mr. Camp stated to Police Chief Casady that on the Segway transportation device, he thinks at one point, he had reported that this was something they would not see being in Lincoln. Mr. Camp asked Police Chief Casady if he has seen this material that was sent in by Mr. McManus. Police Chief Casady stated to Mr. Camp ‘no’, he hasn’t seen it. Mr. Camp asked Police Chief Casady if this is something that’s ever going to make it’s way to Lincoln. Police Chief Casady stated to Mr. Camp that his only concern is that they have a constant problem with motorized devices on sidewalks and streets, mostly with the electric and gas power scooters, he’s talking about for 13 year olds and they get a lot of complaints about them. Police Chief Casady stated that he thinks they have effectively kind of nipped that in the bottom pretty much, although, they still get quite a few of complaints on it, they’ve kind of prevented the spread of those
devices as possible. So, he’s really opposed to the idea of changing their Ordinance to allow motorized vehicles on the sidewalks and the streets, unless, they can do it in a way that doesn’t open the door for all sorts of other motorized devices and the segway of course is expensive enough that they’re probably never going to see lots and lots of them. Police Chief Casady stated to Mr. Camp that he just doesn’t want to make a mistake by changing the ordinance and suddenly not being able to ink the electrics and the gas power scooters off the streets.

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4. E-Mail from Ed Caudill, President, North Bottoms Neighborhood Association - RE: Party Patrol. — Mr. Camp asked Police Chief Casady if they’re getting in balance on that area. Police Chief Casady stated to Mr. Camp that they continue to work very hard and gather all sorts of criticism for trying to track down a number of these large drinking parties, which they caught from both directions. Chief Casady stated to Council that they’re committed to staying on course here trying varied enforcement at wild parties, but it’s a huge, huge problem. Ms. Newman stated to Mr. Camp that ‘NUDirections’ is setting up a meeting with Tom Workman, with Ed and a couple of the neighborhood people and she’s invited that they’re going to see if they can tackle it from an University direction. Chief Casady stated to Council that he’s the Co-Chair at ‘NUDirections’ and he can assure them that what they’re going to do is get together and have a meeting where they’ll see first hand how they’re catching it from both directions.

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person in order to make both full-time or are they still looking for an additional person. Ms. Peck stated to Mr. Cook that they will wait and see how many participants come to the Centers when they open and then decide after that. So, they’re going to see how many folks are going to return to those two Centers, first and it’s going to start next Monday. Mr. Cook stated to Ms. Peck okay and indicated that he worries that cutting hours may affect the participation. Mayor Seng stated to Council that she has a letter that came in and it’s up stairs, people are concerned. Mr. Cook commented to Mayor Seng ‘yes’, he’s also concerned about it and he thinks that they should revisit this issue fairly soon. Ms. Peck stated to Mr. Cook okay.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

1. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Public Encouraged To Not Let Their Guard Down - West Nile Virus. — Mr. Camp asked Bruce Dart if there’s any update on the West Nile Virus, he knows that it has been in the news a lot and they’re still spraying. Bruce Dart stated to Mr. Camp that it’s still the same information, they’re still seeing cases, they’re seeing an increase, they’re still following the national trend and it’s going to be this way until the first freeze and then that takes care of the problem. Mr. Camp asked Mr. Dart if this is an annual thing that they’re going to be experiencing from now on. Mr. Dart stated to Mr. Camp that they will really have to wait and see, if they’re going to experience next year what Louisiana experienced in terms that they’re going to have much more immunity in the populations. So, they’ll have less transmission, they hope, but that’s what they will move on to next year and see if that is what happens.

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5. The Lincoln Public Schools Newsletter - September 2003. — NO COMMENTS

6. E-Mail from Barb Long - RE: Capitol Towing. — NO COMMENTS

7. Letter from Todd Blome, Chair, LIBA - RE: City Budget Concerns. — Mr. Cook stated that he wanted to ask about this LIBA letter and normally this wouldn’t attract his attention much, but he did want to ask about one item in the letter, which is the claim that they continue to remove approximately $5,000,000 annually from street fund revenue to the general operating budget. Mr. Cook asked Allan Abbott if he could explain how that’s happening or what he’s referring to. Allan Abbott stated to Mr. Cook ‘yes’, he has seen the letter. Mr. Abbott stated to Council that if they take a look at their budget book this time when they went through it shows that they get about $5,000,000 a year from the General Fund to subsidize the operation of StarTran [inaudible] bonds bring in a little over $1,000,000 a year and the budget is a little over $7,000,000 a year. Mr. Abbott stated to Council that they get some money from the State and from the Federal Government on the gas tax hike up and then there’s $5,000,000 subsidy from the General Fund to pay for StarTran, which that part of the letter is true about the $5,000,000. Mr. Abbott stated to Council the part that’s not true is that it comes from street construction, it’s transferred to the General Fund and
then sent to StarTran. Mr. Abbott commented to Council ‘no’, the street construction funds are not subsidizing $5,000,000 to StarTran, it’s the General Fund that’s subsidizing, but the $5,000,000 is about right. Discussion continued with Council and Allan Abbott on this issue with comments and questions from the Council. Following the discussion, Mayor Seng stated to Mr. Cook that she will be setting up a meeting, she just got her letter this morning and so she will try to set up a meeting. Mr. Cook commented to Mayor Seng so she will be responding to this letter. Mayor Seng stated to Mr. Cook ‘yes’. Mr. Cook ‘thanked’ Mayor Seng. Mayor Seng commented to Council that they need to sit down and Allan [Abbott] needs to be at the meeting and a few others and they’ll go over each of those pieces. Mayor Seng indicated to Council that she saw the letter yesterday when she was reading the Council packet and then she got her letter today.

