

**IN LIEU OF
DIRECTORS' MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2008**

I. MAYOR

1. NEWS RELEASE. Lincoln named nation's top digital city.
2. NEWS RELEASE. West lane of 40th closed from Normal to VanDorn.
3. NEWS RELEASE. "N" Street closed between 21st and 23rd Streets.

II. DIRECTORS

FINANCE/BUDGET

1. November Sales Tax Reports:
 - a) Actual compared to projected sales tax collections;
 - b) Gross sales tax collections (with refunds added back in) 2003-2004 through 2008-2009;
 - c) Sales tax refunds 2003-2004 through 2008-2009; and
 - d) Net sales tax collections 2003-2004 through 2008-2009.

CITY LIBRARIES

1. Library Director's Report.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

1. Annexation by ordinance map. Ordinance No. 19167, effective: November 11, 2008, 5.46 acres.

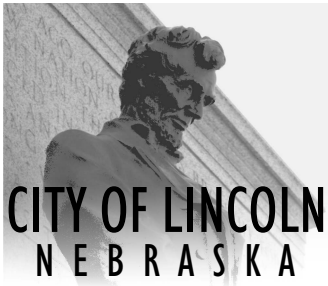
III. CITY CLERK

IV. COUNCIL REQUESTS/CORRESPONDENCE

V. MISCELLANEOUS

1. Email from Peggy Struwe containing information about the Whittier Building.
2. Email from Jodi Delozier questioning why, and if, the City Council would approve a rate hike increase for LES.
3. Community Health Endowment of Lincoln (CHE) news report.
4. Letter from Melinda Deinert suggesting consideration of a an inter-city light-rail between Lincoln and Omaha.

VI. ADJOURNMENT



NEWS RELEASE

MAYOR CHRIS BEUTLER

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: November 17, 2008

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831

LINCOLN NAMED NATION'S TOP DIGITAL CITY

Web site celebrates 13th anniversary ranked number one for comparable cities

For the second year in a row, the City of Lincoln has been named the top "digital city" in the nation by the Center for Digital Government, a national research and advisory institute. Lincoln ranked first among cities with populations from 125,000 to 250,000. It is the seventh time in eight years that Lincoln has finished in the top ten.

City Finance Director Don Herz will accept the award on behalf of the City at **9 a.m. Tuesday** at the annual **Nebraska Digital Summit** at the **Embassy Suites**. Interlinc, the City-County Web site (lincoln.ne.gov and lancaster.ne.gov), marks its 13th anniversary next month. The site averages about 20,000 electronic visits site each day, and 10 million page hits per month.

"Lincoln continues to be on the cutting edge in using technology to improve the delivery of City services," said Mayor Chris Beutler. "When citizens use the electronic services we offer, they help us make the City more efficient. Because of the outstanding job the Information Services Division has done in maintaining and increasing online services, our City Hall is now open virtually 24 hours a day."

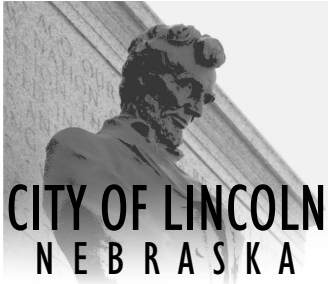
Citizens can use the City-County Web site to reserve golf tee times, buy season swimming pool passes, renew pet licenses, buy Husker parking, reload parking garage cards, conduct local criminal history checks and pay water bills and parking tickets. Lancaster County offers the ability to pay property taxes online, however, a credit card fee is required.

"In addition to launching new online services every year, all of the City's e-pay services offer an option to pay with no convenience fees added," said Doug Thomas, Information Services Division Manager. "This is unusual, as most cities require a fee for making Internet payments."

"This year's winners reflect that even with budgetary challenges, cities are placing a high value on citizen engagement and improved services," said Cathilea Robinett, executive director for the Center for Digital Government. "Cities are incorporating newer technologies such as Webcasting, podcasts and blogs while continuing to use IT to enhance delivery options for citizens and businesses."

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More than 300 cities participate in the annual study that assesses how local governments use information technology to streamline operations and deliver services. The study focused on the implementation of online services, planning, governance, infrastructure and architecture. More information on the Center for Digital Government is available at www.centerdigitalgov.com.



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PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

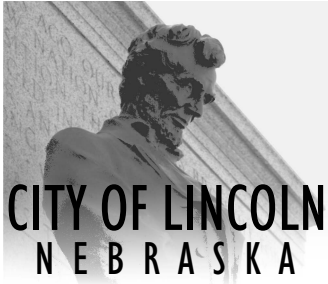
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: November 20, 2008

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Shane Dostal, Engineering Services, 525-7852

WEST LANE OF 40TH CLOSED FROM NORMAL TO VAN DORN

The southbound (west) lane of S. 40th Street from Normal to Van Dorn is closed due to a water main break. The break occurred about 7:45 this morning in the roadway on the southwest corner of 40th and Normal. The lane is expected to be closed through the weekend. Motorists are advised to use S. 48th St. as an alternate route.



