

TWENTY-SEVENTH
Annual Report of the Auditor

OF THE
CITY OF LINCOLN
NEBRASKA

INCLUDING
REPORTS OF THE DEPARTMENTS
OF SAID CITY

FOR THE YEAR ENDING
AUGUST 31, 1930

Lincoln, Nebraska, February 1, 1931.

To the Honorable City Council,
City of Lincoln.

Gentlemen:

I am submitting the Twenty-seventh Annual Report of the Auditor of the City of Lincoln, together with the report of the activities of the departments of the City for the past year.

It will be observed that the report of the Department of Health is not included this year. This has been omitted for the reason that this department is publishing its report in a separate pamphlet.

The Auditor's report shows the financial transactions of the City and covers the period from September 1, 1929, to September 1, 1930, which covers the fiscal year. The reports of the departments cover the work done, in some instances, the fiscal year and in other the calendar year.

Respectfully submitted,

THEO. H. BERG,
City Clerk and Auditor.

PART ONE

GENERAL INFORMATION

OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

January 1, 1931

The City of Lincoln, Nebraska, now is and since May 13, 1913, has been operating under the Commission Form of government. Under this form of government, the city is divided into five departments, and five councilmen are elected. An amendment has been adopted providing that candidates for the office of Mayor shall so state in their petition for nomination, and the candidate "for Mayor" receiving the highest vote shall, if elected, as one of the five councilmen, automatically assume the Department of Public Affairs and the office of Mayor. The five councilmen constitute the city council. Each councilman is assigned to one of the departments, is called superintendent thereof, and is responsible for its proper operation.

All other city officials, except Judge of Municipal Court, are appointed by the council. The office of Judge of Municipal Court has been fixed by the constitution, and this officer is elected at county and state elections. Other officials of the Municipal Court are appointed by the Judge.

City elections are held on the first Tuesday in May of each odd numbered year. The term of office of councilmen are two years, beginning the first Monday following the election.

On April 4, 1930, Mr. Frank Harm, Superintendent of the Department of Streets and Public Improvements, was called to the Great Beyond, leaving a vacancy in that department. The City Council on April 9, 1930, appointed L. M. Troup to serve the unexpired term and the departments of the City are assigned as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

DON L. LOVE.....Superintendent

City Attorney's OfficeFRANK A. PETERSON, Attorney
LLOYD E. CHAPMAN, Deputy**City Clerk and Auditor's Office**THEO. H. BERG, Clerk and Auditor
F. W. MOELLER, Deputy**Engineer's Office**D. L. ERICKSON, Engineer
H. C. SCHLUETER, Deputy
C. L. FISHER, Assistant
GEORGE MARTIN, Plumbing Inspector
F. J. PECK, Building Inspector**Muny Coal and Gasoline**J. R. FARRIS, Manager (Resigned)
L. S. HURST (Appointed to fill vacancy)**City Scales**J. R. FARRIS, Manager (Resigned)
L. S. HURST (Appointed to fill vacancy)**Police Department**WALTER L. ANDERSON, Acting Chief
NEIL OLSON, Captain**DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE**

ERNEST M. BAIR.....Superintendent

City Treasurer's OfficeERNEST M. BAIR, Ex-Officio, Treasurer
E. H. KERR, Deputy**Tax Commissioner's Office**

P. H. MATTHEWS, Tax Commissioner

Park Department

C. S. KITTINGER, Assistant Superintendent of Parks

DEPARTMENT OF STREETS AND PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS

