

**DIRECTORS' MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 7, 2007
11:00 A.M.
COUNTY/CITY BUILDING
CONFERENCE ROOM 113**

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Council Members Present: Dan Marvin, Vice-Chair; Annette McRoy, Ken Svoboda, Jon Camp, Jonathan Cook, Robin Eschliman

Council Member Absent: Patte Newman, Chair

Others Present: Mayor Coleen Seng, Mark Bowen, Ann Harrell, Lin Quenzer, Darl Naumann, Mayor's Office; City Clerk Joan Ross; Dana Roper, City Attorney; Directors and Department Heads; John Spatz, Doug Emery, Newly Elected City Council Members; Tammy Grammer, City Council Staff; Deena Winter, Lincoln Journal Star Representative; and Coby Mach, LIBA.

Meeting convened at 11:02 a.m.

Location Announcement of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act: A Copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act is Located on the Wall at the Rear of this Room.

I. MAYOR -

Mayor Coleen Seng introduced the two newly elected Council members that are visiting and observing today, Doug Emery and John Spatz. Everyone welcomed them.

She suspects all of them are concerned about Salt Creek and Antelope Creek. Diane Gonzolas has a picture on her camera that she would probably like to pass around so they can see it. Ms. Gonzolas noted that was yesterday and passed the camera around to Council. Mayor Seng commented there was a lot of telephone calls during the night on Saturday night.

Mayor Seng called on Directors. Ann Harrell introduced her friend Benton Whaley. He's a sophomore at Southeast High School and he is interested in civil service and so he is job shadowing her today for his career education class.

Karl Fredrickson (Public Works & Utilities Director) stated just to provide some information, we are going to look at trying to improve some traffic flow on Highway 2 through town. Moved that out a little head of their planned schedule but the Nebraska Trucking Association put it in their monthly letter a little head of time. They're proposing to do is shift trucks by signage to the right lane as they come through town

west bound Hwy 2 and would be allowed at Southwood to merge back to the left and make the left turn on Van Dorn Street. Hopefully to improve some traffic flows with only two or more semis lining both lanes so they slow down. So, probably next week is the soonest they start getting the signage up, they still have to make those but trying to improve traffic flow on Hwy 2. Mr. Svoboda asked if it's a request or recommendation or an ordinance will a driver be ticketed if they don't comply? Mr. Fredrickson replied they will be required, it will be a black and white regulatory sign so the trucks use right lane. They will have message boards up to get going and to educate but yes it will be regulatory.

Fire Chief Dan Wright reported as about 10:40 a.m. this morning they received official notification to be activated to Greensburg, Kansas with their USAR Team. So, they're in the process of doing that right now and sending the Task Force One Team down there, it's an 80 member team that will go down and help with the search efforts in that area. This is a funded program that will require FEMA resource.

He's happy to report that last year we had 29 cardiac saves, we're getting ready for EMS Week which is May 20th through May 26th and 29 saves those are people that have been clinically dead and brought back to life through the efforts of pre-hospital and hospital care. This is huge for us and we are very proud of our employees.

They're working on their "Phoenix Awards". They thought it was going to be May 23rd, however, they just learned this morning of a conflict with a Federal exercise with the 911 Center. So, when they get the date they will share let them know.

They probably heard they had a rescue alarm yesterday where we helped a young man out of the creek at 48th & Garland. He got to close and got down in the water, he couldn't get up the bank because it was kind of slippery because of where he was at this is pretty serious stuff.

They had a flood this weekend in the basement of Station 14 down where the back up 911 Center and the Training Division is located. A little bit in the Training Division but mainly in the storage areas. They're not quite sure but it appears the water backed up through the sanitary sewer. They're working with Public Works and the Health Department now to give us an assessment on mold and they had 46 inches of water going into the building. So, they're working on working through those issues now.

Police Chief Casady stated party houses are something you hear from citizens about quite a bit and he will just pass this around to see what the trend is and the arrests that they're making relating to party houses.

Last week the Mayor's Office was busy complying with clean your files week and it inspired him to do the same thing and he ran across something that he thinks citizens talked to them a lot about too. It's about how the worst drivers in the world live in Lincoln but AllState Insurance does a little thing they put out the past couple of years on their claims ratings and Lincoln was ranked the 22nd safest city of the 197 cities that they analyzed claims.