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: November 20, 2008

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“N” STREET CLOSED BETWEEN 21ST AND 23RD STREETS

“N” Street between 21st and 23rd streets is closed for Antelope Valley Project channel construction, bridge work and utility work. It is expected to remain closed to through traffic until summer 2009.

“J” Street from Capitol Parkway to 24th Street also is closed for Antelope Valley bridge construction and is scheduled to reopen November 26, weather permitting. Until then, there are no through streets across Antelope Creek between “O” and Randolph streets. Pedestrians are able to cross Antelope Creek via the pedestrian bridge north of “J” Street near Lewis Fields.

A short section of 21st Street at “N” Street also is closed for utility work and is scheduled to reopen in late December, weather permitting. Access to the People’s City Mission Distribution Center is available on 21st Street south of “N” Street.

**Actual Compared to
Projected Sales Tax Collections**

	2008-09 PROJECTED	2008-09 ACTUAL	VARIANCE FROM PROJECTED	\$ CHANGE FR. 07-08	% CHANGE FR. 07-08
SEPTEMBER	\$4,648,330	\$4,377,476	(\$270,854)	(\$144,262)	-3.19%
OCTOBER	\$4,842,011	\$4,736,074	(\$105,937)	(\$237,187)	-4.77%
NOVEMBER	\$4,836,314	\$4,851,237	\$14,923	\$191,378	4.11%
DECEMBER	\$4,534,401				
JANUARY	\$4,654,027				
FEBRUARY	\$5,930,039				
MARCH	\$4,312,238				
APRIL	\$4,101,468				
MAY	\$4,785,046				
JUNE	\$4,631,241				
JULY	\$4,699,599				
AUGUST	\$4,990,120				
TOTAL	\$56,964,834	\$13,964,788	(\$361,867)	(\$190,071)	-3.81%

Actual collections through November are 2.53% below projections for the year

**CITY OF LINCOLN
GROSS SALES TAX COLLECTIONS
(WITH REFUNDS ADDED BACK IN)
2003-2004 THROUGH 2008-2009**

	ACTUAL 2003-2004	ACTUAL 2004-2005	ACTUAL 2005-2006	ACTUAL 2006-2007	% CHG. FR. PRIOR YEAR	ACTUAL 2007-2008	% CHG. FR. PRIOR YEAR	ACTUAL 2008-2009	% CHG. FR. PRIOR YEAR
SEPTEMBER	\$4,453,875	\$4,648,160	\$4,630,210	\$4,573,597	-1.22%	\$4,612,020	0.84%	\$4,812,555	4.35%
OCTOBER	\$4,670,587	\$4,706,690	\$4,823,369	\$4,712,519	-2.30%	\$5,052,950	7.22%	\$4,845,000	-4.12%
NOVEMBER	\$4,526,166	\$4,687,792	\$4,799,275	\$4,658,480	-2.93%	\$4,818,715	3.44%	\$4,937,998	2.48%
DECEMBER	\$4,314,111	\$4,500,338	\$4,511,403	\$4,445,761	-1.46%	\$4,753,456	6.92%		
JANUARY	\$4,335,924	\$4,264,010	\$4,342,902	\$4,554,634	4.88%	\$4,617,097	1.37%		
FEBRUARY	\$5,531,405	\$6,086,841	\$5,797,893	\$5,993,653	3.38%	\$5,596,617	-6.62%		
MARCH	\$3,980,041	\$4,158,874	\$4,247,908	\$4,125,074	-2.89%	\$4,421,405	7.18%		
APRIL	\$3,889,388	\$4,097,988	\$3,991,159	\$4,018,709	0.69%	\$4,227,476	5.19%		
MAY	\$4,602,788	\$4,730,317	\$4,543,369	\$4,895,921	7.76%	\$4,753,366	-2.91%		
JUNE	\$4,599,245	\$4,557,735	\$4,539,614	\$4,664,470	2.75%	\$4,859,251	4.18%		
JULY	\$4,391,257	\$4,519,466	\$4,655,061	\$4,772,617	2.53%	\$4,983,976	4.43%		
AUGUST	\$4,893,438	\$4,803,665	\$4,991,723	\$4,887,329	-2.09%	\$5,026,702	2.85%		
TOTAL	\$54,188,225	\$55,761,877	\$55,873,886	\$56,302,764	0.77%	\$57,723,030	2.52%	\$14,595,552	0.77%

