

TWENTY-FIRST
Annual Report of the Auditor

OF THE
CITY OF LINCOLN
NEBRASKA

INCLUDING
REPORTS OF THE DEPARTMENTS
OF SAID CITY

FOR THE YEAR ENDING
AUGUST 31, 1924

Lincoln, Nebraska, February 1, 1925.

To the Honorable City Council,
City of Lincoln, Nebraska.

Gentlemen:

I am submitting herewith the Twenty-first Annual Report of the Auditor, together with a report of the activities of each department, as made by the said departments.

The Auditor's report, showing the financial transactions of the city, is for the period from September 1, 1923 to August 31, 1924, and covers the fiscal year, as nearly as possible, while the reports of the departments in some cases cover the fiscal year and in others, the calendar year.

The report is divided into three sections as follows: Part One contains General Information, including the Reports of the Activities of the Departments; Part Two is the financial section and Part Three is composed of Financial Tables, showing Revenue and Expenditures, Bond Debt, Cash Statements, etc.

Respectfully submitted,

THEO. H. BERG,

City Clerk and Auditor.

PART ONE

GENERAL INFORMATION

OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

January 1, 1925

The City of Lincoln, Nebraska, now is and since May 13, 1913, has been operating under the Commission Form of government. Under this form of government, the city is divided into five departments, and five councilmen are elected. An amendment has been adopted providing that candidates for the office of Mayor shall so state in their petition for nomination, and the candidate "for Mayor" receiving the highest vote shall, if elected, as one of the five councilmen, automatically assume the Department of Public Affairs and the office of Mayor. The five councilmen constitute the city council. Each councilman is assigned to one of the departments, is called superintendent thereof, and is responsible for its proper operation.

All other city officials, except Police Judge, are appointed by the council. The office of Police Judge is one that has been fixed by the constitution of the state, and this officer is elected at county and state elections. The constitution has been amended in this respect and law has been passed by the legislature, providing for a Municipal Judge and Municipal Court.

City elections are held on the first Tuesday in May of each odd numbered year. The terms of office of councilmen are two years, beginning the first Monday following the election.

The departments of the City of Lincoln are assigned as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

FRANK C. ZEHRUNG, Mayor.....Superintendent

City Attorney's Office

C. PETRUS PETERSON, Attorney
CHARLES R. WILKE, Deputy

Police Department

PETER JOHNSTONE, Chief of Police

Park Department

P. EDINBOROUGH, Assistant Superintendent of Parks

DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTS AND FINANCES

GEORGE DAYTONSuperintendent

City Treasurer's Office

GEORGE DAYTON, Ex-Officio, Treasurer
A. W. EASTERDAY, Deputy

City Clerk and Auditor's Office

THEO. H. BERG, Clerk and Auditor
F. W. MOELLER, Deputy

Tax Commissioner's Office

P. H. MATHEWS, Tax Commissioner

DEPARTMENT OF STREETS AND PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS

ALLEN P. GOWGILL.....Superintendent

Street Department

CHAS. H. ANDERSON, Assistant Superintendent
H. E. CLAP, Sidewalk Inspector

Engineer's Office

D. L. ERICKSON, Engineer
H. C. SCHLUETER, Deputy
F. E. MELKER, Sewer and Plumbing Inspector
F. J. PECK, Building Inspector

Municipal Coal Yard

I. J. WEATHERFORD, Cashier
JACK ELWOOD, Yard Superintendent

Municipal Filling Station

CHAS. WEIDMAN, Assistant Superintendent

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

JOHN WRIGHTSuperintendent

Fire Department

LOUIS HANSEN, Chief
F. W. DONNELLY, Assistant Chief

Health Department

DR. CHAUNCEY F. CHAPMAN, Superintendent
DR. W. H. SLATTERY, Assistant

City Scales

L. C. McBRIDE, Weighmaster

Electric Inspection

L. S. CRAIN, Inspector

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PROPERTY

WILLIAM SCHROEDERSuperintendent

Water and Light Department

HARRY E. FARMER, Assistant Superintendent

A. G. JOHNSON, Chief Engineer

POLICE JUDGE

E. B. CHAPPELL

LINCOLN CITY LIBRARY

(Members appointed by Council)

