

TWENTY-FIFTH  
Annual Report of the Auditor

OF THE  
CITY OF LINCOLN  
NEBRASKA

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INCLUDING  
REPORTS OF THE DEPARTMENTS  
OF SAID CITY

FOR THE YEAR ENDING  
AUGUST 31, 1928

Lincoln, Nebraska, February 1, 1929.

To the Honorable City Council,  
City of Lincoln.

Gentlemen:

I am submitting the Twenty-fifth 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, 1927, to September 1, 1928, which covers the fiscal year. The reports of the departments cover the work done, in some instances, the fiscal year and in others the calendar year.

In this connection I should like to again call your attention to the difficulties arising in compiling city reports by reason of the expiration of different years in city affairs. The municipal year begins early in May, the license year, June first, the fiscal year on the first Monday in September and the calendar year on January first.

Respectfully submitted,

THEO. H. BERG,

City Clerk and Auditor.

# PART ONE

## GENERAL INFORMATION

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### OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

January 1, 1929

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.

Following the election of May, 1927, the departments of the City were assigned as follows:

VERNE HEDGE, Mayor and Superintendent of Public Affairs.

TREV E. GILLASPIE, Superintendent of Accounts and Finance.

EDGAR E. DUNCAN, Superintendent of Streets and Public Improvement.

ERNEST M. BAIR, Superintendent of Public Safety.

WILLIAM SCHROEDER, Superintendent of Water and Light Plants.

On June 13, 1928, Mr. Trev E. Gillaspie was appointed postmaster of the City of Lincoln and resigned as a member of the city council.

On August 29, 1928, the community was shocked to learn of the sudden death of Mr. Edgar E. Duncan.

The vacancies thus caused were filled by the council on September 4, 1928, by the appointment of Mr. William Foster and Mr. Frank Harm. The departments of the City were then assigned as follows, which is the assignment now in effect.

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

VERNE HEDGE, Mayor .....Superintendent

City Attorney's Office

C. PETRUS PETERSON, Attorney  
CHARLES R. WILKE, Deputy  
R. A. BOEHMER, Assistant

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  
F. E. MELKER, Paving Repair

Muny Coal and Gasoline

L. T. BAUGHAN, Manager

City Scales

L. T. BAUGHAN, Manager

DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE

ERNEST M. BAIR.....Superintendent

City Treasurer's Office

ERNEST M. BAIR, Ex-Officio, Treasurer  
E. H. KERR, Deputy

Tax Commissioner's Office

P. H. MATHEWS, Tax Commissioner

Park Department

C. S. KITTINGER, Assistant Superintendent of Parks

DEPARTMENT OF STREETS AND PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS

FRANK HARM .....Superintendent

Street Department

C. M. O'NEAL, Assistant Superintendent

Sidewalks

H. E. CLAPP, Inspector

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

WILLIAM FOSTER, Superintendent

**Fire Department**

LOUIS HANSEN, Chief

F. W. DONNELLY, Assistant Chief

R. T. TUCKER, Assistant Chief

**Police Department**

PETER JOHNSTONE, Chief of Police

**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

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**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PROPERTY**

WILLIAM SCHROEDER .....Superintendent

**Water and Light Department**

HARRY E. FARMER, Assistant Superintendent

A. G. JOHNSON, Chief Engineer

**MUNICIPAL COURT**

JOHN L. POLK, Judge

LELAND M. TOWLE, Clerk

R. L. BUTTERBAUGH, Deputy Clerk

CHAS. H. ANDERSON, Constable

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**LINCOLN CITY LIBRARY**

(Members appointed by Council)

Lawrence Fossler .....President

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

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

**Members of Board**

Term Expiring July 1, 1929

Maricl Gere

E. J. Angle

August Eiche

Term Expiring July 1, 1930

H. T. Dobbins

W. B. Ryons

Lawrence Fossler

Term Expiring July 1, 1931

Maurice A. Hyde

Arthur W. Richardson

H. J. Lehnhoff



**Fire Alarm System**

Firm alarm boxes .....	24
Miles of fire alarm wire in use and fair condition.....	8
Miles of wire in poor condition .....	3
Gaynor fire alarm system with Gamewell punch system.....	1
Fire alarm gongs .....	8