**CITY OF LINCOLN
SALES TAX REFUNDS
2003-2004 THROUGH 2008-2009**

	ACTUAL 2003-2004	ACTUAL 2004-2005	ACTUAL 2005-2006	% CHG. FR. PRIOR YEAR	ACTUAL 2006-2007	ACTUAL 2007-2008	% CHG. FROM PRIOR YEAR	ACTUAL 2008-2009	% CHG. FROM PRIOR YEAR
SEPTEMBER	(\$69,997)	(\$135,858)	(\$80,882)	-40.47%	(\$27,350)	(\$90,282)	230.10%	(\$435,079)	381.91%
OCTOBER	(\$110,193)	(\$165,219)	(\$358,866)	117.21%	(\$166,695)	(\$79,688)	-52.19%	(\$108,925)	36.69%
NOVEMBER	(\$219,454)	(\$101,531)	(\$173,972)	71.35%	(\$3,881)	(\$158,855)	3993.08%	(\$86,760)	-45.38%
DECEMBER	(\$390,445)	(\$325,510)	(\$6,319)	-98.06%	(\$175,440)	(\$29,848)	-82.99%	(\$150,038)	402.68%
JANUARY	(\$59,315)	(\$220,967)	(\$269,713)	22.06%	(\$84,287)	(\$26,308)	-68.79%		
FEBRUARY	(\$323,218)	(\$394,324)	(\$73,395)	-81.39%	(\$327,119)	(\$489,939)	49.77%		
MARCH	(\$22,759)	(\$99,240)	(\$165,869)	67.14%	(\$133,574)	(\$325,269)	143.51%		
APRIL	(\$199,018)	(\$69,900)	(\$196,682)	181.38%	(\$130,611)	(\$108,764)	-16.73%		
MAY	(\$155,787)	(\$122,283)	(\$166,567)	36.21%	(\$381,653)	(\$22,529)	-94.10%		
JUNE	(\$194,593)	(\$34,811)	(\$14,085)	-59.54%	(\$186,252)	(\$136,308)	-26.82%		
JULY	(\$42,086)	(\$162,998)	(\$39,492)	-75.77%	(\$155,825)	(\$478,184)	206.87%		
AUGUST	(\$531,884)	(\$148,028)	(\$57,700)	-61.02%	(\$569,595)	(\$43,759)	-92.32%		
TOTAL	(\$2,318,751)	(\$1,980,668)	(\$1,603,541)	-19.04%	(\$2,342,280)	(\$1,989,734)	-15.05%	(\$780,803)	117.69%

**CITY OF LINCOLN
NET SALES TAX COLLECTIONS
2003-2004 THROUGH 2008-2009**

	ACTUAL 2003-2004	ACTUAL 2004-2005	ACTUAL 2005-2006	ACTUAL 2006-2007	ACTUAL 2007-2008	% CHG. FROM PR. YEAR	ACTUAL 2008-2009	% CHG. FROM PR. YEAR
SEPTEMBER	\$4,383,878	\$4,512,303	\$4,549,328	\$4,546,247	\$4,521,738	-0.54%	\$4,377,476	-3.19%
OCTOBER	\$4,560,394	\$4,541,471	\$4,464,503	\$4,545,825	\$4,973,261	9.40%	\$4,736,074	-4.77%
NOVEMBER	\$4,306,712	\$4,586,261	\$4,625,303	\$4,654,599	\$4,659,859	0.11%	\$4,851,237	4.11%
DECEMBER	\$3,923,666	\$4,174,828	\$4,505,085	\$4,270,321	\$4,723,609	10.61%		
JANUARY	\$4,276,609	\$4,043,044	\$4,073,189	\$4,470,347	\$4,590,789	2.69%		
FEBRUARY	\$5,208,187	\$5,692,517	\$5,724,498	\$5,666,534	\$5,106,677	-9.88%		
MARCH	\$3,957,283	\$4,059,634	\$4,082,038	\$3,991,501	\$4,096,136	2.62%		
APRIL	\$3,690,371	\$4,028,088	\$3,794,477	\$3,888,098	\$4,118,712	5.93%		
MAY	\$4,447,001	\$4,608,034	\$4,376,803	\$4,514,268	\$4,730,837	4.80%		
JUNE	\$4,404,651	\$4,522,924	\$4,525,529	\$4,478,219	\$4,722,943	5.46%		
JULY	\$4,349,171	\$4,356,468	\$4,615,569	\$4,616,793	\$4,505,792	-2.40%		
AUGUST	\$4,361,554	\$4,655,637	\$4,934,023	\$4,317,734	4,982,944	15.41%		
TOTAL	\$51,869,477	\$53,781,209	\$54,270,346	\$53,960,485	\$55,733,297	3.29%	\$13,964,788	-1.34%

Year to date vs.
previous year



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LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

October 2008

A delegation of librarians from Tajikistan visited Lincoln during the month. Several staff from Lincoln City Libraries made presentations to the group regarding our services and philosophy. Thanks to Greg Mickells, Barbara Hansen, and Layne Pierce for organizing Lincoln City Libraries' contribution to their time in Nebraska.

