

FIFTY-FOURTH

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

AUDITOR

OF THE

CITY OF LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING AUGUST 31, 1957

Lincoln, Nebraska

February 1, 1958

To the Honorable City Council
City of Lincoln, Nebraska

Submitted herewith is the Fifty-Fourth Annual Financial Report of the City of Lincoln, Nebraska, which covers the financial transactions of the city for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1957.

This report is divided in three parts, namely, (1) General Information, (2) Financial Section and (3) Financial Statements.

During the year, some of the funds were not immediately needed for the purpose for which they were appropriated or levied. Wherever possible, such funds were invested in short time U. S. Government Securities, in order that interest might be earned for such money. It will be observed in some of the funds, there is an item of "Investments Cashed". In many of these instances, when securities matured, and the money could be spared for a short period, the funds were re-invested, which accounts in such instances for the large amount so cashed.

Respectfully submitted,

Theo. H. Berg, Director,
Department of Accounts &
Finance.

PART ONE

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 Plan. Under this plan a Mayor is elected for a two-year term and at each biennial election, three councilmen are elected for a term of four years. The Councilmen are paid \$10.00 for each regular 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 employes 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.

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LIST OF CITY OFFICIALS

Bennett S. Martin, Mayor and President of Council

Councilmen--Terms expiring 1961

Joseph E. Fenton, Vice President of Council
C. W. D. Kinsey
Hugh Thorne

Councilmen--Terms expiring 1959

Pat Ash
D. L. Tyrrell
Rees Wilkinson

**THE DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY ARE
ASSIGNED AS FOLLOWS:**

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE AND SAFETY

EMMETT JUNGE

Director

Fire Department --E. P. Feaster, Chief
Electrical Inspection --Donald Venter, Inspector
Health Department --Dr. George Underwood, Superintendent
Police Department --Joseph T. Carroll, Chief
City Property --Charles E. Saal, Superintendent
Muny Coal and Gas --L. E. Brown, Manager

DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE

THEO. H. BERG

Director

City Clerk's Office --Theo. H. Berg, Clerk
--Harold Springer, Deputy Clerk
City Auditor's Office --James M. Mallon, Auditor
Purchasing Office --W. Wayne Harvey, Purchasing Agent
Treasurer's Office --Frank J. Miller, Treasurer
--Robert L. Wheeler, Deputy Treasurer
Tax Commissioner's Office --William Schlaebitz, Tax Commissioner

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS,
PUBLIC PROPERTY AND IMPROVEMENTS

D. L. ERICKSON

Director

Engineer's Office

--Carl L. Fisher, Engineer
--H. C. Schlueter, Deputy
--Nathaniel W. Beezley, Deputy

Inspections

--E. A. Vorhees, Building Inspector
--Frank M. Staats, Plumbing Inspector
--Michael Bourke, Sidewalk Inspector

Street Department

--A. Lynn Myers, Superintendent

Paving Repair & Sewer

--H. Lyle Giesecker, Superintendent

Parks

--James Ager, Superintendent

Recreation

--James C. Lewis, Superintendent

Water and Light

--F. L. Blumer, Plant Superintendent
--John W. Kruse, Business Manager

LEGAL DEPARTMENT

--Jack M. Pace, City Attorney
--Norma VerMaas, Deputy Attorney
--Thomas J. Gorham, Asst. Attorney

PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT

--Ray E. Ramsay, Personnel Officer

MUNICIPAL COURT

--John Jacobsen, Judge
--Richard O. Johnson, Judge
--Leland M. Towle, Clerk
--R. L. Butterbaugh, Deputy Clerk
--John J. Reitter, Constable
--Frank Selders, Constable

