

THIRTY-FOURTH

Annual Report of the Auditor

OF THE

CITY OF LINCOLN

NEBRASKA

FOR THE YEAR ENDING
AUGUST 31, 1937

Lincoln, Nebraska, March 22, 1938

To the Honorable City Council
City of Lincoln, Nebraska

Gentlemen:

I am submitting the 34th Annual Report of the Auditor of the
City of Lincoln, covering the fiscal year ending August 31, 1937.

Respectfully submitted,

B. W. BOEKE
City Auditor

PART ONE

GENERAL INFORMATION

OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

January 1, 1938

The City of Lincoln, Nebraska, for many years operated under the Commission Form of government. On May 10, 1937, a change was made and a new form of government was inaugurated. The plan adopted has been called Seven-Man-Council, but possibly a more appropriate name would be a Modified Manager Form. Under this plan a Mayor is elected for a term of two years and after the first election three councilmen will be elected each two years for a four year term. The Councilmen are paid \$10.00 for each regular weekly meeting attended, no pay allowed for special meetings. The Mayor receives in addition to the \$10.00 for each weekly meeting attended, the sum of \$500.00 per year.

The activities of the City are divided in three departments as follows:

1. Department of Public Welfare and Safety
2. Department of Accounts and Finance
3. Department of Parks, Public Property and Improvements

The Council appoints a Director for each of the departments, who is the superintendent thereof and responsible to the Council for its proper operation.

All other officials and employees are appointed by the Council. The Judge of Municipal Court is elected at County and State elections, and 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 Mayor and Councilmen begins on the first Monday following the election.

The Council acts as a fact finding and policy determining body, while it is the duty of the Directors to carry out the policies so determined and to perform the necessary administrative functions of the City.

The Council also appoints a City Attorney and assistants necessary, to work with the Council and all departments of the City.

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LIST OF CITY OFFICIALS

Oren S. Copeland, Mayor and President of Council

J. G. Aldrich

H. J. Amen

J. W. Kinsinger, Councilmen—Term Expires 1939

R. E. Campbell, Councilman and Vice President of Council

Richard O. Johnson

E. L. Smith, Councilmen—Term Expires 1941

The Departments of the City are assigned as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE AND SAFETY

COBE S. VENNER.....Director

Fire Department —F. W. Donnelly, Chief
 Electrical Inspection—L. S. Crain, Inspector
 Health Department —Dr. M. F. Arnholt, Superintendent
 Dr. Porter Cannon, Assistant Superintendent
 Police Department —Walter Anderson, Chief
 City Property —Charles Saal, Superintendent
 Muny Coal and Gas—Michael Bourke, Manager Gasoline Dept.
 J. T. Rowan, Manager Coal Dept.

DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE

THEO. H. BERG.....Director

City Clerk's Office —Theo. H. Berg, Clerk
 Auditor's Office —B. W. Boeke, Auditor
 Purchasing Office —F. W. Moeller, Purchasing Agent
 Treasurer's Office —Frank J. Miller, Treasurer
 Tax Commissioner's Office—P. H. Mathews, Tax Commissioner
 Information Bureau —Wauneita Paul, Information Clerk

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, PUBLIC PROPERTY
AND IMPROVEMENT

D. L. ERICKSON-----Director

- Engineer's Office —D. L. Erickson, Engineer
 H. C. Schlueter
 Carl L. Fisher
- Inspections —E. A. Vorhees, Building Inspector
 George R. Martin, Plumbing Inspector
 Charles Meyer, Sidewalk Inspector
- Street Department —A. Lynn Meyers, Superintendent
- Paving Repair and Sewer—L. J. Seacrest, Superintendent
- Parks —Chester E. Ager, Superintendent
- Recreation —James C. Lewis, Superintendent
- Water and Light —F. L. Blumer, Plant Superintendent
 Raymond I. Case, Office Superintendent

LEGAL DEPARTMENT —Ralph P. Wilson, City Attorney
 Clarence G. Miles, Deputy
 Frederick H. Wagener, Assistant

PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT—Carl H. Worley, Personnel Officer

MUNICIPAL COURT —John A. Maguire, Judge
 Leland M. Towle, Clerk
 R. L. Butterbaugh, Deputy Clerk
 Charles H. Anderson, Constable

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

Term expiring July 1, 1938:

Mariel Gere, August Eiche, Fred Ress.

Term expiring July 1, 1939:

H. T. Dobbins, C. H. Patterson, Della S. Clafin.

Term expiring July 1, 1940:

A. W. Richardson, Maurice A. Hyde, 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.

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 qualifications to operate steam engines and boilers within the City of Lincoln.

HOSPITAL BOARD

(Members appointed by Council)

Term expiring February 28, 1939

John L. Teeters, Miss Ida L. Robbins, Joe W. Seacrest.

Term expiring February 28, 1941

W. R. Mellor, H. S. Wilson, Mrs. Jessie Moore Sanders.

Term expiring February 28, 1943

Mrs. Pauline F. Wessell, S. A. Sanderson, W. W. Putney.