Lincoln City Libraries also hosted a visit from Veronda Pitchford, Vice President of Membership for the Urban Libraries Council. Pitchford was in town to present a Colloquium sponsored by the Eastern and Southeastern Library Systems.

The Foundation for Lincoln City Libraries oversaw this year's annual Book Sale, an initial step in a planned transition. Thanks to Nicole Zink and the many Foundation members and friends who made the sale another success. Receipts totaled just over \$50,000.

Several Lincoln City Libraries staff presented sessions and attended the Nebraska Library Association/Nebraska Educational Media Association Annual Conference in Lincoln October 16 and 17. Several library staff served on committees supporting the convention.

Additional October activities are listed within the library Goals and Objectives that they support:

Goal: Lincoln City Libraries will provide a welcoming and inviting environment.

Objectives

- *Provide well maintained facilities – physical and virtual*
Project Serve volunteers spruced up many library areas on Saturday, October 11, as part of a city-wide faith-based volunteer initiative. They helped install tidier shelving, trimmed plantings, and generally made our spaces cleaner and brighter. Our staff commented on their helpfulness and thoroughness.
- *Complete public library project at Arnold School*
Dan A. Williams passed away. Dan was a former Library Board member, community volunteer, and the namesake of the Dan A. Williams Branch Library, currently under construction in the new Arnold Elementary School.

Goal: Lincoln City Libraries will provide innovative delivery of services.

Objectives

- *Experiment with open cataloging and innovative shelving arrangements*
A group of Lincoln City Libraries staff took a field trip to the Seward Memorial Library to learn about their "non-Dewey" nonfiction arrangement. A similar arrangement is being considered for Bethany Branch Library.

- *Provide customer-centered service*
In the “the details matter!” category, Technical Processes staff has been working with Youth Services staff to provide more customer-centered marking of uncataloged paperbacks. Given the large percentage of youth circulation that uncataloged paperbacks provide, this enhancement will greatly improve customer service.

Installation of credit-card readers on Self-Check machines continued this month. Customers appreciate the ability to pay their fees in this way.

- *Maintain a strong virtual presence*
New podcasts continue to be recorded and made available to customers on the library’s public Web site. Recent offerings include staff presentations and the October Lunch at the Library.

Goal: Lincoln City Libraries will be an advocate for community-wide literacy.

Objectives

- *Collaborate with community entities to enhance literacy*
Youth Librarians made visits to 11 schools, seeing 4,176 students in conjunction with Teen Read Week, a national promotion sponsored by the American Library Association. Reading lists and an online reading program were available via the library’s Web site.

The Hispanic Read-In on October 9 drew many community members to Bennett Martin Public Library. This session was recorded for broadcast on Channel 5.

Several staff attended the opening of the MOSAIC display of multicultural materials at the Lincoln Public Schools District Offices, and many additional staff dropped by during open hours to view the display.

Goal: Lincoln City Libraries will protect freedom to read and view all library information.

Objectives

- *Provide a broad range of print and non-print materials in collection and online*
A message from Jodene Glaesemann at Walt Branch Library demonstrates the difference that access to collections makes. “Yesterday a customer was in the library and I had the chance to chat with her briefly. You may remember her from a year or so ago. She would frequently come in to view microfilm she received through ILL for a genealogy project she was working on. Since then, she published her research into a book and told me she has sold 200 copies for \$25 each. Whenever anyone comments on the book she always says it is thanks to the Lincoln library. She also gave me a big hug she was so thankful. So yeah! for all of you who worked with her and helped her with the microfilm reader, the ILL process, and just plain making her feel so welcome.”

