

TWENTY-SIXTH
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, 1929

Lincoln, Nebraska, February 1, 1930.

To the Honorable City Council,
City of Lincoln.

Gentlemen:

I am submitting the Twenty-sixth 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, 1928, to September 1, 1929, 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, 1930

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, 1929, the departments of the City were assigned as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

DON L. LOVE.....Superintendent

City Attorney's Office

FRANK A. PETERSON, Attorney
LLOYD E. CHAPMAN, Deputy

City Clerk and Auditor's Office

THEO. H. BERG, Clerk and Auditor
F. W. MOELLER, Deputy

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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

City Scales

J. R. FARRIS, 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. MATTHEWS, Tax Commissioner

Park Department

C. S. KITTINGER, Assistant Superintendent of Parks

DEPARTMENT OF STREETS AND PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS

FRANK HARMSuperintendent

Street Department

C. M. O'NEAL, Assistant Superintendent (Resigned)
 A. LYNN MYERS—appointed to fill vacancy

Sidewalks

H. E. CLAPP, Inspector
Paving Repair and Sewers
 W. E. HALL, Inspector

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

WILLIAM FOSTERSuperintendent

Fire Department

LOUIS HANSEN, Chief
 F. W. DONNELLY, Assistant Chief
 R. T. TUCKER, Assistant Chief

Police Department

PETER JOHNSTONE, Chief of Police
WALTER L. ANDERSON, Captain

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, Head 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

LINCOLN CITY LIBRARY

(Members appointed by Council)

Lawrence FosslerPresident
H. T. Dobbins.....Vice-President
Lulu Horne.....Librarian and Secretary to the Board

Members of Board

Term Expiring July 1, 1930:
H. T. Dobbins, G. O. Smith, Lawrence Fossler
Term Expiring July 1, 1931:
Maurice A. Hyde, Arthur W. Richardson, H. J. Lehnhoff
Term Expiring July 1, 1932:
Mariel Gere, E. J. Angle, August Eiche

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:

Mrs. Louise Scouller Westermann, 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: 14,258 acres (22 square miles).
 Paved streets and alleys: 187 miles.
 Parks: 1,238 acres.
 Sanitary sewers: 190 miles.
 Storm sewers: 32 miles.
 Water mains: 215 miles.
 Street railways: 25 miles.
 Public School buildings: 31.
 Floating debt: None.

Gaynor fire alarm system with Gamewell punch system.....	1
Fire alarm gongs.....	8
Electrical inspector's car—1 Ford Coupe:	
Gallons of gas used.....	560
Gallons of oil used.....	???

POLICE DEPARTMENT

PETER JOHNSTONE, Chief

The following report shows the activities of the Police Department for the year 1929. The total number of arrests is 4,571; the cases disposed of as follows:

Burglary: 12. Total number of years in penal institutions, 13.
 Obtaining money under false pretenses: 1; 2 years.
 Auto theft: 23; 10 years.
 Robbery, holdup: 11; 83 years.
 Statutory rape: 3; 10 years.
 Forgery: 23; 161 years.
 Larceny as bailee: 2; 1½ years.
 Grand larceny: 7; 4 years.
 Accessory after the fact (auto theft): 2. Fines \$500; 180 days in county jail.
 Carrying concealed weapons: 1; 180 days in county jail.
 Attempt to commit abortion: 1. Fines \$500; 365 days in county jail.
 Disposing of mortgage property: 5.
 Assault with intent to do great bodily injury: 3; 2 cases pending; 15 days in county jail.
 Assault and battery: 8.
 Petit larceny: 25. Fines \$85; 325 days in county jail.
 Bad checks: 23; 280 days in county jail.
 Car stripping: 2. Turned over to outside authorities.
 Liquor violations: 211. Fines \$12,315.00; 2,850 days in county jail.
 Driving automobile while drunk: 37. Fines \$1,915.00. Licenses revoked 10.
 Drunk: 407. Fines \$5,149.00.
 Venereal diseases: 66.
 Traffic cases: 3,133.
 Other cases: 558.

Making a total of 4,571 arrests.

The total amount of property reported stolen in the City of Lincoln is \$33,873.95. Amount recovered \$4,512.00, leaving a balance not recovered of \$29,361.95.