**Electrical Inspector's Car**

One Ford Coupe	
Gas used, gallons .....	783
Oil used, gallons .....	52

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

PETER JOHNSTONE, Chief

**Officers in Service**

Chief of Police .....	1
Captain of Detectives .....	1
Lieutenant of Detectives .....	1
Sergeants of Police .....	2
Patrol Drivers .....	2
Detectives .....	5
Matrons .....	2
Motorcycle Officers .....	6
Mounted Officer .....	1
Curfew Officers, 4 hours. 6 days each week.....	5
Secretary and Finger Print Expert.....	1
Safety Zone Painter .....	1
Cook and Janitress .....	1
Patrolmen .....	17
Signal Maintainer, 3 hours, 6 days each week.....	1

The annual report for 1927-28 shows the total arrests to be 5,643.

Males .....	5,130	
Females .....	513	5,643
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Number of white people .....	5,514	
Number of colored people.....	79	5,643
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Males—can read and write .....	5,112	
Males—cannot read and write.....	18	5,130
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Females—can read and write .....	511	
Females—cannot read and write.....	2	513 5,643
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## Social Conditions:

Married males .....	411		
Single males .....	678		
Not given .....	4,041	5,130	
Married females .....	72		
Single females .....	66		
Not given .....	375	513	5,643

The following is a list of the arrests for each month:

September (1927) .....	386
October .....	762
November .....	646
December .....	360
January (1928) .....	527
February .....	326
March .....	367
April .....	409
May .....	511
June .....	365
July .....	429
August (1928) .....	555

Total arrests for the fiscal year September 1, 1927, to August 31, 1928, 5,643.

## Meals Furnished

September (1927) .....	1,867
October .....	1,536
November .....	1,888
December .....	1,167
January (1928) .....	1,404
February .....	1,345
March .....	1,409
April .....	1,272
May .....	1,184
June .....	1,292
July .....	1,051
August (1928) .....	977
Total.....	16,392

## Causes of Arrest

Accessory after the fact.....	3
Allowing persons to ride and riding on fenders.....	9
Arrested for outside authorities .....	12
Assault .....	7
Assault with intent to do great bodily injury.....	3
Auto theft .....	27

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Begging .....	16
Breaking and entering .....	25
Carrying concealed weapons .....	2
Cruelty to animals .....	1
Defrauding innkeeper .....	3
Demented .....	1
Deserter .....	2
Disorderly conduct .....	22
Disposing of mortgaged property.....	1
Disturbing the peace .....	109
Doing business without a license.....	2
Driving car and allowing to drive car under age.....	12
Driving car, no lights or improper lights.....	23
Driving over fire hose .....	3
Driving with improper license.....	4
Drunk and driving car .....	56
Drunkenness .....	425
Embezzlement .....	1
False pretense .....	1
Forgery .....	27
Fortune telling .....	1
Frequenting gambling house .....	5
Gambling .....	36
Harboring vicious dog .....	2
Held for Health Department .....	94
Hit and run driver .....	3
Highway robbery .....	3
Indecent exposure of person.....	3
Improperly parked .....	210
Inmate of house of prostitution.....	3
Insane .....	12
Investigation .....	226
Keeping a disorderly house and inmate thereof.....	12
Keeping dog without license.....	13
Larceny as bailee .....	2
Larceny, petit .....	21
No-fund checks .....	29
Non-support .....	10
Parked by cars in street.....	94
Parked by fire hydrant.....	60
Parked, no rear light .....	1,203
Parked in taxi stand.....	3
Parked on yellow and red line.....	203
Parole violator .....	3
Passing cars on intersection.....	4
Peace warrant .....	2
Putting fruit on sidewalk.....	1

Rape .....	1
Receiving stolen property.....	1
Reckless driving .....	21
Robbery .....	1
Safe keeping .....	38
Selling and operating punch boards.....	2
Shooting with intent to kill.....	1
Speeding "15" mile limit, 24; "20" mile limit, 210; "25" mile limit, 496.....	730
Using U. S. mail to defraud.....	3
Vagrancy .....	20
Violating all-night parking ordinance.....	158
Violating arterial stop signals.....	117
Violating automatic signals.....	159
Violating double lane traffic ordinance.....	3
Violating electrical ordinance.....	9
Violating health ordinance.....	15
Violating 1 hour park ordinance.....	436
Violating 2 hour park ordinance.....	349
Violating 10 minute park ordinance.....	41
Violating 30 minute park ordinance.....	3
Violating liquor law, manufacturing, possession, sale and trans- portation thereof .....	226
Violating 3 passenger front seat ordinance.....	13
Violating school stops.....	69
Violating traffic ordinance.....	159
Violating U turn on arterial stop streets.....	9
Wife and child abandonment.....	4