8. E-Mail from Susan Strong - RE: Wilderness Ridge Homeowners. — Mr. Cook stated that there’s concern about notice being given to residents about the upcoming hearing on the Auto Dealership, who was notified when this came before the Planning Commission. Mr. Cook asked if the Homeowners Association notified the Wilderness Ridge Homeowners Association? Ray Hill stated to Mr. Cook that they can check on it that they did the standard mailing and if there was a neighborhood organization that they knew of, they would have received a copy of it if they lived within the area. Mr. Cook commented to Mr. Hill does that include Homeowners Associations. Mr. Hill indicated to Mr. Cook if they have a list of them. Marvin Krout stated to Mr. Cook that most of the Homeowners Associations are not on the list of Neighborhood Associations, especially the newer ones, so there’s a good chance that a new Homeowners Association would not be on the list and might not have been notified. Mr. Cook commented to Mr. Krout so they essentially need to register with them or with the Urban Development Department. Mr. Krout stated to Mr. Cook that they need to register with the Urban Development Department. Mr. Krout stated to Mr. Cook that he has a meeting next week to meet with several of the residents who have concerns and one has been visiting with him about it. Mr. Cook stated to Mr. Krout okay and so is it reasonable to ask for this one person to be notified or is there some other process, which he thinks is going through this Public Hearing. Mr. Krout stated to Mr. Cook that he will notify anyone who has contacted them individually, he doesn’t know of any other way to do it. Mr. Cook stated to Mr. Krout okay. Discussion continued on this issue. Following the discussion, Mr. Cook stated that he thinks they need to have a better or a more consistent way of notifying people about projects not just Planning projects, but Public Works projects and so on. Mr. Cook suggested to may be have one centralize data base, which he thinks would be more efficient and all of the departments can make use of it, so that’s something that he would like to follow up on, if they can.
IV. DIRECTORS

PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT - [Lynn Johnson passed out an invitation to Council.] Lynn Johnson stated to Council that he has an invitation for them to the Garden Party on Sunday afternoon, if they haven’t already received one. Lynn Johnson stated to Council that this is a family oriented event that will be taking place Sunday afternoon and they’re all invited to it. Mr. Cook asked Mr. Johnson who pays for the advertising of the Gardens part that’s on television and commented those are nice ads. Mr. Johnson asked Mr. Cook if it’s channel 8 that’s running it. Mr. Cook stated to Mr. Johnson that he thinks so. Mr. Johnson stated to Mr. Cook that channel 8 is a sponsor of the fund-raising campaign and so he would guess that they are probono and indicated that he was gone last week, so there is some pieces missing that he’s a little behind on. Mr. Cook stated to Mr. Johnson okay, ‘well’, they’re nice, but he was hoping that was the case. Mayor Seng stated to Mr. Cook that they have a foundation. Mr. Cook commented ‘well’, sure there are other reasonable ways to pay for it.

V. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

KEN SVOBODA - NO COMMENTS

ANNETTE McROY


TERRY WERNER

Mr. Werner commented that he doesn’t see Fire Chief Spadt here, but Rich, do you know about the ambulance policy at football games, the Public Schools have always paid and they’re no longer doing that and asked if that’s correct. Assistant Fire Chief Richard Furasek stated to Mr. Werner that’s correct. Mr. Werner stated to Assistant Chief Furasek so there’s ‘no’ service what so ever there and asked him if he knows what it costs to have the ambulance there per game. Assistant Chief Furasek stated to Mr. Werner that he can’t say explicitly what their last charge was. Mr. Werner commented
that he had somebody that was concerned about it. Ms. Newman commented that she was actually at the first North Star football game and they had to call an ambulance and they did take someone to the hospital and she doesn’t think that there was necessarily a delay, so they are there if they need them. Mr. Camp stated that he thinks in the past the School Board paid and he thinks that there was an Editorial that talked about $160.00 and then it went up to $240.00 dollars a day or something. Mayor Seng commented that it was the same time as the School Resource Officers...

