I. CITY CLERK

II. MAYOR
1. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler, Alice Dittman, and other community leaders will hold a news conference on Thursday, July 28th, at 10 a.m. in Room 303 of the County-City Building to announce the creation of a new micro-lending fund to help under-served entrepreneurs.
2. NEWS RELEASE. Alice Dittman gives $1 million to Lincoln Community Foundation for Entrepreneurial Loan Program.

III. DIRECTORS

FINANCE/BUDGET
1. Memo on breakdown of the split between Street Construction Funds and Wheel Tax Funds, that have been the source of funding for the Snow Removal Fund.
   a) Snow Removal Fund Revenue History.
2. July sales tax reports reflecting May activity:
   a) Actual Compared to Projected Sales Tax Collections;
   b) Gross Sales Tax Collections (With Refunds Added Back In) 2005-2006 through 2010-2011;
   c) Sales Tax Refunds 2005-2006 through 2010-2011; and

PLANNING COMMISSION

PLANNING DEPARTMENT
1. Administrative Approvals from July 19, 2011 through July 25, 2011 approved by the Planning Director.

PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES/ENGINEERING
1. Ordinance amending Ordinance 18214, which amended Ordinance 17366, regarding preparation of detailed plans and specifications for widening, reconstruction, and improvement of Old Cheney Road from Highway 2 to South 88th Street.

IV. COUNCIL MEMBERS

JON CAMP
1. Letter from Thomas L. Miller. Do not break the City budget by adding medians and turn lanes and confounding the snow removal process on Old Cheney from 70th to 84th Street.
2. Correspondence to Deloyd Larsen regarding water drainage needs which he testified to at the last City Council meeting.
a) Reply to Mr. Deloyd Larsen regarding concerns on drainage and water flow through the Edenton HA outlot from Craig Aldridge, Public Works & Utilities, Engineering.

b) Memo from Miki Esposito, Public Works & Utilities, Compliance, regarding Mr. Larsen’s concerns. Watershed Management will follow up on his inquiry regarding the drainage issues in the Edenton area.

3. Correspondence thanking Craig Aldridge from Councilman Camp on information to neighbors as to what type of overflows they can expect.

4. Correspondence from James Drake expressing thanks for putting solutions/suggestions on the table.

5. Jack Baillie in support of Councilman Camp’s proposal on widening Old Cheney Road.

6. Katie Halperin agreeing with Councilman Camp’s analysis regarding widening of Old Cheney Road.

7. Correspondence from Craig Aldridge with further review of drainage calculations, additional information on the impact of a 10-year storm event.
   a) Councilman Camp’s thanks and appreciation for the information.

V. MISCELLANEOUS - None

VI. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS

1. Darlene Moore. Support the 6+1 amendment to maintain our parks, and stop wasting money on plants in street islands.

2. Tim K. Johnson. Support Jonathan Cook’s 6+1 to help our parks and trees.

3. Rolmsted. Do not raise the wheel tax, we pay ridiculously high auto taxes as it is.

4. Linda. Please do not cut hours at the public libraries or layoff staff.

5. Kathryn Westwood. Possibly a conflict of interest in the Mayor’s budget.

6. Peter W. Katt. Very disappointed with the only decision made by a majority of the council was how to spend more money than Mayor recommended.

7. Peggy Sintek-Hall. In favor of keeping parks, pools, libraries open, and the bus schedules remaining the same as now. Raise our taxes to keep this way.

8. Linda Pabst. Many people in Lincoln depend upon the handivan for transportation.

9. Alan More. Mr. Camp had ideas to save money, which were all rejected. Rainy day fund should be used to decrease taxes.

10. Brian L. Kamler. Don’t let selfish, special interests dominate your decisions.

11. Maggie Higgins. Some Council members think it is important to raise taxes to keep pet services. Kudos for not increasing the wheel tax and parking fines.

12. Jim Crawford. Yesterday’s Council meeting was a slap in the face to the people of Lincoln, most of you are afraid to speak against the Mayor.

13. Jack Bewley. Our family supports Jonathan Cook’s 6+1 amendment to maintain parks, pools, and playgrounds.

14. Rita Metcalf. Opposed to raising taxes before more cuts are made, with suggestions.


16. Bryan Block. When you are operating at a deficit you must cut back on spending. Some cuts may be painful but we are not an ATM machine.

17. Russ Guill. Proposed ideas to reduce or eliminate a tax increase were disregarded by some Council members.
18. Dennis Walls. Why are we funding a loss in the city retirement fund? Clean up old standing mistakes.
20. H. Arnold Wassenberg. Rethink tax increases. Wages have not increased but you take more of our remaining income every year.
22. Garry Zager. Four Council members passed an opportunity to hold the line on higher taxes. Problem is the spending and growth of government.
23. Peg Reutzel. We have to make cuts in our budgets to pay for all the increases in taxes.
24. Ron Mellen. Can’t believe you want to raise taxes but not cut any services. Where are we suppose to get more money, we’re retired and can’t make ends meet now.
25. Steve Bowen. Establish a budget to limit the size of the City government. No need to raise taxes. Correct the budget so no property tax increase becomes necessary.
26. Anne Deterding. Hope Council and the Mayor will do the right thing and reconsider this tax hike and this budget, change your priorities.
27. Armen Badeer. Find alternatives to tax increases, and find ways to reduce government spending, even if it causes some difficulties in the short term.
28. Cathy Lohmeier. In favor of increasing property taxes in lieu of closing pools, libraries and needed public services.
29. Jim and Lori Johnson, UPS Store 3345. As small business owners vehemently oppose raising taxes without first exploring other options.
30. Any Ringsmuth. Reduce city employees retirement match, increase their health care to their share being 50%, and we should have significant savings to deal with the budget.
31. Alan and Donna Hersch. Do not compromise on the widening of Old Cheney Road. Build as recommended by the City Engineers.
32. Kathy Berger. Political split on the Council should be put aside for the good of the City as a whole. Stand by your commitments and vote against a property tax increase.
33. Kathy Danek. Her family can afford the small investment proposed to protect our quality of life.
34. JL Exteriors, Inc. Look at creative ways to help with the budget besides raising taxes.
35. Sabrina Ehmke. Work against laying off Lincoln’s library staff positions.
36. Joseph Prai. Make cuts, live within our means, and don’t raise taxes and fees to generate money.
37. Carolyn Brandle. Consider Jonathan Cook’s 6+1 suggestion, and also we could increase taxes as proposed by the Mayor.
38. Ardel Harger. Support the Mayor’s budget including proposed increase in property taxes.
39. Rick Urwiler. We need strong public safety, parks, libraries, pool and also street repairs.
40. Rebecca Gaston-Wise. Support the Mayor’s proposed budget.
41. Karl Reinhard, Irvingdale Neighborhood Association Board, supporting property tax increase to keep our quality of life.

VII. ADJOURNMENT