

THIRTY-SECOND

Annual Report of the Auditor

OF THE

CITY OF LINCOLN

NEBRASKA

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FOR THE YEAR ENDING

AUGUST 31, 1935

Lincoln, Nebraska, October 21, 1935.

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

Gentlemen:

I am submitting the Thirty-second Annual Report of the Auditor of the City of Lincoln, covering the fiscal year ending August 31, 1935.

For years it has been the custom to include reports of activities of the different departments for the calendar year. This resulted in delaying the publication for several months, and failed to supply the information at a time when it was of real value. In order to avoid that delay and to bring the figures to the public as soon after the fiscal year as possible, this report contains the financial transactions only.

Respectfully submitted,

THEO H. BERG,  
City Clerk and Auditor.

# PART ONE

## GENERAL INFORMATION

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### OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

September 1, 1935

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.

#### DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

CHARLES W. BRYAN.....Superintendent

#### City Attorney's Office

LOREN H. LAUGHLIN, Attorney  
HAROLD B. PORTERFIELD, Deputy

#### City Clerk and Auditor's Office

THEO. H. BERG, City 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

**Police Department**

WALTER ANDERSON, Chief

**DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTS AND FINANCES**

J. CASS CORNELL.....Superintendent

**City Treasurer's Office**

J. CASS CORNELL, Ex-Officio, Treasurer

**Tax Commissioner's Office**

P. H. MATTHEWS, Tax Commissioner

**Muny Coal and Gasoline**

J. C. BEAVER, Manager

**City Scales**

J. C. BEAVER, Manager

**City Property**

WILLIAM DUFFY, Superintendent

**DEPARTMENT OF STREETS AND PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS**

COBE S. VENNER.....Superintendent

**Street Department**

A. LYNN MYERS, Superintendent

**Paving Repair and Sewers**

L. J. SEACREST, Inspector

**Sidewalks**

C. C. BINGAMAN, Inspector

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

OREN S. COPELAND.....Superintendent

**Health Department**

DR. M. F. ARNHOLT, Superintendent

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

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

DR. E. T. HOBBS, Deputy Superintendent and City Physician

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

**Fire Department**

LOUIS HANSEN, Chief

F. W. DONNELLY, Assistant Chief

R. T. TUCKER, Assistant Chief

**Electrical Inspection**

L. S. CRAIN, Inspector

**Park Department**

CHESTER AGER, Assistant Superintendent of Parks

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**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PROPERTY**

A. G. JOHNSON.....Superintendent

**Water and Light Department**

F. L. BLUMER, Plant Superintendent

**Municipal Court**

J. L. POLK, Judge

LELAND M. TOWLE, Clerk

R. L. BUTTERBAUGH, Deputy Clerk

CHAS. H. ANDERSON, Constable

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**LIBRARY BOARD**

(Members appointed by Council)

H. T. Dobbins.....President

H. J. Lehnhoff.....Vice-President

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

**Members of Board**

Mariel Gere, E. J. Angle, August Eiche, H. T. Dobbins, G. O. Smith,  
Della S. Clafin, Maurice A. Hyde, Arthur W. Richardson,  
H. J. Lehnhoff.

**Advisory Board for College View**

Frank Hornung, D. G. Hilts, Miss Jennie Tracy, Mrs. Anna Bergman,  
T. A. Little.

**AVIATION BOARD**

(Members appointed by Council)

Verne Hedge, C. W. Motter, William Gold, George W. Holmes, Max  
Kier, Carl J. Guenzel, B. F. Sheehan.

**WATER BOARD**

(Members appointed by Council)

L. M. Troup, Frank D. Eager, C. B. Towle, J. E. Miller, Homer K.  
Burket.

**BOARD OF EXAMINING ENGINEERS**

(Members appointed by Council)

Fred W. Tyler, Chairman  
M. L. Shively, Treasurer  
F. L. Blumer, Secretary

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 quali-  
fications to operate steam engines and boilers within the City of  
Lincoln.

**HOSPITAL BOARD**

(Members appointed by Council)

W. R. Mellor, Mrs. Emily J. Moore, J. E. Miller, George W. Woods,  
Joseph Grainger, Mrs. Pauline F. Wessell, John L. Teeters,  
Miss Ida L. Robbins, W. E. Barkley.

**BOARD OF APPEALS**

(Members appointed by Council)

Clark Jeary, Walter F. Wilson, William L. Turner, Robert E. Campbell, Ernest C. Folsom.

**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: 15,603 acres (24.38 square miles).

Paved streets and alleys: 212.22 miles.

Parks: 1,356 acres.

Sanitary Sewers: 208.98 miles.

Storm Sewers: 34.09 miles.