Submitted by: Pat Leach, Library Director

Attachments: October 2008 Use Statistics & Financial Statements

**Lincoln City Libraries
October 2008**

Branch	Adult Print Loans	Youth Print Loans	Adult NonPrint Loans	Youth NonPrint Loans	Polley Music Loans	2008 Loan Total	2007 Loan Total	% Change
BMPL	20,023	9,506	11,550	2,739	1,058	44,876	47,864	-6.24%
Anderson	6,639	5,974	2,501	1,751	4	16,869	14,625	15.34%
Arnold Heights	156	937	127	332	3	1,555	778	99.87%
Bethany	3,131	2,615	1,076	773	9	7,604	7,577	0.36%
Eiseley	13,761	18,889	5,626	5,618	20	43,914	43,467	1.03%
Gere	32,696	31,489	13,185	7,871	50	85,291	83,581	2.05%
South	4,180	3,394	1,347	1,099	19	10,039	10,563	-4.96%
Walt	14,876	22,916	5,898	6,769	21	50,480	47,856	5.48%
Bookmobile	705	1,453	262	229	3	2,652	2,028	30.77%
Outreach	666	18	328	16	26	1,054	825	27.76%
GRAND TOTAL	96,833	97,191	41,900	27,197	1,213	264,334	259,164	1.99%
				Interlibrary Loan		1024	993	3.12%
				Downloadable Books		952	647	47.14%
				Electronic Books		281	249	12.85%
						266,591	261,053	2.12%
				Inhouse Collection Use		24,034	27,103	-11.32%
				Gate Count		148,930	134,816	10.47%
				Virtual Visitors-Logins		26,844	16,899	58.85%
				Electronic Resource Uses (databases)		24,566	14,317	71.59%
				Computer Use/		20,097	28,840	-30.32%
				Reference Transactions		30,094	37,690	-20.15%
				Polley Music Loans		1,213	1,260	-3.73%
				Polley Music Reference		3,659	4,024	-9.07%
				Youth Program Attendance		7,683	7,389	3.98%
				Adult Program Attendance		315	304	3.62%
				Web Activity Successful Hits Entire Site		6,522,604	5,599,869	16.48%
			Registrations	Resident		185,558	172,360	7.66%
				County		13,873	13,409	3.46%
				Non Resident		1,924	1,806	6.53%
				Reciprocal		366	310	18.06%
				Limited Use		8,254	7,237	14.05%
						209,975	195,122	7.61%

Note: Library hours at BMPL reduced 15% and Branch hours adjusted effective September 1, 2008

Library Holdings	Sound				Videos	GRAND TOTAL
	Books	DVDs	CD-ROMs	Recordings		
Prior Month	776,123	28,110	5,816	61,218	17,679	888,946
Added	4,441	677	28	412	3	5,561
Withdrawn	-9,372	0	-220	-303	-1,046	-10,941
Current	771,192	28,787	5,624	61,327	16,636	883,566

LINCOLN CITY LIBRARIES

Monthly Categorical Report

October 31, 2008

	Budget Amount	Budgeted Year-to-Date	Expended Year-to-Date	Balance	Current Month Expended
Administration-Div. 1					
Personnel	\$ 589,121.00	\$ 98,186.83	\$ 125,057.86	\$ 464,063.14	\$ 82,808.26
Supplies	33,000.00	5,500.00	3,787.64	29,212.36	2,809.58
Services & Charges	61,635.00	10,272.50	37,539.49	24,095.51	31,591.05
Other	-	-	-	-	-
Total	\$ 683,756.00	\$ 113,959.33	\$ 166,384.99	\$ 517,371.01	\$ 117,208.89
Percent Expended		16.67%	24.33%		
Buildings & Grounds-Div. 2					
Personnel	\$ 180,734.00	\$ 30,122.33	\$ 11,530.95	\$ 169,203.05	\$ 1,754.21
Supplies	32,000.00	5,333.33	3,219.01	28,780.99	2,113.98
Services & Charges	715,256.00	119,209.33	131,441.31	583,814.69	88,125.99
Other	-	-	-	-	-
Total	\$ 927,990.00	\$ 154,665.00	\$ 146,191.27	\$ 781,798.73	\$ 91,994.18
Percent Expended		16.67%	15.75%		
Public Service-Div. 3					
Personnel	\$ 3,537,557.00	\$ 589,592.83	\$ 543,937.06	\$ 2,993,619.94	\$ 270,383.34
Supplies	41,300.00	6,883.33	2,731.98	38,568.02	1,793.68
Services & Charges	28,250.00	4,708.33	660.15	27,589.85	557.38
Other	-	-	-	-	-
Total	\$ 3,607,107.00	\$ 601,184.50	\$ 547,329.19	\$ 3,059,777.81	\$ 272,734.40
Percent Expended		16.67%	15.17%		
Support Services-Div. 4					
Personnel	\$ 997,181.00	\$ 166,196.83	\$ 150,331.96	\$ 846,849.04	\$ 75,185.73
Supplies	62,000.00	10,333.33	6,192.95	55,807.05	4,865.45
Services & Charges	235,950.00	39,325.00	56,565.83	179,384.17	53,264.12
Other	835,000.00	139,166.67	163,337.61	671,662.39	133,656.73
Total	\$ 2,130,131.00	\$ 355,021.83	\$ 376,428.35	\$ 1,753,702.65	\$ 266,972.03
Percent Expended		16.67%	17.67%		
Total Library Operational					
Personnel	\$ 5,304,593.00	\$ 884,098.83	\$ 830,857.83	\$ 4,473,735.17	\$ 430,131.54
Supplies	168,300.00	28,050.00	15,931.58	152,368.42	11,582.69
Services & Charges	1,041,091.00	173,515.17	226,206.78	814,884.22	173,538.54
Other	835,000.00	139,166.67	163,337.61	671,662.39	133,656.73
Total	\$ 7,348,984.00	\$ 1,224,830.67	\$ 1,236,333.80	\$ 6,112,650.20	\$ 748,909.50
Percent Expended		16.67%	16.82%		
Other Library Fund Appropriations					
	Amount Appropriated		Expended Year-to-Date	Balance	Current Month Expended
FY 2007-08 Enc. & Reapp.	\$ 183,076.27		\$ 145,493.44	\$ 37,582.83	\$ 91,832.69

