

**MINUTES**  
**DIRECTORS ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**  
**Monday, February 7, 2022**

**Present:** James Michael Bowers, Tammy Ward, Tom Beckius, Bennie Shobe and Sändra Washington.

**Others Present:** Mayor Leirion Gaylor Baird; Yohance Christie, City Attorney; JaMel Ways, City Council Assistant, Soulinnee Phan, City Clerk and other City Staff present.

Chair, Bowers opened the meeting at 2:00 p.m. and announced the location of the Open Meetings Act.

**I. MINUTES**

1. Approval of Directors' Minutes from Jan 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022, were approved by Council Chair Bowers.

**II. ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA**

**III. CITY CLERK**

Under Public Hearing – Liquor Resolutions

Items 4a & 4b to be called together

Under Public Hearing – Ordinances 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading & Related Resolutions

Items 5c, 5d & 5e to be called together

Under Ordinances 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading & Related Resolutions

Items 6l – Motion to delay for 6 weeks until 3.21.22

**IV. MAYOR'S OFFICE**

1. Pat Lopez, Director, Lincoln/Lancaster County Health Department provided an update on Covid case numbers and Vaccination updates. Risk dial is in the red. Hospitals remain impacted.
2. City is supporting Health Department with \$100k funding contributions for the Lincoln Littles.
3. Requests are increasing for assistance with rent and utilities.
4. Director Dan Marvin advised of Emergency Rental Assistance needs. Best way to apply is online. Also working with Black Hills to assist with customers in emergency need.
5. Director Liz Elliot gave updates to Utility Billing system online which consolidates billing needs. Program to go live on 2.23.22

**V. BOARDS/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION REPORTS**

1. Chairman Shobe advised of Justice meeting and talked about prison jail status. LPD will begin doing tickets electronically.
2. Council Vice Chair Ward advised of Downtown LNK Association discussed bid expansion and 13<sup>th</sup> street being made into a 2 way street. JPA West Haymarket approved to accept financial audit and letter.
3. Councilwoman Washington advised Joint Budget with County is complete. Arca review-\$14M to redistribute.

Chair, Bowers adjourned the meeting at 2:35 p.m.