IN LIEU OF
DIRECTORS’ MEETING
Monday, September 24, 2018

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IV. ADJOURNMENT
City Council - Contact

Date: 9/17/2018 12:17:03 PM

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**comments**: We just read the newspaper article about the "safe gun-storage ordinance". Sounds like a great idea!!! Please consider it.
Thanks,
Dan & Susan Hurlburt
Good Morning Ms. Duell,

Thank you for your message. I'm including Lynn Johnson, Parks & Rec Director and the Forestry Department in on this email as I'm confident they will address your concern and provide an estimated time-frame on if/when the stump will be removed.

On behalf of the City, please accept my apology for the delays that you have experienced. Unfortunately due to the volume of requests that Parks & Rec receive, there can be a delay to respond to requests for service. Requests for service are prioritized based on the urgency of addressing potential safety concerns.

Please let me know if you have additional questions or concerns, or if I can be of assistance.

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During the wind storm in August of 2017, a tree in the right of way blew over, breaking off below ground level. My husband and I cut up the branches and trunk immediately and notified the city of the downed tree. The tree was promptly removed from our yard. At the time we notified the city of the downed tree we asked to be added to the stump removal list. I have followed up with the Community Forestry group multiple times since the wind storm occurred and have been unable to receive an estimate on when the stump will be removed. I have asked to have someone call me to discuss a timeline on more than one occasion, however I have not yet been contacted. Because the tree broke off below ground level, we have a hole in the right of way and with the recent rains it is now growing fungus.

I would appreciate your assistance in finding a way to move forward with the stump removal.

Thank you,

Jill Duell

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On September 16th, the Lincoln Journal Star reported that there will be an open-microphone session at the September 24th council meeting and that the Nebraskans Against Gun Violence organization will use that time to encourage the City Council to enact a safe-gun storage ordinance. What specific language the organization has in mind is apparently unknown at this time. This is quite troublesome to me. I firmly believe in the safe storage of firearms but at the same time I believe that gun safety and storage is a matter of personal responsibility and every persons situation is different. It would be unreasonable to enact an ordinance that imposes a one size fits all solution. Therefore, I am opposed to the enactment of any such ordinance.

Sincerely,

John Olsommer
City Council - Contact

Date: 9/18/2018 5:49:40 PM

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I see you are about to be led into the storm again. I hope you recall the previous attempts to drag you into the tornado with subjects such as DACA. Now they want you to get into 2nd Amendment rights. Talk about a manure storm.

Here is the problem. If you need to protect yourself you do not have a lot of time to do so. If you are counting on the police to arrive in time you are fooling yourself. A response time of at least 5-10 minutes is minimum. If you live in the country around Lincoln it will take a deputy 20 to 30 minutes to arrive.

I watched a Lincoln police officer stop a car, suspect ran; officer followed him into a housing area with fences. Response time for other Officers to arrive to assist him was 5-7 minutes before they determined where he was. Mean while the driver of the car drove off. Now that’s an in city officer needs help call. I doubt there is any higher priority for a police response.

A lot of folks have long guns (shot gun/rifle) for home protection. They are too big to put into a quick access safe. You can put a trigger lock on them but when you need to use it in the middle of the night you do not have time to find your glasses, fight a lock, find your ammo and load the gun.

If you fall for this gun control at local levels you are putting more lives at risk than you will ever save. If you want to do something pursue an education plan for people to learn common sense safety with firearms but don’t put people’s only protection at risk. In my neighborhood there have been several home invasions over the years, and several murders within a few blocks of me. Now if you think living in the south end of town is going to protect you, you are in for a very unpleasant surprise.

Please don’t get dragged into this issue.

Sincerely,
Dale McIntosh
Scott

Thanks for your email. Next Monday it appears the City Council will hear from citizens during our “open mike” session at the conclusion of our meeting.

While I can anticipate some of the comments that will be made, I am open to listening at this time. I also want to obtain information from our police chief on historical situations in Lincoln and the feasibility of legislation mandating gun locks. The safety of our citizens is important from both accidents as well as criminal elements and unlawful entries.

Best regards,

Jon

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Mr. Camp,

Writing a quick note to get your thoughts on the upcoming “pistol lock box” proposal.

My take is that this is just another attempt by the anti-gun folks to restrict lawful, responsible gun ownership. Unfortunately, the city council adopted the bump stock band. I say “unfortunately” because what did it accomplish? Nothing! The council temporarily appeased the anti-gun folks, and now they are back for more. Those of us that have firearms have them for primarily two reasons – protection and recreation, and most of us are responsible and law-abiding citizens. You shouldn’t restrict the rights of the majority based on the poor actions of a few.

Questions:

How will the police enforce the law?

Who is going to inspect boxes to ensure they meet the minimum standard?

If a pistol is stolen, how many folks won’t report it for fear of legal action?

What about rifles and shotguns? Last I checked, they fire a bullet/shot too.

How about lock boxes for knives and baseball bats? More harm is done with them than pistols.

What do we say to a home invader? “Would you mind waiting just a minute while I unlock my pistol and take it out of its protective box?” “Help yourself to a beer in the frig while you wait.”

How about lock boxes for cellphones? Again, more people are killed by their use than pistols.

How many of the folks proposing this law have firearms? I would suspect none or very few - it’s easy to restrict or take away what you don’t have or value.

I could go on, but I don’t want to dignify a stupid proposal with more stupid questions. I hope common sense will prevail.
Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration.

Regards,

Michael Scott
City Council - Contact

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Comments: To whom it may concern,

I'm inquiring about a request for a sidewalk to be put in on the W side of our house. We live on 39th and Randolph and Randolph Elementary School is mere blocks from our house. There is no sidewalk on that side of our house so children and families are forced to walk in the street until they pass our house, or they walk in our grass which people tend to shy away from. There is no sidewalk on the other side of the street either.

I called the city sidewalk office and was told they only do current sidewalk repairs, and that a new sidewalk would be up to the home owner to install and pay for. However, on their website, it says that city council could determine and order a sidewalk to be put in, thus my email communication with you.

In my opinion this is a very dangerous area and cars often speed around the corner and have to slow down when they see children in the street walking. Having children myself it makes me very uneasy.

Is there anything that can be done at this point to request a sidewalk be put in?

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Jacque Dreeszen
I wish to thank all the Lincoln council members for providing me again this month with a free concert from pinewood bowl. Even though I live about 2 miles away I was able to clearly hear the concert. Don’t know who was playing but they made noise. Why I could even hear them without my hearing aids in. Again thank you for the free entertainment. Good thing I have tomorrow off so I don’t have to get up at 4:45 am I can sleep late.