

THIRTY-FIFTH
ANNUAL REPORT
of the Auditor

OF THE
CITY OF LINCOLN
NEBRASKA

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FOR THE YEAR ENDING
AUGUST 31, 1938

Lincoln, Nebr., Febr. 1, 1939

To Honorable City Council
Lincoln, Nebraska

Gentlemen:

The Department of Accounts and Finance presents herewith a detailed report of the financial transactions of the City of Lincoln, for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1938.

In addition to the financial report, an appendix is included, giving some of the important accomplishments during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

THEO. H. BERG
Director of Accounts & Finance

Lincoln, Nebraska, January 30, 1939

Mr. Theo. H. Berg
Director of Accounts & Finances
City of Lincoln, Nebraska

Dear Sir:

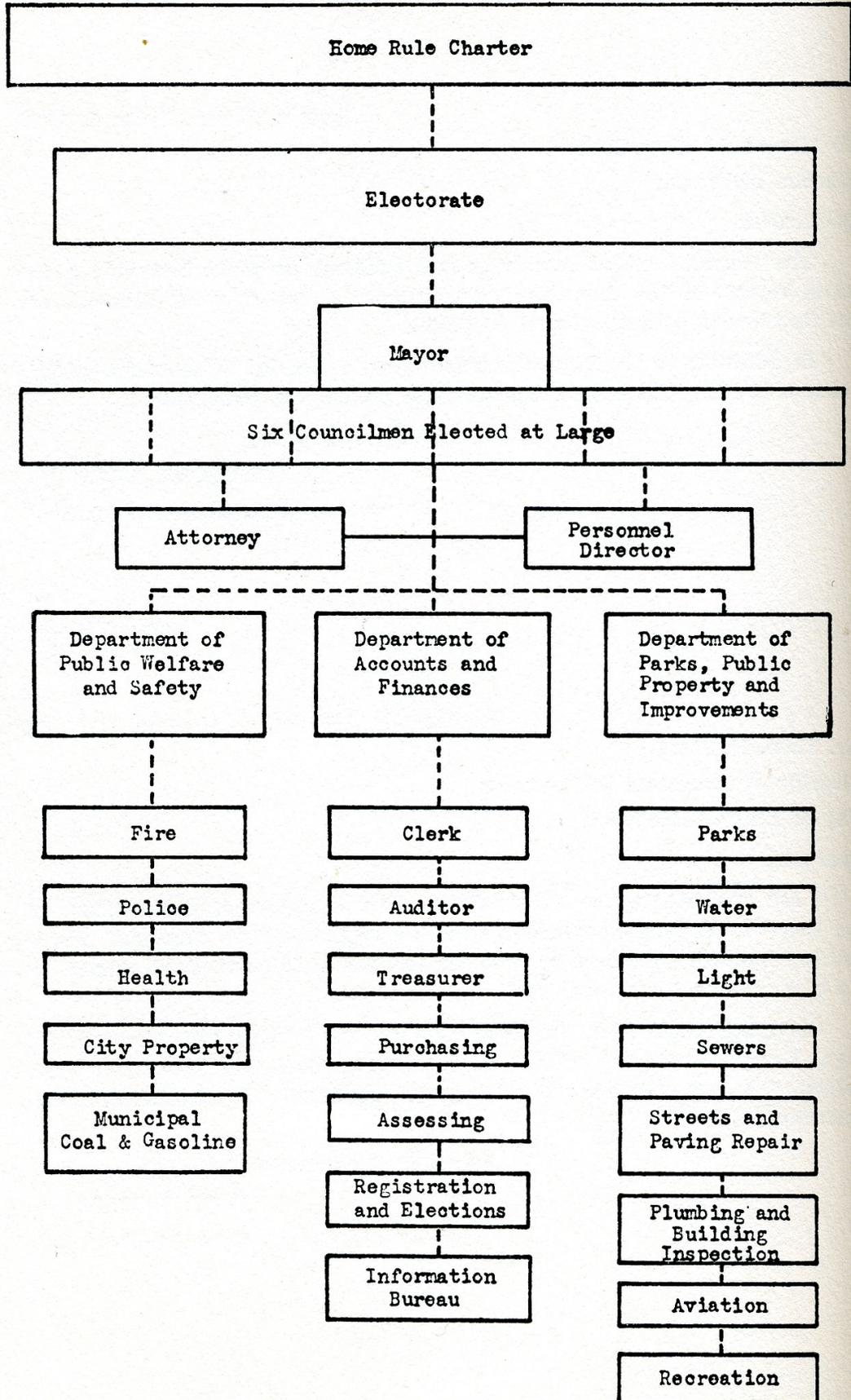
I am submitting the Thirty-fifth Annual Report of the Auditor of the City of Lincoln, showing a detailed report of the financial transactions, bonded indebtedness and the actual condition of all funds, at the close of the fiscal year ending August 31, 1938.

Statistics regarding the operation of the Water and Commercial Light Department are omitted for the reason that this department has published a separate report, setting out in detail its transactions and operations.