The number of automobiles stolen in Lincoln during the year is 389. Reported recovered 261. Not recovered 28. Recovered for outside cities 42. Automobile thieves arrested 28.

Number of gallons of liquor confiscated: 297 gallons hootch, 246 gallons and 3 quarts beer, 68 gallons wine, 322 gallons liquor mash, 169 gallons beer mash.

The total number of accidents reported in 1929, 1,100; total number of injuries 254, with a total of 13 deaths.

Attached are tables of the above report. This is a very good showing for Lincoln owing to the fact that we have very few men. The department consists of 38 officers, 2 matrons, 1 painter, and 5 curfew officers who work four hours each night, and 1 signal maintainer who works three hours each day. The personnel is divided as follows:

- 1 Chief of Police
- 1 Captain of Detectives
- 1 Lieutenant of Detectives
- 6 Detectives
- 2 Police Sergeants
- 2 Patrol Drivers
- 6 Motorcycle Officers
- 2 Matrons
- 1 Mounted Patrolman
- 16 Patrolmen
- 1 Secretary and Finger Print Expert
- 1 Street Painter
- 1 Signal Maintainer, part time
- 5 Curfew Officers, part time
- 1 Cook and Janitress

At the present time our ordinances do not provide for a jail sentence for violations of the city ordinances. I believe if it is possible in many of the ordinances a jail sentence would be worth while, particularly for drunks, drunken drivers and speeders, and vagrants.

Arrests by Months—1929

Month	Arrests	Month	Arrests
January	204	August	390
February	249	September	459
March	391	October	557
April	366	November	416
May	309	December	431
June	440		
July	359	Total.....	4,571

Meals Furnished—1929

Month	Meals	Month	Meals
January	1,410	August	1,113
February	1,044	September	1,079
March	1,105	October	1,387
April	1,111	November	963
May	484	December	1,513
June	1,008		
July	1,050	Total.....	13,267

Causes of Arrest

Burglary	12
Obtaining money under false pretenses.....	1
Automobile theft	23
Accessory after the fact.....	2
Robbery	11
Statutory rape	3
Forgery	23
Larceny as bailee.....	2
Carrying concealed weapons.....	1
Grand larceny	7
Attempt to commit abortion.....	1
Disposing of mortgaged property.....	5
Assault to do great bodily harm.....	3
Assault	8
Petit larceny	27
Bad checks	23
Car stripping	2
Liquor cases	211
Drunken drivers	37
Drunks	407
Venereal cases	66
Traffic cases	3,133
Wife desertion	4
Non-support	12
Army deserter	4
Disturbing the peace.....	53
Disorderly conduct	24
Violating electric ordinance.....	3
Defrauding innkeeper	3
Auctioneering, no license.....	3
Begging	5
Vagrancy	13
Investigation	197
Window peeping	2
Insanity	4
No dog license.....	21

Indecent exposure	2
Violating fire ordinance.....	2
Operating punch board.....	3
Obstructing sidewalk	2
Parole violator	1
Failure to pay alimony.....	2
Dipsomaniac	1
Impersonating an officer.....	1
Destruction of property.....	3
Peddling, no license.....	2
Domino parlor, no license.....	1
Gambling	3
Arrested for outside authorities.....	37
Safekeeping	41
Violating health ordinance.....	0
Using the mails to defraud.....	0
Receiving stolen property.....	0
Miscellaneous	110
Total.....	4,571

PARK DEPARTMENT

Improvements made during the year beginning September 1, 1928 and ending September 1, 1929.

AMERICAN LEGION PARK—Twenty-first and Randolph

Twenty-four shade trees have been planted in the American Legion Park.