They had their first AED (automated external defibrillator) success over the weekend. About 9:30 p.m. on Saturday night there was a medical emergency dispatched to rural Lancaster County a couple miles south of the City. The dispatcher got on the radio asking for any unit with an AED, the Sheriff's office does not have AED's, but one of his officers Rusty Lashley who works on the Southeast Team area had his AED with him and he responded and saved a life of a 13-year old girl. They've got 10 of those total the Police Department does, and they would like to have more. He thinks this might be a real nice example for citizens who are wondering what to do with their donation dollars to think about the AED Consortium which provided those for us. Mr. Camp commented since they have 10 AED's are they kept in the vehicle or are they rotated per shift vehicle. Chief Casady stated they go with the officer in the vehicle so the AED's stay in the car.

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City Clerk Joan Ross stated on their Agenda today the Mayor's Award of Excellence.

Under 'Public Hearing-Liquor Resolutions' Items 2 & 3 will be called together. *[#2, Application of 55 Degrees, Inc. dba Bread & Cup for a Class I liquor license at 801 S Street.; and #3, Manager application of Kevin W. Shinn for 55 Degrees, Inc. dba Bread & Cup at 801 S Street.]*

On Item 5, Barney Cosner will be at the meeting and he intends to withdraw this application. Mr. Cosner will be there to explain why he is withdrawing and that he will come forward with something smaller but with more than one location still for the event coming up in June. *[#5, Application of Nebraska State Board of Agriculture for a special designated license covering a triangular area measuring approximately 2,145 feet by 600 feet at 1800 State Fair Park Drive on June 22, 2007 from 2:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m., June 23, 2007 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m., and on June 24, 2007 from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.]*

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JON CAMP -

Mr. Camp stated to Karl Fredrickson there's a railroad crossing down about 2nd or 3rd and South Street and he thinks Roger Figard is aware of that and he was thinking it was going to be repaired. But, he had a call this morning from the constituent that it still has not been repaired and it needs quite a bit of work. He thinks it is the railroads responsibility.

Mr. Camp commented granted he knows they had a lot of flooding this weekend and he received a call Saturday morning promptly from a citizen about mud coming from construction site and his street. Nicole Fleck-Tooze (Public Works & Utilities) stated to Mr. Camp that he can for their concerns to them and they can check into it. They are responding to all kinds of complaints from construction sites and depending on where it was in town. So, they're trying to assess where they're at and get things back in place and clean up where necessary but ultimately the property owners responsible for responding in some way. Mr. Camp stated to Ms. Tooze that he will get that information to her.

JONATHAN COOK -

Mr. Cook noted on Item 8 that he will be asking to place this item on pending for continue public hearing and action. *[#8, 07-73, Amending Title 20 of the Lincoln Municipal Code, the Building Code, by adding a new Chapter 20.02, entitled Neglected Building Registration, to require registration of neglected, deteriorated and/or abandoned buildings, to require the filing of plans for restoration or demolition of abandoned buildings, and to establish penalties for violations thereof.]*

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ADDENDUM - (For May 7th)

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- 2. NEWS RELEASE - RE: City Of Lincoln Honored With Peak Performances Safety Award. — NO COMMENTS
- 3. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Grants Awarded To Two Wetland Projects. — NO COMMENTS

II. CITY CLERK - NONE

III. CORRESPONDENCE

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PATTE NEWMAN

- 1. E-Mail from Jayne Sebby - RE: The proposed neglected properties Ordinance. — NO COMMENTS

B. DIRECTORS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS -

PLANNING

1. Response E-Mail from Jean Walker to Evelyn Fink - RE: Please pass construction site discharges ordinances. — NO COMMENTS

C. MISCELLANEOUS -

1. E-Mail from Carl Sjulín, President, West Gate Bank - RE: Neglected Building Ordinance. — NO COMMENTS
2. E-Mail from S.M. Dunn - RE: Support of the vacant structure ordinance. — NO COMMENTS
3. E-Mail from Evelyn Fink - RE: Support for passing construction site discharge ordinance. — NO COMMENTS
4. E-Mail from Steve Utrecht - RE: Support for the vacant buildings ordinance. — NO COMMENTS
5. Letter from Polly M. McMullen, DLA President; and Terry Uland, DLA Deputy Director - RE: The proposed neglected building ordinance - we would encourage you to put this proposed legislation on pending until similar community education and discussion can occur. — NO COMMENTS

[End of Addendum]

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