## Council OKs review board, rejects power plant

By Barbara Latz

It took two close votes at the Lincoin City Council meeting Monday night to defeat a nuclear power plant proposal and to approve a police review board plan.
By a 4 to 3 vote, the Council prevented buying shares in a nuclear power plant at Ft. Calhoun (north of Omhha), deciding that nuclear energy will not be as big a bargain in the 1980s as LES officials had hoped.
instead, LES will continue with its long range power supply program with issuance of millions of dollars worth of bonds over the next decade to buy electricity for Lincolnites.
The Ft. Calhoun station is estimated to cost nearly $\$ 1$ billion, with Lincoln's share
to have been $\$ 129$ million. In the bond ordinance before the Council, two specific projects were sited as ources of much of Lincoln's future electricity needs, one of which was Ft. Calhoun. The Council approved LES's plans to participate in the Laramie River Station, a coal-fired complex in Wyoming.
By an identical 4 to 3 margin, the Council made the much-discussed police review board a reality. Council members Sue Bailey, John Robinson, Max Denney and Bob Jeambey supported the board while Dick Baker, Steve Cook and Bob Sikyta opposed it.

The compromise provides for a sevenmember citizen panel with advisory capacity. May or Helen Boosalis will appoint the board members, whose duties include hearing citizens ${ }^{\text {s }}$ grievances. Any com-
plaints will by heard by the Police Dept. efore a review board hearing is held. Sikyta failed in an attempt to delay
Council action until new Police Chief George action until new Police Chief proposal and existing police procedures of handling citizens' complaints.
The controversy surrounding the shooting death last week of Arvid Sherdell Lewis also was a topic at the evening meeting. The Council chambers were nearly full with persons voicing their anger, frustra tion and fear not only for the 25 -year-oid black man's death, but also for what some called citizens' protection.

Lewis died from a shotgun blast fired by Lancaster County Deputy Rodney Loos, one of several lawmen who participated in a drug search at Lewis's home.
One Lincolnite said, 'We pay taxes for
them (police) to protect us, not to be afraid.
Several persons also asked about the status of the case and what the City Council would do about the shooting Chairman Denny said the shooting was under the jurisdiction of the county, not the city, and that there was litte the Council could do. He said that some of the questions raised could be answered by the BI, which is investigating the case.
Councilman Robinson presented a proposal for "affirmative action" by government officers, asking that the Council and County Board examine practices of the Lincoln Police Dept. and Lancaster County cedures, training to review recruitment proarrest and warrant procedures, duty sesien, arrest and warrant procedures, duty assign-
ments and disciplinary procedures.

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