Respectfully submitted,

B. W. BOEKE
City Auditor

Government of the City of Lincoln, Nebraska.



GENERAL INFORMATION

OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

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 the 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.

LIST OF CITY OFFICIALS

Oren S. Copeland, Mayor and President of Council
J. G. Aldrich
H. J. Amen
J. W. Kinsinger, Councilmen—Terms Expire 1939
R. E. Campbell, Councilman and Vice President of Council
Richard O. Johnson
E. L. Smith, Councilmen—Terms Expire 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 and Coal Dept.

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

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

ADVISORY HEALTH BOARD

Term expiring September, 1940

Fred Ress, Mrs. Chas. W. Roberts, Dr. E. S. Wegner

Term expiring September, 1941

Dr. A. L. Smith, Dr. Benjamin F. Schwartz, Mrs. J. L. Sellers

PERSONNEL BOARD

Term expiring March, 1939

Perry W. Morton

Term expiring March, 1940

Dr. E. Glenn Callen

Term expiring March, 1941

Wm. W. Stoner

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: 223.01 miles.

Parks: 1,361 acres.

Sanitary Sewers: 213.40 miles.

Storm Sewers: 53.12 miles.

Water Mains: 261.86 miles.

Public School Buildings: 31.

Floating Debt: None.

Population 1920: 54,928.

Population 1930: 79,572.

Population 1938: 86,000 (estimated).

STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR FISCAL YEAR EN

Revenues, Schedule "2"

ACCOUNTS	Reappropriated		Taxes	Miscellaneous	Total Revenues	Total Revenues and Surplus	General Government	General Staff Services	Public Welfare	Public Works	Co
	Sept. 1, 1937	Surplus									
General Fund:	\$ 130,537.20		\$ 642,304.86	\$ 173,420.41	\$ 815,725.27	\$ 946,262.47	\$ 2,951.61				
City Council							3,409.85				
Mayor's Office							14,321.36				
Director's							13,549.43				
Municipal Court											
Election and Registration											
Auditor											
Tax Commissioner											
Treasurer											
Purchasing											
Engineer											
Attorney											
Clerk											
City Property											
Police											
Fire											
Road											
Paving Repair											
Street Light											
Sewer											
Health											
Park											
General Expense (Miscel.)											
Mert System											
Pension Study											
Pensions—Fireman											
Street Right of Way											
Public Health Nursing											
Total General	\$ 130,537.20		\$ 642,304.86	\$ 173,420.41	\$ 815,725.27	\$ 946,262.47	\$ 34,232.25	\$ 102,508.92	\$ 324,105.39	\$ 209,792.71	\$
General-Recreation Funds:											
Recreation			\$ 4,099.50	\$ 4,045.83	\$ 8,145.33	\$ 8,145.33					
Playgrounds				2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00					
Softball				6,404.53	6,404.53	6,404.53					
Hardball				77.85	77.85	77.85					
Munuy Pool				5,369.40	5,369.40	5,369.40					
Total General-Recreation			\$ 4,099.50	\$ 17,897.61	\$ 21,997.11	\$ 21,997.11					
Grand Total General Fund	\$ 130,537.20		\$ 646,404.36	\$ 191,318.02	\$ 837,722.38	\$ 968,259.58	\$ 34,232.25	\$ 102,508.92	\$ 324,105.39	\$ 209,792.71	\$
Public Service Enterprise Funds:											
Water	\$ 276,584.28			\$ 400,449.69	\$ 400,449.69	\$ 677,033.97					
Commercial Light	99,290.44			271,491.42	271,491.42	370,781.86					
Munuy Coal and Gas	21,261.01			58,030.34	58,030.34	79,291.35					
Aviation	2,471.88			5,191.05	5,191.05	7,662.73					
Total Public Service Enterprises	\$ 399,607.41		\$ 646,404.36	\$ 735,162.50	\$ 735,162.50	\$ 1,134,769.91	\$ 34,232.25	\$ 102,508.92	\$ 324,105.39	\$ 209,792.71	\$
Grand Total	\$ 530,144.61			\$ 926,480.52	\$ 1,572,884.88	\$ 2,103,029.49					
Recreation Funds:											
Golf	\$ 6,476.76*			\$ 10,048.32	\$ 10,048.32	\$ 3,571.56					
Tennis	2,284.89*			1,259.00	1,259.00	1,025.89*					
Total Recreation	\$ 8,761.65*		\$ 646,404.36	\$ 11,307.32	\$ 11,307.32	\$ 2,545.67	\$ 34,232.25	\$ 102,508.92	\$ 324,105.39	\$ 209,792.71	\$
Total	\$ 521,382.96			\$ 937,787.84	\$ 1,584,192.20	\$ 2,105,575.16					

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 Myers, 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, 1939:

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

Term expiring July 1, 1940:

A. W. Richardson, Maurice A. Hyde, H. J. Lehnhoff.

Term expiring July 1, 1941:

Mariel Gere, August Eiche, Fred Ress.

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.