ANTELOPE PARK

Five hundred and eighty shade trees, 41 Evergreens, 82 shrubs and 20,000 flowers have been planted in Antelope Park. The walks from the entrance at Twenty-seventh and C Streets to the entrance near Twenty-ninth and A Streets have been covered with white chipstone. The driveway from the pavement to the residence is also covered with white chipstone. The office was moved from the house to the greenhouse. The garage adjoining the greenhouse was made over into a stock room where supplies and tools can be checked out. Five tennis courts were completed and opened for playing at Twenty-ninth and A Streets. A material yard has been established where all material and supplies can easily be gotten hold of. Bridle paths were made through Antelope Park. The potting shed at the greenhouse has been painted inside. New walks have been laid out west of the

POLICE**Receipts**

Balance Sept. 1, 1928.....		\$ 15,758.91
Tax collections	\$ 88,699.06	
Dog tax and tags.....	4,550.00	
Damage to property.....	137.38	
Towing cars to station.....	8.50	
Sale of unclaimed property.....	119.75	
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Total receipts	\$ 93,514.69	93,514.69
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Total credits		\$109,273.60

Disbursements

Maintenance	\$ 1,633.34	
Salary	71,179.50	
Feed	1,699.78	
Oil and gasoline.....	2,157.27	
Auto and motorcycle expense.....	4,348.88	
Telephone	3,140.10	
Signal system	77.16	
Catching dogs	4,463.50	
Traffic signals	919.44	
Purchase motorcycle No. 2.....	480.00	
Purchase motorcycle No. 3.....	480.00	
Purchase motorcycle No. 4.....	480.00	
Convention expense of Chief.....	153.37	
Insurance premiums	347.96	
Printing and office supplies.....	399.80	
Jail repairs and supplies.....	536.22	
Disinfectants & cleaning supplies	794.50	
Medical service to employees.....	20.50	
Uniforms and repair.....	1,260.03	
Telegraph service	113.27	
Fingerprint supplies	57.02	
Parking signs	482.10	
Jail register	50.50	
Water and current.....	561.30	
Paint	798.65	
Care of horse.....	424.75	
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Total warrants issued.....	\$ 97,058.94	\$ 97,058.94
Warrant debt Sept. 1, 1928.....		3,912.89
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		\$100,971.83

Warrants paid to Sept. 1, 1929	97,126.23	
Warrant debt Sept. 1, 1929.....	\$ 3,845.60	
Total cash charges.....		\$ 97,126.23
Cash balance Sept. 1, 1929.....		\$ 12,147.37
Warrant debt Sept. 1, 1929.....		3,845.60
Fund balance Sept. 1, 1929.....		\$ 8,301.77

ROAD

Receipts

Balance Sept. 1, 1928.....		\$ 16,095.66
Tax collections	\$ 34,954.31	
Receipts from County Treasurer	1,800.00	
Poll tax	13,566.00	
Use of street and sidewalk.....	116.50	
Junk sold	8.20	
Occupation taxes:		
Bowling alleys	200.00	
Circus	90.00	
Public dance	380.00	
Second-hand dealer	5.00	
Theatre	725.00	
Junk dealer	40.00	
Pool and billiard.....	1,700.00	
Scavenger	270.00	
Public Service Corporation.....	16,361.79	
Hawkers	60.00	
Bill posters	50.00	
Shooting gallery	25.00	
Material sold	235.25	
Auto storage and service.....	56.50	
Labor sold	416.72	
Sale of old culverts.....	17.81	
Refund shortage	1,863.96	
Refund overcharge	11.50	
Miscellaneous	1.00	
Total receipts	\$ 72,954.54	72,954.54
Total credits		\$ 89,050.20

TABLE NO. 3—REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT—SEPTEMBER 1, 1928 TO SEPTEMBER 1, 1929