L. M. TROUP.....Superintendent

Street Department

A. LYNN MYERS, Assistant Superintendent

Sidewalks

H. E. CLAPP, Inspector

Paving Repair and Sewers

L. J. SEACREST, Inspector

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

WILLIAM FOSTERSuperintendent

Fire Department

LOUIS HANSEN, Chief

F. W. DONNELLY, Assistant Chief

R. T. TUCKER, Assistant Chief

Health Department

M. F. ARNHOLT, Superintendent

DR. L. J. OWEN, Deputy Superintendent and Epidemiologist

DR. E. W. HANCOCK, Deputy Superintendent and Clinician

DR. GEORGE E. LEWIS, Deputy Superintendent and City Physician

DR. W. W. CARVETH, Deputy Superintendent and Clinician

Electrical Inspection

L. S. CRAIN, Inspector

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PROPERTY

WILLIAM SCHROEDERSuperintendent

Water and Light Department

HARRY E. FARMER, Bookkeeper and Cashier

A. G. JOHNSON, Chief Engineer

MUNICIPAL COURT

JOHN L. POLK, Judge

LELAND M. TOWLE, Clerk

R. L. BUTTERBAUGH, Deputy Clerk

CHAS. H. ANDERSON, Constable

BOARD OF EXAMINING ENGINEERS

(Members appointed by Council)

Fred W. Tyler, Chairman
A. G. Johnson, Secretary
M. L. Shively, Treasurer

The Board meets the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 7:30 P.M. at the City Hall to examine applicants as to their qualifications to operate steam engines and boilers within the city of Lincoln.

HOSPITAL BOARD

(Members appointed by Council)

Term expiring February 28, 1931:

George W. Woods, Joseph Grainger, Mrs. Pauline F. Wessel

Term expiring February 28, 1933:

John L. Teeters, Miss Ida L. Robbins, W. E. Barkley

Term expiring February 28, 1935:

W. R. Mellor, Mrs. Emily J. Moore, J. E. Miller

BOARD OF APPEALS

(Appointed by Council May 13, 1929)

Two-year term:

William L. Turner

Four-year term:

Robert E. Campbell, Ernest C. Folsom

Six-year term:

Clark Jeary, Walter F. Wilson

FACTS ABOUT LINCOLN

City originally incorporated on April 7, 1869.

Incorporated as a city of the Second Class on March 18, 1871.

Incorporated as a city of the First Class on March 25, 1887.

Altitude: 1,165 feet above sea level.

Area: 15,655 acres (24.46 square miles).

Paved streets and alleys: 200 miles.

Parks: 1,338 acres.

Sanitary sewers: 193 miles.

Storm sewers: 32 miles.

Water mains: 218 miles.

Public School buildings: 31.

Floating debt: None.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

LOUIS HANSEN, Chief

The following is a report of the fire department for the year ending December 31, 1930:

Number of general alarms.....	420
Number of still alarms.....	558
Number of sprinkler alarms.....	18
Number of false alarms.....	15
Number of alarms out of city.....	15
Box alarms.....	1
Total All Alarms.....	1,027
Gallons of chemical used.....	9,507
Number of hydrants used.....	162
Number of frame buildings.....	286
Number of brick buildings.....	96
Number of stone buildings.....	29
Number of feet of hose used.....	100,650
Number of feet of ladder used.....	7,127
Number of miles traveled.....	4,834
Gallons of gasoline used.....	2,051
Gallons of oil used.....	150
Total value of buildings involved.....	\$10,592,475.00
Total value of contents involved.....	1,222,620.00
Insurance on buildings.....	1,559,430.00
Insurance on contents.....	501,450.00
Loss on buildings.....	39,284.00
Loss on contents.....	73,175.00
Total loss.....	112,459.00

This report is made according to the records kept in the Fire Chief's office.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

WALTER ANDERSON, Acting Chief

On September 26, 1930, Peter Johnstone resigned as Chief of Police and Walter Anderson was appointed Acting Chief of the department.

The total number of arrests during the year is 4,794. Of this number 128 were sent to County Jail; 39 were held for District Court; 1,818 were fined, 2,075 were discharged or sentence suspended, 198 were delivered to other authorities, and 536 not disposed of.

