

NINETEENTH
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, 1922

Lincoln, Nebraska, March 1, 1923.

To the Honorable City Council,
City of Lincoln, Nebraska.

Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit herewith the Nineteenth Annual Report of the Auditor, together with a report of the activities of each department for the past year.

The Auditor's report, showing the financial transactions of the city, is for the period from September 1, 1921, to August 31, 1922, and covers the fiscal year, as nearly as possible, while the reports of the departments in some cases cover the fiscal year and in others, 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, 1923

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. The five councilmen constitute the city council. The council organizes by electing one of its members as president of the council, who is also Mayor of the city. Each councilman is assigned to one of the departments, is called a superintendent thereof, and is responsible for its proper operation.

All other city officials, except Police Judge, are appointed by the council. The office of Police Judge is one that has been fixed by the constitution of the state, and this officer is elected at county and state elections. The constitution has been amended in this respect and when the proper law has been passed by the legislature, the Police Judge of a city will no doubt be elected at city elections.

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

The departments of the City of Lincoln are assigned as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

FRANK C. ZEHRUNG, Mayor.....Superintendent

City Attorney's Office

C. PETRUS PETERSON, Attorney
CHARLES R. WILKE, Deputy

Police Department

PETER JOHNSTONE, Chief of Police

Park Department

P. EDINBOROUGH, Assistant Superintendent of Parks

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DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTS AND FINANCES

GEORGE DAYTON.....Superintendent

City Treasurer's Office

GEORGE DAYTON, Ex-officio, Treasurer
A. W. EASTERDAY, Deputy

City Clerk and Auditor's Office

THEO. H. BERG, Clerk and Auditor
EARL M. POOR, Deputy

Tax Commissioner's Office

P. H. MATHEWS, Tax Commissioner

DEPARTMENT OF STREETS AND PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS

FRANK C. ZEHRUNG.....Acting Superintendent

Street Department

W. T. OVERTON, Assistant Superintendent

Engineer's Office

GEORGE W. BATES, Engineer
H. C. SCHLUETER, Deputy

F. E. MELKER, Sewer and Plumbing Inspector

F. J. PECK, Building and Sidewalk Inspector

Charles W. Bryan, formerly had charge of this department. He was elected Governor of Nebraska, and resigned to accept this position.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

JOHN WRIGHTSuperintendent

Fire Department

LOUIS HANSEN, Chief
F. W. DONNELLY, Assistant Chief

Health Department

DR. CHAUNCEY F. CHAPMAN, Superintendent
DR. W. H. SLATTERY, Assistant

City Sales

L. C. McBRIDE, Weighmaster

Electric Inspection

S. H. SHIPMAN, Inspector

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PROPERTY

WILLIAM SCHROEDERSuperintendent

Water and Light Department

HARRY E. FARMER, Assistant Superintendent

A. G. JOHNSON, Engineer

Police Judge

E. B. CHAPPELL

LINCOLN CITY LIBRARY

(Members appointed by Council)

Officers

Lawrence Fossler President

H. T. Dobbins.....Vice-President

Lulu Horne.....Librarian and Secretary to the Board

Members of Board

	Term Expiring July 1, 1923	
Mariel Gere	Dr. E. J. Angle	H. B. Lowrey
	Term Expiring July 1, 1924	
H. T. Dobbins	W. B. Ryons	Lawrence Fossler
	Term Expiring July 1, 1925	
Geo. O. Smith	Arthur W. Richardson	H. J. Lehnhoff

BOARD OF EXAMINING ENGINEERS

(Members appointed by Council)

Fred W. Tyler, Chairman	A. G. Johnson, Secretary
John Green, Treasurer	

The Board meets on 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 stationary steam engines and boilers within the city of Lincoln.

ZONING COMMISSION

(Members appointed by Council)

	J. E. Miller, Chairman		
G. J. Culbertson	John L. Teeters	O. J. Fee	Morris I. Evinger

HOSPITAL BOARD

(Members appointed by Council)

- 6 Years—John L. Teeters, Miss Ida L. Robbins, W. E. Barkley.
4 Years—Mrs. Louise Scouller Westermann, Mrs. Pauline F. Wessel,
H. B. Grainger.
2 Years—W. R. Mellor, Mrs. Emily J. Moore, Mrs. Myrtle Ferguson.

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: 8,022.5 acres (12.53 square miles).

Paved streets and alleys: 107.7 miles.

Parks: 367 acres.

Sanitary sewers: 121.21 miles.