PATTE NEWMAN

Ms. Newman stated to Council that she was wondering if any of her colleagues got an E-Mail from Leadership Lincoln, Deane Finnegan. Mr. Camp indicated to Ms. Newman that he’ll be bringing that up here in a minute. Ms. Newman stated to Mr. Camp ‘oh’ okay, go ahead and commented that she was not around when they voted on it and she doesn’t know the details of the contract, so go for it. Mr. Camp stated to Ms. Newman okay.

JONATHAN COOK

Mr. Cook asked Police Chief Casady when did they know about the Ashcroft Event in Omaha in order to send officers, since he saw their folks from Lancaster County on television. Chief Casady stated to Mr. Cook ‘oh’ a couple days before it happened. Mr. Cook commented to Chief Casady so further ahead than the news media would have known or you don’t know that, I guess, but... Chief Casady stated to Mr. Cook that he doesn’t know when the news media knew about it. Mr. Cook stated to Chief Casady okay because he has been hearing that these meetings are often announced just like a day before and to the media. Chief Casady stated to Mr. Cook ‘no’, it was about 2 days, he thinks when he got an E-Mail from the U.S. Attorney’s Office. Mr. Cook stated to Chief Casady okay and asked him how many of their folks went. Chief Casady stated to Mr. Cook that two of them went to it.

Mr. Cook stated Allan [Abbott] or Nicole [Fleck-Tooze] there is a green light out at 10th & “D” Street.

Mr. Cook stated to the Building & Safety Department that he got a call about why on gas piping permits they require that the gas company take out permits to do work and this person wondered why they would do that, they’re the gas company. Mr. Cook indicated that he told them that he assumes they just do that with all contractors and the gas company is just a contractor as far as their concerned and asked if that was correct. Mike Merwick stated to Mr. Cook that he doesn’t know, he’ll have to find out. Mr. Cook stated to Mr. Merwick okay. Allan Abbott asked Mr. Cook where they’re working? Mr. Cook stated to Mr. Abbott in someone’s house. Mr. Cook commented that he’s curious, they thought ‘gee’ the gas company should know what they’re doing and why are they inspecting it again. Mr. Merwick asked Mr. Cook if they’re installing a furnace or
something like that. Mr. Cook indicated to Mr. Merwick that they’re just changing around a gas line. Mr. Merwick stated to Mr. Cook that he’ll find out, but he would image, if they’re contracting to do it that’s why they have to take the permit out. Mr. Cook commented to Mr. Merwick ‘yes’, the gas company is private and that’s what he was trying to explain to them, but he just thought he would check on it.

Mr. Cook stated that he would like to talk to Allan Abbott and Lynn Johnson after the Directors’ Meeting today.