**LINCOLN CITY LIBRARIES - FUND BALANCES
OCTOBER 2008**

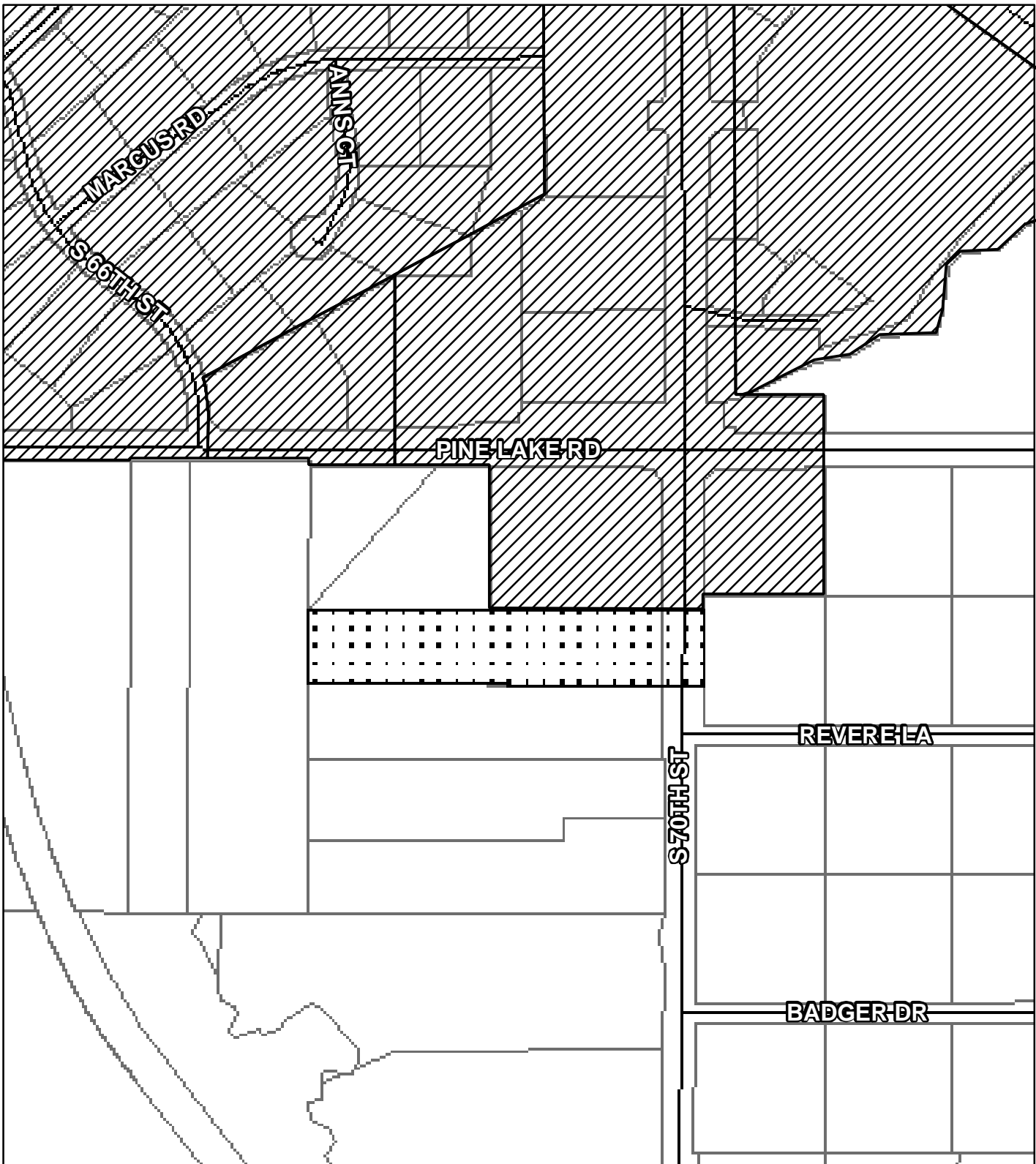
	Beginning Balance	Receipts	Expended	Ending Balance
<u>GRANT FUNDS</u>				
Net Lender Fund	\$ 3,117.62	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,117.62
Marketing Nebraska's Libraries	82.95	-	-	82.95
NLC Youth Program Grant	(1,124.00)	1,124.00	-	-
State Aid 2006	897.03	-	-	897.03
State Aid 2007	10,144.44	-	794.44	9,350.00
State Aid 2008	53,955.00	-	6,496.30	47,458.70
Library Improvement Grants	3,320.00	3,805.38	7,125.38	-
Urban Library System 94-95	5,849.16	-	-	5,849.16