Water Mains: 241.79 miles.

Public School Buildings: 31.

Floating debt: None.

Population 1920: 54,928.

Population 1930: 79,572.

Population 1935 (estimated): 84,700.

**ASSESSED VALUATION AND BOND DEBT OF CITY**

Real Estate .....	\$74,802,455.00
Personal Property .....	11,316,170.00
Railroad Companies .....	3,203,810.00
Public Utilities .....	4,251,625.00
Insurance .....	501,205.00
<b>Total Assessed Valuation.....</b>	<b>\$94,075,265.00</b>

During the year the following bonds were issued:

Refunding Special Assessments.....	\$ 68,000.00
Refunding various issues.....	75,000.00

## THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT

## POLICE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL

WALTER ANDERSON, Chief of Police

1 Chief  
 2 Captains  
 1 Secretary  
 4 Sergeants  
 10 Detectives  
 2 Mechanics  
 1 Electrician  
 8 Cruiser Officers  
 4 Motorcycle Officers  
 24 Patrolmen  
 3 Radio Operators  
 2 Jailors  
 2 Matrons  
 1 Cook

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## REPORT OF POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Stolen Property Report

Fiscal Year September 1, 1934 to August 31, 1935

Month	Stolen	Recovered	Not Recovered
September .....	\$ 1,456.90	\$ 276.86	\$ 1,180.04
October .....	2,900.62	85.00	2,815.62
November .....	2,632.43	31.50	2,600.93
December .....	3,440.06	60.00	3,380.06
January, 1935 .....	2,961.56	250.00	2,711.56
February .....	1,957.17	84.30	1,872.87
March .....	2,207.01	34.00	2,173.01
April .....	2,614.61	100.88	2,513.73
May .....	2,308.90	560.50	1,748.40
June .....	1,457.80	91.00	1,366.80
July .....	666.25	60.00	606.25
August .....	903.65	130.90	772.75
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	\$25,506.96	\$1,764.94	\$23,742.02

## Causes of Arrest

Obstructing traffic .....	7
Assault .....	22
Bastardy .....	1
Begging .....	8
Auto theft .....	18
Breaking and entering.....	35
Chickens not to run at large upon property of another.....	1
Driving car with defective brakes.....	12
Carrying concealed weapons.....	3
Chicken stealing .....	1
Conspiracy .....	1
Disorderly conduct .....	44
Disturbing the peace .....	53
Drunk and driving car.....	111
Drunkenness .....	858
Embezzlement .....	1
Driving car with improper license.....	26
Driving car with improper lights.....	50
False pretense, and obtaining money and property under.....	2
Forgery .....	19
Gambling .....	17
Highway robbery .....	6
Parked by fire hydrant.....	11
Investigation .....	753
Indecent exposure of person.....	6
Insanity .....	7
Parked, no rear light.....	151
Improperly parked .....	271
Larceny, grand .....	14
Larceny, petit .....	126
Keeping a disorderly house.....	4
Maintaining a gambling resort.....	4
Malicious destruction of property.....	2
Non-support .....	1
No-fund checks .....	6
Obstructing the sidewalk.....	2
Permitting persons to ride, and riding on fenders.....	1
Rape .....	3
Receiving stolen property.....	1

Reckless driving .....	54
Resisting an officer.....	4
Parked, red, yellow, or white line.....	133
Safe keeping .....	188
Violating arterial stop ordinance.....	163
Speeding: 15 mile limit—20 mile limit—25 mile limit.....	283
Violating school stop.....	33
Vagrancy .....	2
Violating automatic signals.....	25
Violating auto muffler ordinance.....	5
Violating building ordinance.....	6
Violating health ordinance.....	14
Failure to pay alimony.....	3
Violating liquor law, possession, sale, mfg. and transportation.....	106
Violating milk ordinance.....	1
Parked in prohibited area.....	71
No U turn on aerial streets.....	27
Violating Sunday closing law.....	7
Violating traffic ordinance, miscellaneous.....	22
Failure to stop after accident.....	13
Miscellaneous .....	7
Violating 1 hour parking ordinance.....	1,562
Violating 2 hour parking ordinance.....	147
Held for health department.....	46
Arrested for outside authorities.....	41
Driving car, no driver's license.....	40
Murder .....	1
<b>Total arrests .....</b>	<b>5,302</b>