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BUILDING PERMITS

Issued From September 1, 1956 to August 31, 1957

Month	No.	Residence	Business	Accessory	Total
Sept.	203	\$ 537,011.00	\$ 844,815.00	\$ 32,833.00	\$1,414,659.00
Oct.	211	780,870.00	257,920.00	26,316.00	1,065,106.00
Nov.	86	288,393.00	216,445.00	27,010.00	531,848.00
Dec.	61	195,415.00	15,790.00	15,906.00	227,111.00
Jan.	51	115,700.00	82,501.00	9,575.00	207,776.00
Febr.	114	463,751.00	43,779.00	13,275.00	520,805.00
March	177	631,157.00	209,160.00	35,602.00	875,919.00
April	219	1,033,092.00	230,780.00	37,252.00	1,301,124.00
May	208	868,712.00	797,925.00	21,843.00	1,688,480.00
June	182	838,747.00	150,732.00	22,669.00	1,012,148.00
July	169	764,790.00	194,852.00	16,180.00	975,822.00
Aug.	209	1,126,972.00	310,587.00	53,593.00	1,491,152.00
Total	1890	\$7,644,610.00	\$3,355,286.00	\$ 312,054.00	\$11,311,950.00

FACTS ABOUT LINCOLN

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: 16,128 Acres (25.20 square miles).

Paved streets and alleys: 348.47 miles.

Parks: 1,361 acres.

Sanitary sewers: 321.20.

Storm sewers: 93.82.

Water mains: 373.92.

Street lights: 4,112.

Floating debt: None.

Population 1920, 54,928.

Population 1930, 79,572.

Population 1940, 81,846.

Population 1950, 97,423.

Population 1956, (estimated) 120,000.

Assessed valuation of city per capita: \$1,206.55.

Bonded indebtedness of city per capita: \$52.07.

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GENERAL FUND

Statement of Expenditures and Encumbrances

Compared with Appropriations

September 1, 1956 to August 31, 1957

	Adjusted Appropriation	Expenditures	Unexpended Balance	Encum- brances	Unencum- bered Balance
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:					
City Council \$	3,320.00	\$ 3,270.61	\$ 49.39	\$ -----	\$ 49.39
Mayor	5,472.95	4,888.36	584.59	348.39	236.20
Coordinator	9,340.00	9,121.89	218.11	4.54	213.57
Muny Court	58,318.00	53,490.59	4,827.41	506.80	4,320.61
Gen. Expense	45,387.31	40,790.88	4,596.43	674.54	3,921.89
Directors	34,595.00	34,181.45	413.55	-----	413.55
Attorney	31,107.34	29,270.30	1,837.04	38.51	1,798.53
Merit System	9,720.75	9,626.95	93.80	19.75	74.05
Planning Comm.	18,958.58	18,344.47	614.11	12.50	601.61
Contingency	50,026.25	34,717.05	15,309.20	-----	15,309.20
Total	\$ 266,246.18	\$ 237,702.55	\$ 28,543.63	\$ 1,605.03	\$26,938.60
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE AND SAFETY:					
Police \$	571,565.61	\$ 574,796.78	\$ (3,231.17)	\$10,766.93	(13,998.10)
Fire	526,585.83	516,409.50	10,176.33	4,121.25	6,055.08
Health	159,674.00	143,259.31	16,414.69	-----	16,414.69
Milk Insp.	19,120.00	20,268.01	(1,148.01)	-----	(1,148.01)
City Prop.	85,949.79	79,385.71	6,564.08	1,492.59	5,071.49
Lic. Bureau	6,510.00	4,898.96	1,611.04	-----	1,611.04
Mail. & Print.	7,822.00	6,865.01	956.99	-----	956.99
Park & Recr.	393,735.96	373,985.09	19,750.87	4,778.40	14,972.47
Total	\$1,770,963.19	\$1,719,868.37	\$ 51,094.82	\$21,159.17	\$29,935.65
DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE:					
Clerk \$	13,681.25	\$ 14,141.54	\$ (460.29)	\$ -----	\$ (460.29)
Auditor	12,762.27	12,336.52	425.75	14.45	411.30
Treasurer	57,792.69	55,353.72	2,438.97	227.17	2,211.80
Tax Comm.	11,020.00	9,573.77	1,446.23	-----	1,446.23
Purchasing	13,352.36	12,897.22	455.14	217.00	238.14
Total	\$ 108,608.57	\$ 104,302.77	\$ 4,305.80	\$ 458.62	\$ 3,847.18
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PROPERTY & IMPROVEMENTS:					
Engineer \$	68,400.03	\$ 58,450.84	\$ 9,949.19	\$ 94.96	9,854.23
Road	267,634.18	249,142.96	18,491.22	3,176.72	15,314.50
Paving Rep.	156,090.27	153,799.63	2,290.64	3,899.02	(1,608.38)
Sewer	81,492.22	79,032.84	2,459.38	-----	2,459.38
Street Light	123,550.66	128,643.83	(5,093.17)	-----	(5,093.17)
Pbng. Insp.	15,383.42	13,539.73	1,843.69	6.00	1,837.69
Bldg. & Sidewalk Inspection	26,438.40	25,690.54	747.86	127.10	620.76
Total	\$ 738,989.18	\$ 708,300.37	\$ 30,688.81	\$ 7,303.80	\$23,385.01
GRAND TOTAL - GENERAL FUND	\$2,884,807.12	\$2,770,174.06	\$114,633.06	\$30,526.62	\$84,106.44