Lawrence FosslerPresident

H. T. Dobbins.....Vice-President

Lulu Horne.....Librarian and Secretary to the Board

Members of Board

Term Expiring July 1, 1925

Geo. O. Smith

Arthur W. Richardson

H. J. Lehnhoff

Term Expiring July 1, 1926

Mariel Gere

E. J. Angle

H. B. Lowrey

Term Expiring July 1, 1927

H. T. Dobbins

W. B. Ryons

Lawrence Fossler

BOARD OF EXAMINING ENGINEERS

(Members appointed by Council)

Fred W. Tyler, Chairman

A. G. Johnson, Secretary

M. L. Shively, Treasurer

The Board meets on 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 stationary steam engines and boilers within the city of Lincoln.

ZONING COMMISSION

(Members appointed by Council)

J. E. Miller, Chairman

G. J. Culbertson

John L. Teeters

O. J. Fee

Morris I. Evinger

HOSPITAL BOARD**Members Appointed by Council**

	Term expiring February 28, 1925	
John L. Teeters	Miss Ida L. Robbins	W. E. Barkley
	Term expiring February 28, 1927	
Mrs. Louise Scouller Westermann	Mrs. Pauline F. Wessel	H. B. Grainger
	Term Expiring February 28, 1929	
W. R. Mellor	Mrs. Emily J. Moore	J. E. Miller

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: 8,022.5 acres (12.53 square miles).

Paved streets and alleys: 133.31 miles.

Parks: 586.5 acres.

Sanitary sewers: 131.99 miles.

Storm sewers: 27.34 miles.

Water mains: 154.19 miles.

Street railways: 38 miles.

Public school buildings: 22.

Churches and denominational schools: 60.

Floating debt: None.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

PETER JOHNSTONE, Chief

Officers in Service

Chief of Police.....	1
Captain of Detectives.....	1
Lieutenant of Detectives.....	1
Captain of Police.....	1
Sergeant	1
Detectives	1
Patrol Drivers	2
Matrons	2
Motorcycle Men	5
Patrolmen	13
Shotgun Squad	4
Curfew Officers	2
Secretary and Finger Print Expert.....	1
Cook and Janitress.....	1
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Total.....	36

MOTOR EQUIPMENT:

- 1 Studebaker Touring Car
- 1 Dodge Roadster
- 2 Dodge Touring Cars
- 1 Ford Coupe
- 1 Dodge Patrol Wagon
- 5 Henderson Motorcycles

Number of Arrests Made During Year By Months

September, 1923	252
October	247
November	214
December	256
January, 1924	117
February	138
March	199
April	433
May	362
June	393
July	351
August	352

3,314

Males	3,088	
Females	226	
	<hr/>	3,314
Number of white people.....	3,155	
Number of colored people.....	159	
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Males—can read and write.....	2,771	
Males—cannot read and write.....	16	
Males—not given	301	
	<hr/>	3,088
Females—can read and write.....	225	
Females—cannot read and write.....	1	
	<hr/>	226
		3,314
Social Conditions:		
Married males	256	
Single males	545	
Not given	2,287	
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Married females	50	
Single females	48	
Not given	128	
	<hr/>	226
		3,314

Causes of Arrest

Adultery	2
Assault	9
Bastardy	1
Begging	2
Blackmail (attempted)	1
Breaking and entering.....	16
Carrying concealed weapons.....	3
Chickens running at large.....	3
Chicken stealing	1
Cruelty to animals.....	3
Conspiracy	4
Defrauding innkeeper	4
Demented	3
Disorderly conduct	49