Storm sewers: 24.4 miles.

Water mains: 141.6 miles.

Street railways: 38 miles.

Public school buildings: 20.

Churches and denominational schools: 60.

Floating debt: None.

Number of white people.....	1,778	
Number of colored people.....	151	
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Males—can read and write.....	1,698	
Males—cannot read and write.....	33	
	<hr/>	1,731
Females—can read and write.....	198	
Females—cannot read and write.....	0	
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		1,929
Social conditions:		
Married males	417	
Single males	856	
Not given	458	
	<hr/>	1,731
Married females	95	
Single females	69	
Not given	34	
	<hr/>	198
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		1,929

Meals Furnished

September, 1921	900
October	506
November	652
December	565
January, 1922	530
February	641
March	703
April	491
May	603
June	334
July	616
August	627
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Total.....	6,416

Property

Estimated value of automobiles lost and stolen.....	\$81,435.00
Estimated value of automobiles recovered.....	58,650.00

Estimated value of other property lost and stolen.....	22,286.30
Estimated value of other property recovered.....	5,060.50

Disposition of Prisoners

Total number of persons arraigned.....	1,929
Sent to County Jail.....	45
Held for District Court.....	50
Number of persons fined.....	980
Discharged or sentence suspended.....	441
Turned over to other authorities.....	302
Cases not disposed of.....	111
 Total.....	 1,929

Causes of Arrest

Adultery	3
Assault	11
Bastardy	2
Begging	15
Breaking and entering.....	11
Carrying concealed weapons.....	5
Disorderly conduct	68
Disturbing the peace.....	36
Discharging firearms in street.....	17
Drunkenness	286
False pretense	1
Forgery	26
Gambling	30
Highway robbery	1
Investigation	221
Keeping a disorderly house.....	6
Larceny, grand	35
Larceny, petit	29
Murder	1
Non-support	4
No-fund checks	12
Rape	2
Robbery	5
Running away from home.....	1
Safe keeping	53
Selling mortgaged property.....	1
Soliciting	2
Speeding	373
Suspicious persons	7
Vagrancy	49
Violating auto ordinance.....	105

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Violating auto muffler ordinance.....	20
Violating fire ordinance.....	3
Violating liquor law.....	222
Violating sidewalk ordinance.....	1
Violating Sunday closing law.....	6
Violating traffic ordinance.....	143
Miscellaneous	76
Held for Health Department.....	17
Demented	3
Violating parole	2
Illegal possession of dope.....	3
White slavery	1
Army desertion	3
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Total arrests	1,929

WATER DEPARTMENT

Municipal Ownership and Operation

The Municipal Water Department has been in successful operation throughout the fiscal year extending from September 1, 1921, to September 1, 1922. While wages and the cost of materials have been somewhat lower than during the war and the three years succeeding it the price of many items indispensable to the operation and maintenance of this utility have remained rather high. The prices of coal, fuel and lubricating oils, wire, repairs for machinery, etc., all large items in the operation and maintenance of a large water and light plant, show an upward trend in striking contrast to the price prevailing in pre-war days.

In the Autumn of 1919 the citizens of Lincoln approved a bond issue of \$200,000.00 to be expended for improvements and extensions to the Municipal Water Plant and in the following year—the Spring of 1920, they voted bonds in the sum of \$300,000.00 to be used for extending and improving the Municipal Lighting Department. Shortly after these bond issues were sanctioned a financial stringency came upon the country preventing advantageous disposition of the \$500,000.00 worth of water and light bonds and held in abeyance the extensive program of improvements and extensions that was contemplated.

POLICE**Receipts**

Balance September 1, 1921.....		\$ 11,081.67
Tax collections	\$ 56,465.41	
Court costs	2,992.82	
Dog tax and tags.....	2,338.00	
Refunds	36.50	
Miscellaneous	376.40	
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Total receipts	\$ 62,209.13	62,209.13
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Total credits		\$ 73,290.80

Disbursements

Maintenance	\$ 6,827.97	
Salary	38,441.44	
Feed	827.18	
Oil and gas.....	1,315.52	
Auto expense	2,579.27	
Telephone	1,982.17	
Signal system	56.00	
Expense catching dogs.....	1,398.95	
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Total Warrants drawn.....	\$ 53,428.50	\$ 53,428.50
Warrant debt Sept. 1, 1921		3,327.65
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		\$ 56,756.15
Warrants paid to Sept. 1, 1922		54,179.73
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Warrant debt Sept. 1, 1922	\$ 2,576.42	
Total cash charges.....		\$ 54,179.73
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Cash Balance Sept. 1, 1922		\$ 19,111.07
Warrant debt Sept. 1, 1922		2,576.42
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Fund Balance Sept. 1, 1922		\$ 16,534.65