FINANCIAL SECTION - GENERAL FUND

GENERAL FUND

Detailed Statement of Expenditures

September 1, 1956 to August 31, 1957

	Personal Services	Other Current Expenses	Capital Outlay	Miscel- laneous	Total
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:					
City Council \$	3,040.00	\$ 230.61	\$-----	\$-----	\$ 3,270.61
Mayor	4,282.32	606.04	-----	-----	4,888.36
Coordinator	8,880.48	229.33	12.08	-----	9,121.89
Muny Court	44,443.72	5,980.43	3,066.44	-----	53,490.59
Gen. Expense	-----	13,165.36	27,600.00	25.52	40,790.88
Directors	34,100.64	80.81	-----	-----	34,181.45
Attorney	25,254.61	2,094.59	1,921.10	-----	29,270.30
Merit System	8,800.80	716.40	109.75	-----	9,626.95
Plan. Comm.	6,216.12	12,118.35	10.00	-----	18,344.47
Contingency	107.52	25,479.62	8,923.00	206.91	34,717.05
Total	\$ 135,126.21	\$ 60,701.54	\$ 41,642.37	\$ 232.43	\$ 237,702.55
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE AND SAFETY:					
Police \$	432,182.70	\$120,938.46	\$ 21,675.62	\$-----	\$ 574,796.78
Fire	483,011.83	31,982.39	1,415.28	-----	516,409.50
Health	120,407.84	20,544.57	2,306.90	-----	143,259.31
Milk Insp.	14,185.00	5,485.51	597.50	-----	20,268.01
City Prop.	33,855.02	32,348.81	13,181.88	-----	79,385.71
Lic. Bureau	4,066.20	822.76	-----	10.00	4,898.96
Mail. & Print.	4,510.84	1,182.94	1,171.23	-----	6,865.01
Park & Recr.	259,677.81	76,885.69	35,309.67	2,111.92	373,985.09
Total	\$1,351,897.24	\$290,191.13	\$ 75,658.08	\$2,121.92	\$1,719,868.37
DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE:					
Clerk \$	9,554.84	\$ 4,586.70	\$-----	\$-----	\$ 14,141.54
Auditor	10,689.16	1,570.16	77.20	-----	12,336.52
Treasurer	43,669.12	11,644.60	40.00	-----	55,353.72
Tax Comm.	8,900.88	672.89	-----	-----	9,573.77
Purchasing	11,537.84	1,054.89	304.49	-----	12,897.22
Total	\$ 84,351.84	\$ 19,529.24	\$ 421.69	\$-----	\$ 104,302.77
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PROPERTY & IMPROVEMENTS:					
Engineer \$	47,225.17	\$ 9,127.26	\$ 2,098.41	\$-----	\$ 58,450.84
Road	161,824.56	63,791.23	23,515.17	12.00	249,142.96
Paving Repair	79,286.89	64,879.98	9,632.76	-----	153,799.63
Sewer	59,824.29	15,506.36	3,702.19	-----	79,032.84
Street Light	14,254.37	57,143.66	57,245.80	-----	128,643.83
Plbg. Insp.	10,813.32	2,481.13	104.28	141.00	13,539.73
Bldg. & Sidewalk Inspection	22,579.41	3,041.85	69.28	-----	25,690.54
Total	\$ 395,808.01	\$215,971.47	\$ 96,367.89	\$ 153.00	\$ 708,300.37
GRAND TOTAL - GENERAL FUND	\$1,967,183.30	\$586,393.38	\$214,090.03	\$2,507.35	\$2,770,174.06