Disturbing the peace.....	33
Discharging firearms in street.....	2
Doing business without license.....	2
Dope	1
Driving car under age.....	1
Driving over fire hose.....	13
Drunkenness	223
Embezzlement	1
Forgery	22
Fortune telling	1
Gambling	60
Held for Health Department.....	44
Highway robbery	8
Impersonating officer	1
Investigation	95
Indecent exposure of person.....	2
Insanity	1
Keeping a disorderly house.....	7
Larceny, grand	18
Larceny, petit	26
Larceny from the person.....	1
Non-support	6
No-fund checks	9
Obstructing sidewalk, street or alley.....	3
Perjury	1
Rape	1
Receiving stolen property.....	1
Resisting an officer.....	1
Robbery and auto theft.....	7
Running away from home.....	2
Safe keeping	63
Speeding	730
Truancy	1
Vagrancy	21
Violating auto and traffic ordinances.....	774
Violating auto parking ordinance.....	779
Violating building ordinance.....	3
Violating health ordinance	7
Violating liquor law.....	139
Violating parole	5
Violating peddling ordinance.....	2
Violating sidewalk ordinance.....	5
Violating Sunday closing law.....	12
Miscellaneous	79
Total arrests	3,314

Meals Furnished

September, 1923	353
October, 1923	591
November, 1923	594
December, 1923	540
January, 1924	393
February, 1924	472
March, 1924	380
April, 1924	585
May, 1924	445
June, 1924	574
July, 1924	534
August, 1924	320
Total	5,781

Property

Estimated value of automobiles lost and stolen.....	\$87,000.00
Estimated value of automobiles recovered	62,300.00
Estimated value of other property lost and stolen.....	19,816.00
Estimated value of other property recovered.....	7,500.00

Disposition of Prisoners

Total number of persons arraigned.....	3,314
Sent to County Jail.....	39
Held for District Court.....	45
Number of persons fined.....	1,943
Discharged or sentence suspended.....	571
Turned over to other authorities.....	196
On probation	233
Cases not disposed of.....	287
Total	3,314

POLICE**Receipts**

Balance Sept. 1, 1923.....		\$ 24,936.76
Tax collections	\$ 54,896.65	
Court costs	6,615.12	
Dog tax and tags.....	2,364.50	
Refunds	36.65	
Auctioneers permits	5.00	
Miscellaneous	8.66	
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Total receipts	\$ 63,926.58	63,926.58
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Total credits		\$ 88,863.34

Disbursements

Maintenance	\$ 1,971.08		
Salary	60,022.94		
Feed	741.31		
Oil and gasoline.....	1,249.73		
Auto expense	1,192.43		
Telephone	2,582.15		
Signal system	749.50		
Catching dogs	2,274.00		
Special officers' salaries and expense	403.16		
Officers' clothing	637.35		
Building repairs	850.85		
Premium on bond of employees..	18.00		
Motorcycle expense	1,386.59		
Disinfectants	436.75		
Motorcycle sidecars	484.00		
New guns	821.65		
Motorcycle No. 5 purchased.....	461.85		
Furniture repairs	124.98		
Wiring	71.45		
Medical services	37.00		
Signs	45.00		
New court dockets.....	170.00		
Jail register	50.50		
Filing cabinet	93.00		
Cars purchased Nos. 72, 8, 12, 15 and 25	3,698.10		
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Total warrants issued.....	\$ 80,573.37	\$ 80,573.37	
Warrant debt Sept. 1, 1924.....		2,761.01	
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		\$ 83,334.38	
Warrants paid to Sept. 1, 1924		80,829.30	
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Warrant debt Sept. 1, 1924.....	\$ 2,505.08		
Total cash charges.....		\$ 80,829.30	
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Cash balance Sept. 1, 1924.....		\$ 8,034.04	
Warrant debt Sept. 1, 1924.....		2,505.08	
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Fund balance Sept. 1, 1924.....		\$ 5,528.96	

TABLE NO. 3—REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT—September 1, 1923 to September 1, 1924