Personnel of Lincoln Police Department

January 1, 1931

- 1 Chief
- 1 Captain
- 1 Lieutenant of Detectives
- 1 Secretary and Superintendent of Identification
- 2 Desk Sergeants
- 2 Street Sergeants
- 1 Motorcycle Sergeant
- 5 Detectives
- 1 Plainclothesman
- 3 Riot Squad
- 2 Matrons
- 1 Cook and Janitress
- 3 Patrol Drivers
- 5 Motorcycle Officers
- 19 Patrolmen
- 1 Mechanic
- 1 Signal Maintainer

Amount of Property Stolen and Recovered

Year September 1, 1930 to August 31, 1930

Month	Stolen	Recovered	Not Recovered
September	\$ 7,123.27	\$ 305.75	\$ 6,817.52
October	2,271.93	150.50	2,121.43
November	2,950.48	256.00	2,694.48
December	2,432.35	668.00	1,764.35
January	3,468.66	203.00	3,265.66
February	7,172.09	260.61	6,911.48
March	2,987.81	231.00	2,756.81
April	5,435.57	1,117.65	4,317.92
May	2,692.05	149.75	2,542.30
June	2,181.07	374.50	1,806.57
July	2,020.84	340.00	1,680.84
August	2,793.27	48.00	2,745.27
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	\$43,529.39	\$4,104.76	\$39,424.63

Causes of Arrest

Obstructing traffic	73
Auctioneering without license.....	6
Assault	1
Assault with intent to do bodily injury.....	7
Begging	9
Auto theft	23

Breaking and entering.....	19
Bastardy	1
Dipsomaniac	2
Violating electric ordinance.....	1
Domino parlor without license.....	2
Defrauding innkeeper	1
Disorderly conduct	21
Disturbing the peace.....	90
Drunk and driving car.....	49
Double parking	153
Drunkenness	530
Embezzlement	1
Driving with improper license.....	92
Driving with improper lights.....	4
Deserter	7
Obtaining money and property under false pretenses.....	4
Forgery	17
Fortune telling	2
Driving car with defective brades.....	2
Gambling	18
Highway robbery	4
Parked by fire hydrant.....	51
Investigation	356
Indecent exposure of person.....	5
Insanity	4
Parked, no rear light.....	284
Improperly parked	124
No dog license.....	21
Larceny, grand	7
Larceny, petit	30
Larceny as bailee.....	1
Maintaining a gambling resort.....	4
Malicious destruction of property.....	4
Non-support	14
No-fund checks	6
Obstructing the sidewalk.....	4
Permitting persons to ride and riding on fenders.....	5
Rape	3
Receiving stolen property.....	55
Reckless driving	2
Impersonating an officer.....	6
Robbery	294
Parked on red and yellow lines.....	40
Safe keeping	190
Speeding	706
Parked in taxi stand.....	1
Violating school stop.....	56
Vagrancy	22

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Violating automatic signals.....	88
Violating auto muffler ordinance.....	24
Violating building ordinance.....	2
Violating fire ordinance.....	1
Violating health ordinance.....	4
Failure to pay alimony.....	2
Violating liquor law, possession, sale, manufacture and transportation thereof.....	196
Violating milk ordinance.....	18
Parked in prohibited area.....	87
No U turn on arterial streets.....	16
Peddling without license.....	3
Violating traffic ordinance, miscellaneous.....	9
Operating punch boards.....	3
Failure to stop after accident.....	4
Miscellaneous.....	21
Violating 1-hour park ordinance.....	464
Violating 2-hour park ordinance.....	243
Violating 10-minute park ordinance.....	11
Violating 30-minute park ordinance.....	6
Held for Health Department.....	61
Arrest for outside authorities.....	24
Driving car, no driver's license.....	63
White slavery.....	2
Sunday closing law.....	6
Violating golf ordinance.....	2
Total Arrests	4,794

PARK DEPARTMENT

September 1, 1929 to August 31, 1930

ANTELOPE PARK

Location: O Street southeast to Sheridan Boulevard, College View, and from Twenty-first Street southeast to Thirty-ninth Street. A new rock garden and lily pond was made east of the tracks of the Rock Island Railway, along the driveway, near the zoo. It beautifies a hollow near the animal pens that otherwise would be useless.

Several new concession stands were made and placed in different parks. A new storm sewer was put in along Normal Boulevard east of Antelope Creek.