BOARD OF APPEALS

(Members appointed by Council)

D. L. Erickson, City Engineer and
Term expiring May, 1939

Sewall A. Sanderson, Ernest C. Folsom.
Term expiring May, 1941

Clark Jeary, Walter F. Wilson.
Term expiring May, 1943

L. M. Troup.

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: 219.27 miles.
Parks: 1,361 acres.
Sanitary Sewers: 213.01 miles.
Storm Sewers: 48.60 miles.
Water Mains: 261.38 miles.
Public School Buildings: 31.
Floating Debt: None.
Population 1920: 54,928.
Population 1930: 79,572.
Population 1937: 85,400 (estimated).

ASSESSED VALUATION AND BOND DEBT OF CITY

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| Real Estate ----- | \$74,750,250.00 |
| Personal Property ----- | 14,048,705.00 |
| Railroad Companies ----- | 3,135,275.00 |
| Public Utilities ----- | 4,313,560.00 |
| Insurance ----- | 526,135.00 |
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| Total Assessed Valuation ----- | \$96,873,825.00 |

POLICE

Receipts

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| Balance September 1, 1936 ----- | | \$ 31,749.12 |
| Tax Collections ----- | \$ 46,661.83 | |
| Brake and Light Certificates ----- | 12,656.25 | |
| Boarding Federal Prisoners ----- | 344.40 | |
| Sale of Junk ----- | 38.90 | |
| Transfer from General Fund ----- | 10,000.00 | |
| Damage to Property ----- | 94.90 | |
| Refund Warrants ----- | 1.86 | |
| Occupation Taxes: | | |
| Beer ----- | \$ 10,650.00 | |
| Liquor ----- | 4,750.00 | |
| Dance ----- | 140.00 | |
| Scavenger ----- | 325.00 | |
| Hawker ----- | 144.00 | |
| Taxi ----- | 450.00 | |
| Peddler ----- | 75.00 | |
| Public Service Corporation ----- | 15,628.80 | |
| Skating Rink ----- | 75.00 | |
| Bowling Alley ----- | 449.00 | |
| Theatre ----- | 1,312.50 | |
| Second Hand Dealers ----- | 20.00 | |
| Junk Dealers ----- | 150.00 | |
| Circus ----- | 125.00 | |
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| Total Receipts ----- | \$104,092.44 | 104,092.44 |
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| Total Credits ----- | | \$135,841.56 |

Disbursements

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|-------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Salary ----- | \$ 94,751.90 |
| Labor—Traffic Signals ----- | 1,262.50 |
| Electric Current for Traffic Signal ----- | 1,593.04 |
| Traffic Signal Repairs ----- | 98.01 |
| Auto Expense ----- | 1,555.90 |
| Gasoline and Oil ----- | 3,380.10 |
| Printing and Office Expense ----- | 997.30 |
| Electric Current ----- | 805.50 |
| Electric Current for call Boxes ----- | 375.88 |
| Uniforms ----- | 1,258.01 |
| Insurance ----- | 324.49 |
| Food ----- | 1,592.01 |

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| Radios, Repairs and Supplies ----- | 437.83 | |
| Telephone and Telegraph ----- | 4,880.99 | |
| Paint ----- | 397.32 | |
| Badges ----- | 26.25 | |
| Janitor Supplies ----- | 136.69 | |
| Flashlights ----- | 81.22 | |
| Laundry ----- | 212.20 | |
| Freight and Express ----- | 12.27 | |
| Refund Stickers ----- | 82.50 | |
| Plumbing Repairs ----- | 8.30 | |
| Garbage Service ----- | 27.00 | |
| Motorcycle Repairs ----- | 290.64 | |
| Street Signs ----- | 95.90 | |
| Guns and Ammunitions ----- | 73.19 | |
| Electric Repairs and Supplies ----- | 61.34 | |
| Tools and Hardware ----- | 53.76 | |
| Postage ----- | 64.00 | |
| Office Equipment ----- | 129.30 | |
| Refund—Beer Occupation Tax ----- | 125.00 | |
| Advertising ----- | 252.55 | |
| Fingerprint Supplies ----- | 65.46 | |
| Subscriptions ----- | 8.54 | |
| New Cars Nos. 110, 157, 34 ----- | 1,776.25 | |
| New Motorcycles Nos. 5, 6, 7 ----- | 1,670.60 | |
| Building Repairs and Supplies ----- | 12.39 | |
| Membership Fees ----- | 35.00 | |
| Call Box Repairs ----- | 18.85 | |
| Paint Marker ----- | 285.00 | |
| Miscellaneous ----- | 110.27 | |
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| Total Warrants Issued ----- | \$119,425.25 | \$119,425.25 |
| Warrant Debt September 1, 1936 | | 5,550.65 |
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| | | \$124,975.90 |
| Warrants Paid to Sept. 1, 1937 | | 119,469.40 |
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| Warrant Debt September 1, 1937 | | 5,506.50 |
| Total Cash Charges ----- | | 119,469.40 |
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| Cash Balance September 1, 1937 | | 16,372.16 |
| Warrant Debt September 1, 1937 | | 5,506.50 |
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| Fund Balance September 1, 1937 | | \$ 10,865.66 |