DONATED FUNDS

Heritage Room	\$ 78,051.87	\$ 207.63	\$ 3,218.06	\$ 75,041.44
Polley Music Library	234,634.76	463.50	6,213.21	228,885.05
Joseph J. Hompes	46,428.76	124.55	608.91	45,944.40
Misc. Library Donations	98,952.58	53,601.25	17,712.88	134,840.95
Charles H. Gere Library	87,109.12	229.37	-	87,338.49
Alice Nielson	271,235.46	693.39	-	271,928.85
Dorothy Holland	116,278.07	297.26	-	116,575.33
Glennis Leapley	153,962.83	393.60	-	154,356.43




APPROPRIATED FUNDS

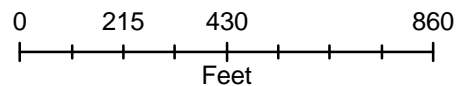
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		Oct 2008	Year-to-Date	
Heritage Room FY 2008-09	\$ 42,798.00	\$ 3,218.06	\$ 6,377.95	\$ 36,420.05
Polley Music Library FY 2008-09	87,402.00	6,213.21	12,050.10	75,351.90
Keno				
FY 2007-08 Appropriation	32,878.40	3,127.88	19,033.33	13,845.07
FY 2008-09 Appropriation	504,061.00	-	-	504,061.00
Arnold Heights Library	410,129.00	-	-	410,129.00
Gere Parking Lot	150,000.00	-	-	150,000.00
South Roof Replacement	33,200.00	-	-	33,200.00
Willard Community Center	27,264.00	1,024.42	2,612.67	24,651.33



Annexation by Ordinance
Ordinance No. 19167
Effective: November 11, 2008
5.46 Acres



-  Area of Annexation
-  City Limits Before Annexation
-  Ownership Parcels



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November 18, 2008

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County-City Building
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Lincoln, NE 68508

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Dear Lincoln City Council:

Every day, thousands of people travel from Lincoln to Omaha and back, or vice versa. Most make the trip for work or school. However, these commuters waste valuable time, energy and money.

Residents of Lincoln and Omaha need a better form of transportation between the two cities.

Recently, the Omaha city council has discussed building a light-rail system for the downtown area. This proposition has come very close to passing, and it likely will in the near future. This idea leads to another that would solve many of the problems faced by daily commuters: an inter-city light-rail. This development could offer benefits to both commuters and the cities.

Time is a valuable resource. A one-way trip by interstate takes almost an hour, even when traveling from east Lincoln to west Omaha. Spending that much time driving twice a day is unproductive. Not only does a light-rail system travel faster, but also the passenger is not stuck behind the wheel and is free to do what he or she wants with the commute. A student could study for a test, a businessperson could catch up on the news, and an editor could start on the day's work a little earlier.

Everyone knows that lost time is gone forever. But only recently has it become urgent news that this is true of another commodity: energy. Some people say the construction and operation of a train system will use too much energy.

Power could be saved with mass transport. The number of passenger vehicles traveling the interstate every day uses a vast amount of gas. A light-rail, on the other hand, is powered by electricity. These trains, compared with regular road traffic, can move huge amounts of people. Because most vehicles traveling the interstate carry only one or two passengers, these roadways are an ineffective means of transportation. Trains have a much higher occupancy level.

Currently, society lacks more than just time and energy. The recent drop in the economy has left many feeling financially unstable. While gas prices have fallen, filling the tank is still expensive with a two-hour commute every day. Yes, passengers would have to pay for their train tickets. But the cost of gas would surely trump the cost of buying those tickets. A light-rail could be a savior to those forced to stretch every dollar.

Each year, more cities include light-rails into their mass transit systems. Lincoln and Omaha are focused on being modern and important metropolitan areas.

For this goal to be a reality, an efficient and effective means of mass transit is necessary, both to conserve resources and to make the commute more convenient. A light-rail is just what these cities need.

Respectfully,


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Subject Information about Whittier

This information is from the UNL Scarlet, but thought most of our neighbors would be interested in what is happening in our neighborhood.

Demolition in the north annex of the Whittier building started in October and construction is to begin this month. It is due to be finished in July and open in August.

The \$14.4 million project also includes a remodel of the Whittier building and HVAC system.