The wading pool for little children, near the Concession Stand No. 1, was widened and deepened. The roads in Antelope Park that were not paved, were covered with cinders and oiled to keep down the dust.

POLICE**Receipts**

Balance Sept. 1, 1929.....		\$ 12,147.37
Tax collections	\$ 83,075.07	
Transfer	16,000.00	
Dog tax and tags.....	4,084.50	
Damage to property.....	56.83	
Towing cars to station.....	12.50	
Sale of unclaimed property.....	152.80	
Machinery sold	175.00	
Refunds on toll calls.....	11.85	
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Total receipts	\$103,568.55	\$103,568.55
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Total credits		\$115,715.92

Disbursements

Maintenance	\$ 1,887.68
Salary	72,207.54
Feed	1,806.30
Oil and gasoline.....	2,065.20
Auto expense	3,555.99
Telephone and telegraph.....	3,698.02
Signal system	72.71
Catching dogs	4,087.50
Traffic signals	1,224.97
Jail register	50.50
Purchase cars Nos. 32, 44 and 56	2,354.00
Truck attachment for motorcycle	100.00
Insurance premiums	291.75
Printing and office supplies.....	604.05
Jail repairs and supplies.....	99.00
Building repairs	252.19
Fingerprint supplies	97.04
Medical services to employees....	216.50
Paint	309.39
Parking signs	476.48
Freight	44.53
Plumbing repairs	71.62
Uniforms and repair.....	1,132.75
Disinfectants and cleaning supplies	1,097.78
Water and current.....	526.64
Feed and care of horse.....	389.25

Total warrants issued.....	\$ 98,719.38	\$ 98,719.38
Warrant debt Sept. 1, 1929.....		3,845.60
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		\$102,564.98
Warrants paid to Sept. 1, 1930		98,919.47
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Warrant debt Sept. 1, 1930.....	\$ 3,645.51	
Total cash charges.....		\$ 98,919.47
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Cash balance Sept. 1, 1930.....		\$ 16,796.45
Warrant debt Sept. 1, 1930.....		3,645.51
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Fund balance Sept. 1, 1930.....		\$ 13,150.94

ROAD

Receipts

Balance Sept. 1, 1929.....		\$ 12,210.03
Tax collections	\$ 10,494.11	
Receipts from County Treasurer...	9,000.00	
Poll tax	22,700.00	
Use of streets and sidewalks.....	204.00	
Transfer	22,000.00	
Occupation taxes:		
Circus	200.00	
Domino parlor	190.60	
Public dance	600.00	
Second-hand dealer	15.00	
Theatre	625.00	
Junk dealer	60.00	
Pool and billiard.....	1,570.00	
Scavenger	245.00	
Public Service Corporation.....	16,632.48	
Hawkers	157.00	
Miniature golf	540.00	
Material sold	7.00	
Auto service and storage.....	79.05	
Labor sold	103.70	
County Treasurer tax collections from College View.....	598.79	
Miscellaneous	7.15	
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Total receipts	\$ 86,028.88	\$ 86,028.88
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Total credits		\$ 98,238.91

TABLE NO. 3—REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT—SEPTEMBER 1, 1929 TO SEPTEMBER 1, 1930