#### PARK DEPARTMENT

P. EDINBOROUGH, Superintendent  
Resigned October 31st, 1928

C. S. KITTINGER Superintendent  
Appointed November 1st, 1928

#### Improvements Made in Parks and Playgrounds January 1, 1928, to January 1, 1929

##### ANTELOPE PARK

The water system at the C Street entrance was extended so that there is now enough pressure there to adequately water the plantings there. The park drive from the Rock Island tracks to A Street was paved with asphalt. The parking along the side was graded and 15

**POLICE****Receipts**

Balance Sept. 1, 1927.....		\$ 13,162.61
Tax collections .....	\$ 91,541.17	
Dog tax and tags.....	4,989.75	
Sale of unclaimed property.....	150.95	
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Total receipts .....	\$ 96,681.87	96,681.87
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Total credits .....		\$109,844.48

**Disbursements**

Maintenance .....	\$ 1,981.21	
Salary .....	68,541.74	
Feed .....	2,127.58	
Oil and gasoline.....	1,843.81	
Auto expense .....	1,290.98	
Telephone .....	3,110.66	
Signal system .....	96.00	
Catching dogs .....	4,989.75	
Traffic signals .....	879.02	
Motorcycle repairs .....	1,029.91	
Garage .....	83.95	
Insurance premiums .....	335.42	
Printing and office supplies.....	480.50	
Jail repairs and supplies.....	222.63	
Disinfectants and cleaning sup- plies .....	828.62	
Purchase cars No. 37, 54, 58.....	1,494.15	
Medical service to employes.....	163.50	
Uniforms and repair.....	2,131.15	
Telegraph service .....	103.02	
Fingerprint supplies .....	145.60	
Office furniture .....	567.80	
Guns and ammunition.....	172.34	
Building repairs .....	109.18	
Badges .....	113.50	
Parking signs .....	392.35	
Jail register .....	50.50	
Water and current .....	821.39	
Paint .....	315.30	
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Total warrants issued.....	\$ 94,421.56	\$ 94,421.56

Warrant debt Sept. 1, 1928.....	3,576.90	
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	\$ 97,998.46	
Warrants paid to Sept. 1, 1928	94,085.57	
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Warrant debt Sept. 1, 1928.....	\$ 3,912.89	
Total cash charges.....		\$ 94,085.57
		<u>          </u>
Cash balance Sept. 1, 1928.....		\$ 15,758.91
Warrant debt Sept. 1, 1928.....		3,912.89
		<u>          </u>
Fund balance Sept. 1, 1928.....		\$ 11,846.02

### ROAD

#### Receipts

Balance Sept. 1, 1927.....		\$ 20,386.83
Tax collections .....	\$ 36,895.37	
Receipts from County Treasurer...	5,845.70	
Poll tax .....	14,286.00	
Use of street and sidewalk.....	351.00	
Junk sold .....	10.00	
Occupation taxes:		
Bowling alleys .....	80.00	
Circus .....	75.00	
Plumbers .....	250.00	
Public dance .....	365.00	
Second-hand dealers .....	15.00	
Theatre .....	800.00	
Junk dealer .....	40.00	
Pool and billiard .....	1,872.50	
Scavenger .....	330.00	
Public Service Corporation.....	15,722.76	
Hawkers .....	132.15	
Auto storage and service.....	278.91	
Labor sold .....	120.20	
Sale of old car.....	10.00	
Refilling brooms .....	58.00	
Return premium on insurance .....	6.00	
Miscellaneous .....	5.17	
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Total receipts .....	\$ 77,548.76	\$ 77,548.76
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Total credits .....		\$ 97,935.59

TABLE NO. 3—REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT—SEPTEMBER 1, 1927, TO SEPTEMBER 1, 1928