**POLICE****Receipts**

Balance Sept. 1, 1934.....		\$ 8,807.96
Tax Collections .....	\$106,843.54	
Sale of Unclaimed Property.....	61.10	
Boarding Prisoners .....	1,119.40	
Brake and Light Certificates.....	11,598.75	
Siren Sold .....	10.00	
Shotguns Sold .....	35.00	
Uniforms Sold to F. E. R. A.		
Employees .....	121.00	
Radio Repairs Sold.....	8.50	
Refund Warrants .....	50.00	
Badges Sold .....	24.00	
Labor Sold .....	4.00	
Miscellaneous .....	24.46	
Occupation Taxes:		
Scavanger .....	390.00	
Beverage .....	13,943.62	
Taxi .....	210.00	
Pool and Billiard Hall.....	378.00	
Bowling Alley .....	60.00	
Dance .....	448.00	
Public Service Corporations....	13,516.82	
Hawkers .....	156.00	
Second Hand Dealers.....	35.42	
Theatre .....	862.50	
Circus .....	137.50	
Junk Dealers .....	175.00	
Total Receipts .....	\$150,212.61	150,212.61
Total Credits .....		\$159,020.57

**Disbursements**

Salary .....	\$ 97,417.51
Labor—Traffic Signals .....	1,249.15
Traffic Signal Repairs.....	372.22
Electric Current for Traffic	
Signals .....	1,682.28
Auto Expense .....	2,253.70
Gasoline and Oil.....	3,583.49
Radio Repairs .....	618.15
Printing and Office Expense.....	1,167.48
Motorcycle Expense .....	138.22

Uniforms .....	1,814.05	
Advertising .....	541.86	
Laundry .....	254.61	
Guns and Ammunition.....	632.68	
Telephone and Telegraph.....	5,147.31	
Fingerprint Supplies .....	270.40	
Street Signs .....	213.43	
Janitor Supplies .....	342.54	
Food .....	1,407.37	
Electric Current .....	850.57	
Radio Transmitter .....	620.00	
Postage .....	90.00	
Paint .....	815.59	
Electric Repairs .....	151.77	
Garbage Service .....	31.25	
Insurance .....	310.36	
Refund on Brake and Light		
Certificates .....	252.25	
Toils and Hardware.....	187.67	
Jail Repairs .....	49.83	
Flashlights .....	29.36	
Plumbing Repairs and Supplies..	16.23	
Traveling Expenses .....	65.21	
Freight and Express.....	12.43	
Office Equipment .....	53.65	
New Motorcycles .....	724.00	
F. E. R. A. Telephone Service.....	22.50	
Medical Service to Employees.....	45.15	
Maintenance Call Boxes.....	10.80	
Electric Current—Call Boxes.....	355.55	
Badges .....	172.68	
Rewards .....	25.00	
Subscriptions .....	36.00	
Miscellaneous .....	100.43	
Total warrants issued.....	\$124,134.73	\$124,134.73
Warrant debt Sept. 1, 1934.....		3,661.18
		\$127,795.91
Warrants paid to Sept. 1, '35		122,377.92
Warrant debt Sept. 1, 1935.....		\$ 5,417.99
Total cash charges.....		\$122,377.92
Cash balance Sept. 1, 1935.....		\$ 36,642.65
Warrant debt Sept. 1, 1935.....		5,417.99
Fund balance Sept. 1, 1935.....		\$ 31,224.66

TABLE NO. 3—REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT—SEPTEMBER 1, 1934 TO SEPTEMBER 1, 1935