ACCOUNTS	Fund Balance Sept. 1, 1929		Tax Collections		Other Incomes	Credit Transfers	Total Receipts	Other Vouchers Paid	Debit Transfer	Warrants Issued	Investment	Total Charges	Over-drafts	Fund Balance Sept. 1, 1930
	\$		City	Uni. Place and Bethany										
City Property	3,055.92		19,692.88		388.77		20,061.65			16,428.33		16,428.33		6,689.24
Parks	39,552.80		86,321.46		17,772.27		104,093.43			128,040.00		128,040.00		13,606.23
Fire	19,307.39		157,272.45		30,491.74		187,764.19			178,461.56		178,461.56		22,610.02
General	7,397.27		12,976.29	1,162.96	59,456.79	\$38,000.00	111,596.04	4,488.56	38,000.00	45,108.49		39,003.50		31,396.26
Interest and Coupon	13,800.52		39,702.16			5,000.00	44,702.16	39,003.50		16,000.00		16,000.00		19,499.18
Judgment	16,222.60		65.94				65.94		16,000.00			1,418.93		288.54
Attorney's Office Expense			1,633.70		14.71		1,648.41			36,565.85		36,565.85	1,166.15	229.48
Library	107.54		35,285.43		6.73		35,292.16			7,335.36		7,335.36		6,691.24
Library Book	8,582.57				5,444.03		5,444.03			17,968.59		17,968.59		4,717.84
Paving Repair	3,771.09		11,271.58		7,640.76		18,912.34			98,719.38		98,719.38		13,150.94
Police	8,301.27		53,075.07		4,493.48		103,568.55			72,398.07		72,398.07		24,774.79
Road	11,433.38		10,494.11		53,534.77	22,000.00	86,028.88			13,335.89		13,335.89		7,196.07
Sewer	6,224.21		14,351.75		6.00		14,357.75							128.45
Sewer Extension	128.45													128.45
Sinking	4,583.23		141,837.73		157.72		141,837.73	107,265.00				107,265.00		39,156.06
Sidewalk Certificate								157.72				157.72		
Water	338,374.33				354,969.26		354,969.26		5,000.00			321,747.65		338,595.94
Engineer's Office Expense	1,729.54		3,499.10		4.40		3,503.50			2,669.51		2,669.51		2,563.53
City Property Special Assessment	* 53.75		241.64				241.64							187.82
Hospital	176.64													
Golf	12,151.18													
Salary	10,559.86		100,904.58		203,401.10		203,401.10			203,570.58		203,570.58		16,828.33
Street Light	15,150.37		75,670.16		18,347.46		102,076.38			13,670.31		13,670.31		13,554.23
Commercial Light	139,465.94				1,171.80		1,171.80			99,081.99		99,081.99		15,250.33
Mun. Coal and Gasoline	16,469.88				121.24		121.24			75,691.44		75,691.44		187,839.38
"H" Street Paving Repair	1,247.06				194,446.36		194,446.36		5,000.00	184,186.13		184,186.13		26,730.11
Inspection	* 2,541.63				6,695.59		6,695.59			9,803.43		9,803.43	5,649.47	1,758.45
Fire Emergency	580.87		2,609.51		796.63		2,609.51			464.31		464.31		913.19
City Scales	5,916.88				5,461.50		5,461.50			4,240.49		4,240.49		7,137.69
Plumbing Inspection	28,760.73		2,504.98		5,759.45		8,264.43			21,364.72		21,364.72		15,660.44
Aviation Field	456.71				5,614.87		5,614.87			6,003.99		6,003.99		67.79
Lincoln Symphony Orchestra					2,957.16		2,957.16			1,001.06	1,001.06	1,001.06		24,956.80
Water Investment and Depreciation					19,507.58		19,507.58			2,622.14		2,622.14	205.48	18,506.89
Commercial Light Investment and Depreciation					310.00		310.00			3,693.85		3,693.85		655.53
Electric Examiner	2,106.66				655.53		655.53							20.00
Intersection Funds University Place	3,693.85													9,083.71
Mun. Gasoline Investment and Depreciation	20.00				7,405.29		7,405.29			4,632.99		4,632.99		17,611.01
4303 Starr Street Paving	1,678.42				7,917.32		7,917.32			1,731.67		1,731.67		
University Place Lease Sinking	16,058.35									20,268.33		20,268.33		
College View General	20,268.33				275.00		275.00			275.00		275.00		
College View Water and Light					1,467.60		1,467.60			1,498.30		1,498.30	30.70	
Chautauqua Avenue Storm Sewer														
Weights and Measures														
TOTALS	\$747,602.62	\$799,410.27	1,162,966.18	\$1,180,029.78	\$81,000.00	\$2,061,603.01	\$194,815.99	\$89,693.85	\$1,610,485.65	\$2,002.12	\$1,896,947.61	\$7,051.80	\$919,309.82	

*Overdrafts.