TABLE NO. 3--REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT--September 1, 1921, to September 1, 1922

ACCOUNTS	Fund Balance Sept. 1, 1921	Tax Collections	Other Incomes	Credit Transfers	Total Credits	Vouchers Paid	Debit Transfer	Warrants Issued	Total Charges	Over Drafts	Fund Balance Sept. 1, 1922
City property	\$ 1,880.88	\$ 18,242.82			\$ 18,242.82			\$ 16,667.17	\$ 16,667.17		\$ 3,456.53
Parks	1,108.66	76,338.17	\$ 15,507.14		91,845.31			71,922.34	71,922.34		18,814.11
Fire	5,868.21	145,269.21	219.25		145,488.46			133,827.27	133,827.27		17,529.40
General	23,513.55	6,153.41	27,315.76	\$ 7,781.20	41,250.37		\$ 34.28	24,181.16	24,215.44		40,548.48
Interest	24,916.77	6,370.18			9,238.93	\$ 29,144.60			29,144.60		5,011.10
Judgment	20,176.86	19,206.39	27.00		19,233.39			12,983.22	12,983.22		26,427.03
Light	44,824.40	46,612.26	72,211.12		118,823.38			131,182.42	131,182.42		32,465.36
Library	6,074.82	27,660.24	295.91		27,956.15	26,120.56			26,120.56		7,910.41
Library book	627.80		4,325.59		4,325.59	2,690.05			2,690.05		2,263.34
Paving repair	3,871.66	13,463.73	4,127.96		17,591.69			15,555.15	15,555.15		5,908.20
Police	7,754.02	56,465.41	5,743.72		62,209.13			53,428.50	53,428.50		16,534.65
Road	31,188.73	43,546.73	127,230.84		170,777.57	32.00		135,460.19	135,460.19		66,474.11
Sewer	4,216.53	8,366.49	1,841.35		10,207.84			11,726.40	11,726.40		2,697.97
Sewer extension	9,575.58		310.15		310.15			4,035.54	4,035.54		5,850.19
Sinking	4,422.56	67,478.80			67,478.80	61,800.00			61,800.00		10,401.36
Sidewalk certificate	951.35		52.80		52.80	52.80			52.80		951.35
Water	94,214.67		219,399.14		219,399.14	11,000.00		177,500.66	191,369.41		122,244.40
Rebate funds	661.43										661.43
Engineer's office expense	203.42	815.73			815.73			833.01	833.01		186.14
Paving adjacent to city property	11,954.34	62.17			62.17			4,435.32	7,935.32		4,081.19
Sewer district sinking	1,350.88	416.72	142.38		559.10		3,500.00				1,909.98
Hospital	2,267.22		7,864.16		7,864.16			10,000.00	10,000.00		131.38
Golf*	81.03		6,600.90		6,600.90			6,359.26	6,359.26		160.61
Salary	6,385.36	92,233.53	20.00		92,253.53			83,195.78	83,195.78		15,443.11
Storm sewer											15,593.21
Light bond		15,593.21	205,472.13		205,472.13	991.21		128,748.17	128,739.38		75,732.75
Water bond			103,399.55		103,399.55	43.14		57,043.87	57,087.01		46,312.54
Totals	\$305,711.15	\$644,295.20	\$802,106.85	\$10,649.95	\$1,457,052.00	\$131,874.36	\$ 6,403.03	\$1,079,085.43	\$1,217,362.82		\$545,400.33

*Overdrafts.

Since taking control of all central parkings on the streets, we find there is a great deal of remodeling needed, especially on Bradfield drive; so all large growing shrubs were removed, the ground leveled, and it is planned to plant more suitable shrubbery in the spring.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

PETER JOHNSTONE, Chief

Officers in Service

Chief of police.....	1
Captains	2
Sergeant	1
Patrolmen	14
Patrol drivers	2
Matrons	2
Motorcycle officers	2
Plainclothesmen	3
Stenographer	1
Total.....	28

Number of Arrests Made During Year by Months

September, 1921	206	
October	132	
November	118	
December	135	
January, 1922	111	
February	120	
March	132	
April	153	
May	227	
June	160	
July	178	
August	257	
		1,929
Males	1,731	
Females	198	
		1,929