ACCOUNTS	Fund Balance Sept. 1, 1923	Tax Collections	Other Incomes	Credit Transfer	Total Credits	Vouchers Paid	Debit Transfers	Warrants Issued	Total Charges	Over-drafts	Fund Balance Sept. 1, 1924
City property.....	\$ 2,892.32	\$ 28,075.65		\$ 10,000.00	\$ 38,075.65			\$ 14,931.33	14,931.33		\$ 26,036.64
Parks.....	13,507.26	72,859.75	\$ 12,137.10		84,996.85			91,600.50	91,600.50		6,903.61
Fire.....	19,040.78	156,091.75	51.40	15,000.00	171,143.15			163,295.36	163,295.36		26,888.57
General.....	36,069.64	2,548.69	18,451.90	49,986.13	70,986.72		\$ 59,550.00	22,684.23	82,234.23		24,822.13
Interest and coupon.....	1,859.17	24,463.25		2,103.75	26,567.00	\$ 29,882.61		29,882.61	29,882.61	\$ 1,456.44	
Judgment.....	54,951.51	2,534.78			2,534.78		23,000.00	2,595.93	25,595.93		31,890.36
Light.....	12,259.80	30,293.30	432.60		30,725.90	29,636.00			29,636.00		13,349.70
Library.....	1,949.20	4,934.41	101.48		5,035.89	4,389.33			4,389.33		2,595.76
Library book.....	5,316.99	13,990.20	8,409.06		22,399.26			18,998.83	18,998.83		8,717.42
Paving repair.....	22,175.75	54,896.65	9,029.93		63,926.58			80,573.37	80,573.37		5,528.96
Police.....	34,039.59	24,332.85	39,942.18		64,275.03	4.00		86,086.29	86,090.29		12,224.33
Road.....	5,060.22	16,873.20	2,243.38		19,116.58			14,363.77	14,363.77		9,813.03
Sewer extension.....	11,267.88	18,755.95	86.80	34,550.00	53,392.75	26,800.00	15,000.00	56,294.34	56,294.34		8,366.29
Sinking.....	21,885.47	24,399.96			24,399.96			41,800.00	41,800.00		4,485.43
Sidewalk certificate.....	154,068.56		257,664.80		257,664.80	13,500.00	2,103.75	220,893.62	236,497.37		175,235.99
Water.....	661.43							4,333.88	4,333.88		661.43
Rebate funds.....	128.56	5,852.25	100.00		5,952.25			463.54	463.54		1,746.93
Engineer's office expense.....	3,410.95	3,673.10			3,673.10			155.59	155.59		6,620.51
Paving adjacent to city property.....	2,715.22	187.98	72.90		260.88	155.59		173,257.12	173,257.12	35,499.11	2,820.51
Sewer district sinking.....	124.18		137,633.83		137,633.83			7,336.95	7,336.95		631.90
Hospital.....	111.30		7,857.55		7,857.55			91,767.26	91,767.26		10,142.19
Golf.....	10,365.55	91,543.90			91,543.90			6,739.61	6,739.61		5,611.50
Salary.....	2,834.50	2,777.00			2,777.00			1,050.19	1,050.19		6,444.57
Storm sewer.....	6,739.61							68,514.58	68,514.58		43,330.98
Light bond.....	1,050.19							81,739.03	81,739.03		5,863.38
Water bond.....	7,630.54	67,259.50	69.11		67,328.61			127,837.45	134,837.45		
Street light.....	29,312.10		95,757.91		95,757.91		7,000.00				
Commercial light.....	12,564.98	826.70	127,309.15		128,135.85						
Municipal coal.....											
TOTALS.....	\$ 474,944.60	\$ 647,170.82	\$ 717,951.08	\$ 111,639.88	\$ 1,476,161.78	\$ 104,367.53	\$ 106,653.75	\$ 1,335,357.18	\$ 1,546,378.46	\$ 36,955.55	\$ 441,683.47