ACCOUNTS	Fund Balance Sept. 1, 1934	Tax Collections		Other Incomes	Credit Transfer	Total Receipts	Other Vouchers Paid	Debit Transfer	Warrants Issued	Investments	Total Charges	Over-drafts	Fund Balance Sept. 1, 1935
		City	Intangible										
General.....	\$ 26,402.88	\$ 25,339.56		\$ 17,880.44	\$ 10,419.68	\$ 53,639.68		\$ 22.95	41,702.01		\$ 41,734.96		\$ 38,817.60
Salary.....	10,519.72	68,668.74		350,732.98	11,025.00	68,668.74		8,761.48	68,887.76		77,299.22		1,889.24
Water.....	153,893.04			188,102.71	5,952.14	194,054.85		58,025.00	227,988.08		373,214.28		142,536.69
Commercial Light.....	231,472.93			8,655.16		48,642.36			58,559.26		189,193.45		226,334.33
Street Light.....	12,323.24	44,990.20		305.40		192,530.84			185,959.11		58,559.26		18,883.97
Pipe.....	5,146.78	170,035.35	\$ 22,193.09	43,368.07		152,212.61			124,321.73		127,184.73		31,224.66
Police.....	4,002.24	106,843.54		17,452.45		17,452.45			17,452.45		17,452.45		3,653.65
Sewer.....	1,113.22	2,719.03		88.58		2,735.27			3,458.32		3,458.32		689.57
Engineer's Office Expense.....	3,939.18	13,185.79		6,233.16		18,374.92			18,374.92		19,791.35		3,572.78
Paving Repair.....	1,181.34	17,720.99		18,374.92		18,374.92			18,374.92		18,374.92		1,368.51
City Property.....	21,981.77	21,439.35		45,467.94		66,896.23			77,042.42		77,042.42		11,835.74
Road.....	14,377.00	50,503.33		12,199.50		71,999.63			78,465.74		78,465.74		7,510.89
Park.....	21,535.18	48,592.84		1,547.96		50,140.80			71,630.62		71,630.62		95.36
Storm Sewer.....	33,492.18			140,057.16		140,057.16		22,667.11	133,862.91		156,530.02		22,939.32
Muny Coal and Gasoline.....				152,790.00		152,790.00			152,760.19		152,760.19		29.81
Hospital.....				6,188.86		6,188.86			6,590.70		6,590.70	\$ 708.33	
Golf.....	* 306.49			1,566.80		1,566.80			1,480.38		1,480.38		41.81
Tennis.....	44.61			2,732.50		2,732.50			3,783.84		3,783.84		3,115.31
Plumbing Inspection.....	4,166.65			6,470.18		6,470.18			7,092.64		7,092.64		3,016.48
Aviation Field.....	3,618.62	20.32		4,357.43		4,357.43			4,001.89		4,001.89		397.27
Lincoln Symphony Orchestra.....	41.73			924.00		924.00			1,220.00		1,220.00		245.22
Judgment.....	49.15	1,446.07		99.37		1,561.72			1,551.46		1,551.46		908.48
Milk Inspection.....	82.24	1,462.15		245.00		245.00			240.78		240.78		199.76
Attorney's Office Expense.....	398.22			1,431.69		1,431.69			1,298.23		1,298.23		
Electric Examiner.....	195.54			190.00		190.00			18.30		18.30		1,993.11
Inspection.....	240.25								2,790.41		2,790.41		405.45
Paving Abutting City Property.....	1,745.71	247.40		22.95		24,264.99		462.24			462.24		
City Scales.....	233.75												
Weights and Measures.....	* 117,977.87	24,264.99											
Building.....	22.95												
"H" Street Paving Repair.....	268.31	193.93											
College View General.....	572.24												
Havelock General.....	635.65												
Water Extension.....	8,786.54												
Sinking.....	4,019.74	47,915.59		274.68	36,050.98	36,325.66	32,000.00	475.00	9,851.70		42,336.70	14,787.58	11,638.33
Interest and Coupon.....	7,088.48	44,087.94		243,476.20		291,391.79	215,723.20	68,000.00			283,738.20		11,481.65
Library.....	4,564.84	53,541.77		1,004.17		53,541.77	49,646.40				49,646.40		8,480.21
Emergency Labor.....	5,932.48			6,044.28		6,044.28	9,862.73				9,862.73		2,174.03
Water Depreciation Replacement.....	1,521.41	2,321.17		2,321.17		2,321.17	49.15	538.00			587.15		212.61
Sinking.....	1,499.71			32,800.25		32,800.25				134.50	134.50		34,165.46
Commercial Light Depreciation.....	11,306.29			15,636.71		15,636.71				11,516.41	11,516.41		15,426.59
Replacement Sinking.....	655.53			2,408.94		2,408.94							655.53
Muny Gasoline Depreciation.....	* 2,639.24	40,535.41				42,944.35							3,472.79
Health Sinking.....	65.53			120.83		120.83							
Motor Vehicle.....	* 23,048.83			89,375.59		10,205.09	263.65	5,952.14	36,782.32		36,782.32	21.65	
University Place Lease Sinking.....	3,179.46	10,205.09		58,500.00		10,205.09		697.98	17,217.52		23,169.66		
Special Emergency.....	150,641.00			875.69		14,576.59		11,025.00	213,059.58		224,084.58		74,432.05
P. W. A. Docket No. 1175.....				5,725.50		25,542.80		22,667.11	22,788.41		22,788.41		794.39
Special Labor and Material.....				1,570.68		5,725.50			5,679.50		5,679.50		46.00
Humane Society.....						1,570.68					1,570.68		
Sidewalk Certificate.....						6,880.60					6,880.60		6,880.60
Street Opening.....													
TOTALS.....	\$ 630,874.94	\$ 829,511.42	\$ 22,193.09	\$ 1,386,619.23	\$ 144,637.86	\$ 2,382,861.60	\$ 522,496.41	\$ 176,586.88	\$ 1,719,449.09	\$ 11,650.91	\$ 2,430,183.29	\$ 112,127.64	\$ 695,780.89

\*Overdrafts.