GLENN FRIENDT - NO COMMENTS

JON CAMP

Mr. Camp stated to the Urban Development Department that there were E-Mail’s that came out this weekend about parking at Old Federal and how that impacts Leadership Lincoln and Old City Hall. Mr. Camp stated that Dallas [McGee] gave him a little report before the meeting, but he thought maybe he could tell them a little bit about what’s happening to the Old Federal and then on the parking situation. Dallas McGee stated to Council that the work is continuing, it’s actually on schedule and they’re scheduled to have it completed next June and it will be open for residential and commercial use. Mr. McGee stated to Mr. Camp that he did get a copy of his E-Mail this morning, which identified concerns about the parking. Mr. McGee stated that the redevelopment agreement, which was before them in May did identify that portion of the site that would be sold to ‘NuStyle’ as well as the portion of the site that would be retained by the City. Mr. McGee stated to Council that everything to the west of the Old City Hall was identified as being sold to ‘NuStyle’ as part of that redevelopment agreement and the parking for those agencies in the Old City Hall is identified as that area to the east of Old City Hall on the south side of the alley. Mr. McGee stated to Council that nothing has changed since that was brought to them in May and he understands that there are some concerns about some of the parking that has been continued to be used west of the building, but that is part of what was sold to ‘NuStyle’. Mr. Camp asked Mr. McGee how many parking spots are there to the east that will remain? Mr. McGee stated to Mr. Camp that to the east there are 7 parking stalls on the east side of the building south of the alley. Mr. Camp commented to Mr. McGee that Leadership Lincoln has four currently and so they’ll shift over 4 of those. Mr. McGee stated to Mr. Camp that there are other agencies in Old City Hall that will be asking for some of those as well, there is the Arts Council and other offices as well. Mr. Camp ‘thanked’ Mr. McGee and stated that they’d appreciate it, if he could get some mediation there and let him know if there’s a difficulty. Mr. McGee stated to Mr. Camp ‘sure’. Marc Wullschleger stated to Mr. Camp the reason for the phone lines being cut in Old City Hall is that the Old City Hall’s phone lines run through the Old Federal and they will resolve that situation and so that’s been the problem.
Mr. Camp stated to Assistant Fire Chief Richard Furasek that tomorrow morning at 7:30 a.m. they have a meeting with Don Herz and Mike Miriovsky, they’re going to have Fire Chief Spadt talk about the ambulance fee. Mr. Camp stated that Patte [Newman] had suggested it and he just got word early this morning that Chief Spadt couldn’t be there and so could he see that they have a representative there. Mayor Seng stated to Mr. Camp that she really wanted to be in attendance at that meeting and she would really like to have that meeting postponed until next week and stated that Chief Spadt needs to be there and he’s on vacation this week. Mr. Camp stated that he thought he was on vacation last week and he was going to be back this week that’s why they set it for tomorrow. Mayor Seng stated to Mr. Camp ‘well’, he’s not back yet and commented because she thinks someone else was taking his place this morning out at [inaudible]. Mayor Seng stated to Mr. Camp that she asked to be at the meeting whenever it’s going to take place and she was in hopes that it could happen next week. Mr. Camp commented that this is a follow up on the Pre-Council that they had about a month ago and in fact, he hasn’t gotten any notes either on it. Mr. Werner asked who was invited to it? Mr. Camp stated to Mr. Werner that some of them suggested the Council Chair get together with Finance, EMS and Fire and that’s the way he set it up and he did it around Chief Spadt’s schedule and so that surprised him in the E-Mail that he was gone this week and was gone last week. Mr. Camp stated that he’s concerned if they delay it too much farther because they’re going to lose Mike Miriovsky because he thinks that his last day is September 30rd. Mayor Seng commented to Mr. Camp that the Medical Society is all geared up to take over. Mr. Camp stated to Mayor Seng that they’ll be taking over, but he just thought who they’ve had there for the last several years that gives them the resource and he thought it was important to have that input and maybe a follow up. Mr. Camp stated that he would like to see if they can do some of it and asked if there is somebody else in Fire that could be a representative. Mayor Seng commented to Mr. Camp that she doesn’t know, she would really like to be at that meeting. Mr. Camp commented to Mayor Seng that she’s more than welcome to be there, he’s just trying to get the thing rolling. Mayor Seng stated to Mr. Camp that it will probably be a problem with her schedule tomorrow. Mr. Camp commented to Mayor Seng could one of her assistants be there, if she’s not able to. Mayor Seng stated to Mr. Camp that she would like to be the one to attend. Mr. Camp stated to Mayor Seng okay, they’ll see what they can do on that.

Mr. Camp adjourned the Directors’ Meeting at this time. - [Approximately at 12:01 p.m.]

**ADDENDUM - (For September 22nd)**

I. MAYOR

1. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Construction Under Way On Next Phase Of Salt Valley Sewer Project - Public meeting scheduled September 23rd to discuss improvements. — NO COMMENTS
II. CITY CLERK

1. Letter from Allan Abbott, Public Works & Utilities Director to Marjorie Dickman, c/o US Bank, Yvonne Lunney brought into City Council Office by City Clerk Joan Ross - RE: Ornamental Lighting District No. 286: S. 20th Street to S. 27th Street, Van Dorn to High Street - #57, 03R-261. — NO COMMENTS

2. Letter from Mrs. Eleanor Roberts brought into City Council Office by City Clerk Joan Ross - RE: Woodsdale Ornamental Lighting District - #57, 03R-261. — NO COMMENTS

III. CORRESPONDENCE

A. COUNCIL REQUESTS

JON CAMP

1. E-Mail from Greg & Patty Lang - RE: Change of Zone Issue in Witherbee Neighborhood (37th & J area). — NO COMMENTS

2. E-Mail from Jon Camp to Susan - RE: Witherbee Neighborhood Zoning Request. — NO COMMENTS

3. E-Mail from Jon Camp to Matt & Joan - RE: Witherbee resident. — NO COMMENTS

4. E-Mail from Erik & Ingrid Hansen - RE: Change of Zone #3416. — NO COMMENTS

B. DIRECTORS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

1. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Additional Areas To Be Sprayed. — NO COMMENTS

C. MISCELLANEOUS

1. Faxed Letter from Sara Schwartztrauber, Capital Towing Inc. - RE: The Towing Contract. — NO COMMENTS
2. Faxed Letter from Capital Towing - letter to Jim from Reve - RE: A “Thank-you” note, I appreciate you unlocking my door. — NO COMMENTS

3. E-Mail Letter from Shannon Rink - RE: Towing Contract. — NO COMMENTS

4. E-Mail Letter from Jeffrey Tangeman, President, Everett Neighborhood Association - RE: Change of Zone 3416. — NO COMMENTS

VI. MEETING ADJOURNED - Approximately at 12:01 p.m.