ACCOUNTS	Fund Balance Sept. 1, 1928	Tax Collections		Other Incomes	Credit Transfers	Total Receipts	Other Vouchers Paid	Debit Transfer	Warrants Issued	Investments	Total Charges	Over-drafts	Fund Balance Sept. 1, 1929
		City	Uni. Pl. and Bethany										
City Property.....	\$ 2,597.99	\$ 16,649.12		\$ 62.87	\$ 2,500.00	19,211.99			\$ 18,754.06		\$ 18,754.06		\$ 3,055.92
Parks.....	51,357.23	113,822.13		16,874.26		130,696.39			142,500.82		142,500.82		99,552.80
Fire.....	16,425.27	168,491.08		5,866.33		174,357.41			177,475.29		177,475.29		13,307.39
General.....	39,909.07	2,147.44	\$ 899.40	56,643.33	300.00	59,990.17	\$ 39,149.30	\$ 28,800.00	63,701.97		92,501.97		7,397.27
Interest and Coupon.....	17,859.68	29,598.14			5,382.00	35,990.14			12,497.79		39,149.30		13,800.52
Judgment.....	28,426.47	258.52		35.40		293.92					12,497.79		16,222.60
Library.....	10,499.58	29,936.84		183.04		30,119.88	40,511.92				40,511.92		107.54
Library Book.....	2,580.80			7,014.25		7,014.25	1,012.48				1,012.48		8,582.57
Paving Repair.....	3,160.63	6,062.39		7,516.30	5,000.00	18,579.29			17,965.83		17,965.83		3,774.09
Police.....	11,846.02	88,699.06		4,815.63		93,514.69			97,058.94		97,058.94		8,301.77
Road.....	14,378.25	34,954.31		38,000.23		72,954.54			76,188.81		76,188.81		11,143.98
Sewer.....	5,480.33	10,095.20		341.43	5,000.00	15,436.63			14,692.75		14,692.75		6,224.21
Sewer Extension.....	4,288.45												128.45
Sinking.....	24,867.67	67,825.61		31.02	4,400.00	72,225.61	92,510.00				92,510.00		4,583.28
Sidewalk Certificate.....	252,237.45	207.52		330,621.28		330,821.28	238.54		239,484.40		244,484.40		338,374.33
Water.....	1,202.64	4,804.13		77.55		4,881.68	5,000.00		4,394.78		4,354.78		1,729.54
Engineer's Office Expense.....	2.15				2.15	2.095.48			2,149.23		2,149.23	\$ 53.75	
Paving Adjacent to City Property.....	2,156.87			203,750.00		203,750.71			203,750.94		205,730.94		176.64
Hospital.....	1,174.62	.71		18,262.81		18,262.81			17,286.25		17,286.25		12,151.18
Golf.....	8,739.63	105,360.46		1,686.25	300.00	107,346.71			104,526.48		105,526.48		10,559.86
Street Light.....	11,278.79	67,180.28		1,874.75	16,000.00	85,055.03			81,183.45		81,183.45		15,150.37
Commercial Light.....	111,917.60			135,009.91		135,009.91		5,000.00	102,461.57		107,461.57		139,465.94
Muny Coal and Gasoline.....	4,260.29			152,256.30		152,256.30			140,047.31		140,047.31		16,469.88
"H" Street Paving Repair.....	1,247.06												1,247.06
Inspection.....	2,531.21			13,478.56		13,478.56			18,551.40		18,551.40	2,541.63	
Fire Emergency.....	* 2,277.61	22,608.05				22,608.05			21,181.50		21,181.50	851.06	
City Scales.....	230.41			718.46		718.46			368.00		368.00		580.87
Plumbing Inspection.....	789.50			8,779.50		8,779.50			3,652.32		3,652.32		5,916.68
Aviation Field.....	99,500.00			1,044.70		1,044.70			71,783.97		71,783.97		28,760.73
Lincoln Symphony Orchestra.....				6,683.98		6,683.98			6,227.07		6,227.07		456.91
Water Investment and Depreciation.....	12,820.21			59,100.49		59,100.49			\$ 71,920.00		71,920.00		70
Commercial Light Investment and Depreciation.....	4,663.39			30,996.98		30,996.98		300.00	35,660.00		35,660.00		2,106.60
Electric Examiner.....	2,182.30			489.00		489.00			274.64		274.64		3,693.85
Intersection Funds, University Place.....	3,693.85								3,200.00		3,200.00		20.00
O' Street Viaduct Repair.....	3,200.00												1,678.42
4303 Starr Street Paving.....				20.00		20.00			11,300.00		11,300.00		16,058.35
University Place Lease Sinking.....				12,978.42		12,978.42			973.52		973.52		20,268.33
College View General.....				2,256.41		2,256.41							
College View Water and Light.....				20,268.33		20,268.33							
TOTALS.....	\$751,077.80	\$785,479.78	\$ 899.40	\$1,137,738.97	\$39,084.15	\$1,963,202.30	\$178,422.24	\$ 34,102.15	\$1,602,730.99	\$118,880.00	\$1,966,677.48	\$ 3,446.44	\$751,049.06

*Overdraft. †County Treasurer Collections.