The UNL Children's center plan 3 child care age groups, infants, toddlers and preschool. They also plan to have a classroom for children 5-8 years old used for half time care during the school year and full time in the summer. There will be an outside play area, parking lot and drop off site. The building will only be accessible by authorized NCard. They will be able to care for a maximum of 199 children although the plan is to have less than that. Ideally they would like to have 150-160 children. They have 120 people on the waiting list.

The update of the Whittier building and HVAC will create space for campus research. The work is currently in the demolition and remediation phase. The project is slated for completion in January 2010. The Whittier building will be home to the Nebraska Center for Energy Sciences Research and the Nebraska Transportation Center. Every thing is being cleaned out except the auditorium and gymnasium. Those areas will be left until they decide a use for the space. All existing plumbing, electrical and mechanical will be removed and new will be installed. They plan to save existing fixtures and rails to preserve the historical character of the building.

Limestone steps on the south entrance will be rebuilt. The entrance redesign includes the addition of lower level entries under the steps, similar to the NE State Capitol entrances that will provide access to an elevator.

When complete, heating and cooling will be controlled thru a geothermal system which will include a well field on the south side of the building. The project will follow 'green building' guidelines as outlined by the federal Leadership in Energy and Environmental Designation program. The project also includes replacement of all windows and reconditioning of the exterior of the building. When finished, the exterior will be back to original condition and the interior will provide updated space for university research projects.

Peggy Struwe



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Subject LES rate hike - again!

City Council Members,

I am really frustrated with many city issues; most of them deal with the ever increasing budget, rate hikes for various utilities and the 2 to 1 city employee pension match. What is the Council doing to stem this ever-mounting outflow of money? I really do not feel that our Council is representing the citizens of Lincoln anymore.

I am, of course, not surprised that LES is asking for another rate hike. However, I am asking that the City Council deny this increase based on the following comments:

-Although LES is ONLY asking for a 4% increase (which would work out to ONLY \$3 more/month) it is the umpteenth increase they have asked for and received in the last 10 years of so. It's the cumulative effect here in case you haven't notice.

-LES is justifying this increase to pay for increased fuel and coal hauling costs. Gas prices have been declining for a month now and as of today it is below \$2. What kind of a scam are they trying to pull? They also cite "other factors affecting the utility". It would be helpful to know what the "other factors" are. This should be asked by the Council.

-The 2009 budget includes a 2.75% INCREASE for wages and salaries. Come on! I really hope the council is looking at this earmark. LES wants a rate hike, but then they are incorporating salaries increases into the 2009 budget. Don't forget the additional but separate 3.25% INCREASE for union workers going into effect next year as well.

I can really see no reason for the Council to approve this rate increase. If it does, in fact, get approved, I have serious reason to doubt the integrity of our Council members. Thank you in advance for representing those that elected all of you and denying this and future rate increases.

Sincerely,
Jodi Delozier



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Press Release

Lincoln, Nebraska is the Healthiest City in the U.S.

CDC releases city-by-city report showing Lincoln residents rate their health the best. [Healthy Fruits and Vegetables](#)

WebMD Health News - November 17, 2008 - Turns out most of you think your health is pretty good.

According to CDC 2007 survey data, 92.8% of Lincoln area residents self rate their health as good to excellent and only 7.2% report their health to be fair or poor. To read more, click on the following: [Healthiest U.S. City: Lincoln, Nebraska](#)

To find out how Lincoln rates on other health measures such as tobacco use, access to healthcare, and prevalence of obesity based on Body Mass Index (BMI), visit the CDC site for [Selected Metropolitan/Micropolitan Area Risk Trends](#).

To read more about local reaction to the news, read today's editorial in the Lincoln Journal Star "[Here's to Our Good Health](#)."

Applicant Workshops Scheduled for Upcoming Grant Cycle

CHE is currently accepting Stage I applications for FY2008/09 funding. Stage I applications are due January 23, 2009. To learn more about CHE's FY2008/09 funding priorities and how to apply, please attend one of the following workshops:

December 1, 2008 at 1:00 p.m.
Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital - Sheridan Room
5401 South Street

December 4, 2008 at 9:00 a.m.
Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital - Sheridan Room
5401 South Street

Workshops are free and open to the public. Attendance is not required to submit an application. To attend, please RSVP to CHE at 402-436-5516 or email jodi.loos@chelincoln.org. More information about CHE's funding priorities and application process can be found on the CHE website, www.chelincoln.org.

About Community Health Endowment of Lincoln

CHE is a municipal endowment of the City of Lincoln created in 1998 as a result of the sale of Lincoln General Hospital to Bryan Memorial Hospital. The CHE vision is "to make Lincoln the healthiest community in the nation." CHE has funded over 200 projects, totaling more than \$10.5 million, over the past nine years.

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