ACCOUNTS	Fund Balance Sept. 1, 1927	Tax Collections		Other Incomes	Credit Transfers	Total Receipts	Other Vouchers Paid	Debit Transfers	Warrants Issued	Investments	Total Charges	Overdrafts	Fund Balance Sept. 1, 1928
		City	Uni. Pl. and Bethany										
City Property	\$ 1,566.78	\$ 21,124.05		\$ 61.46	\$ 400.00	\$ 21,585.51		\$ 11,000.00	\$ 20,554.30		\$ 20,554.30		\$ 2,597.99
Parks	40,517.69	115,181.06		17,276.33		132,457.39			110,617.85		121,617.85		51,357.23
Fire	9,083.32	178,739.00		347.85		179,086.85		186.00	171,558.90		171,744.90		16,425.27
General	22,671.47	3,919.23	\$ 9,280.08	51,158.59	30,350.00	94,707.90	\$ 2.80	30,650.00	46,817.50		77,470.30		39,909.07
Interest and Coupon	10,823.12	35,183.39		991.67	5,000.00	41,175.06			34,138.50		34,138.50		17,859.68
Judgment	27,667.82	5,721.52		5.75		5,727.27			4,968.62		4,968.62		28,426.47
Library	17,749.61	30,836.86		388.51		30,725.37			37,975.40		37,975.40		10,499.58
Library Book	1,833.60			5,357.24		5,357.24			4,610.04		4,610.04		2,580.80
Paving Repair	431.65	2,880.74		10,327.32	10,000.00	23,208.06			20,479.08		20,479.08		3,160.63
Police	9,585.71	91,541.17		5,140.70		96,681.87			94,421.56		94,421.56		11,846.02
Road	18,647.93	36,895.37		40,523.39		75,848.76			81,818.44		81,818.44		14,788.25
Sewer	4,293.83	12,191.66		273.32		12,465.58			11,279.08		11,279.08		5,480.32
Sewer Extension	128.45												5,480.32
Sinking	10,184.76	80,796.51		58.86		80,796.51		66,113.40			66,113.40		24,567.57
Sidewalk Certificate		434.82											
Water	232,673.57			323,058.89		323,058.89		493.68	298,495.01		303,495.01		252,237.45
Water	474.98			5.00		5,085.10		5,000.00	4,357.44		4,357.44		1,202.64
Engineer's Office Expense	51.31	5,080.10						50.00					
Paving Adjacent to City Property	1,958.76	52.02				173,550.00			173,403.91		173,403.91		2,156.87
Hospital	1,638.93			9,481.52		9,481.52			9,945.83		9,945.83		2.15
Golf	5,436.86	106,882.67		2,314.70	300.00	109,497.37			106,194.60		106,194.60		1,174.62
Salary	3,071.83	56,153.43		5,746.51	19,950.00	81,849.94			73,642.98		73,642.98		8,739.63
Street Light	81,394.25			127,871.92		127,871.92			92,348.57		97,348.57		111,278.79
Commercial Light	3,141.82			102,771.63		102,771.63			101,653.16		101,653.16		111,917.60
Mun. Coal and Gasoline	1,247.06			26,930.99		26,930.99			22,645.75		22,645.75		4,260.29
H Street Paving Repair	*1,754.03			20,500.00	186.00	20,686.00			22,963.61		22,963.61	\$ 2,277.61	1,247.06
Fire Emergency				308.35		308.35			77.94		77.94		230.41
City Scales				308.35		308.35			40.50		40.50		789.50
Plumbing Inspection				308.35		308.35			500.00		500.00		99,600.00
Aviation Field				308.35		308.35			500.00		500.00		12,820.21
Water Investment and Depreciation				308.35		308.35			500.00		500.00		4,663.39
Commercial Light Investment and Depreciation	371.24			308.35		308.35			500.00		500.00		2,192.30
Electric Examiner				308.35		308.35			500.00		500.00		3,693.85
Intersection Funds, University Place	1,646.61			308.35		308.35			500.00		500.00		3,200.00
O Street Viaduct Repair	4,951.46			308.35		308.35			500.00		500.00		3,200.00
Mun. Gasoline Investment and Depreciation	3,200.00			308.35		308.35			500.00		500.00		3,200.00
TOTALS	\$514,690.19	\$783,114.44	\$ 9,280.08	\$1,101,279.11	\$66,186.00	\$1,959,859.63	\$154,591.43	\$42,186.00	\$1,468,968.94	\$57,725.65	\$1,723,472.02	\$ 2,277.61	\$753,355.41

\*Overdrafts.  
†Bonds sold.