

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ARCOLA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, April 18, 2005

Acting Mayor Ferguson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present were Alderpersons Williams, Ferguson, Gentry, Lampe and Kile. Attorney Moore, Treasurer Harvey, City Administrator Wagner and Chief Phillips were also present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Alderman Williams led the Council and the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT There was none.

APPROVAL OF APRIL 4, 2005 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES Alderman Ferguson moved to approve the April 4, 2005 Council Meeting Minutes as presented and was seconded by Alderman Williams. Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF APRIL 2 – 15, 2005 BILLS Alderman Williams moved to approve the April 2 – 15, 2005 Bills as presented and was seconded by Alderman Gentry. Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MARCH TREASURER REPORT Alderman Ferguson moved to approve the March Treasurer Report as presented and was seconded by Alderman Gentry. Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MARCH ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT Alderman Ferguson moved to approve the March Zoning Officer's Report as presented and was seconded by Alderwoman Kile. Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried. Four Building Permits were issued with Valuation of \$303,975 and Permit Fees of \$432.42.

CONSIDER ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ZONING CHANGE TO B-1 GENERAL COMMERCIAL FOR THE EDWARD ASHLEY PROPERTY LOCATED AT 213 S JACQUES STREET Alderwoman Kile moved to approve Ordinance 05-Z-1, an Ordinance amending a use district created by the Arcola, Illinois Zoning Ordinance of 1976, as amended (Chapter 25 of the "Municipal Code, City of Arcola, Illinois," adopted June 2, 1980, as amended) – Edward Ashley property at 213 South Jacques, Arcola, Illinois, from Rural Development District (RD) to General Commercial District (B-1). Alderman Ferguson seconded the motion. Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried.

CONSIDER PURCHASING PARK EQUIPMENT Alderman Williams moved to waive bids for park equipment and was seconded by Alderwoman Lampe. Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Alderman Williams moved to purchase Skateboarding Equipment from Fry & Assoc. in the amount of \$14,324.18 and was seconded by Alderman Gentry. Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried.

CONSIDER PLACEMENT OF DONATED WELCOME SIGN Alderwoman Lampe moved to approve the placement of a welcome sign (donated by Zach Doemelt) at County Road 300 N on the south side of the road and was seconded by Alderwoman Kile. Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried.

CONSIDER 2005-2006 BUDGET Alderman Ferguson moved to approve the 2005-2006 Budget as follows:

Water & Sewer: Revenue \$1,099,000; Expenses \$1,045,850; Surplus of \$53,150

General Fund: Revenue \$1,187,960; Expenses \$1,087,595; Surplus of \$100,365

Alderman Gentry seconded the motion. Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried.

CONSIDER APPROVING THE 2005-2006 COUNCIL MEETING CALENDAR Alderman Ferguson moved to approve the 2005-2006 Council Meeting Calendar as amended and was seconded by Alderman Gentry. Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried.

CONSIDER AUTHORIZING ENGINEER TO SEEK BIDS FOR 2005 STREET MAINTENANCE WORK Alderman Williams moved to approve Wayne Ward getting bids for the 2005 Street Maintenance Work and appropriate \$56,000 to be paid from Motor Fuel Tax. Alderman Gentry seconded the motion. Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried.

CONSIDER AUTHORIZING ENGINEER TO SEEK BIDS FOR INTERSECTION WORK Alderwoman Lampe moved to approve the preliminary agreement with Wayne Ward for intersection work and was seconded by Alderman Williams. Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried.

CONSIDER FRANCHISE AGREEMENT FROM CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS FOR DIGITAL VIDEO SERVICE Alderman Ferguson moved to have a public hearing on May 31, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. and was seconded by Alderwoman Kile. Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried.

CONSIDER HIRING PART-TIME SUMMER EMPLOYEE FOR THE PARK Alderman Williams moved to hire Dwaine Connour for summer help at a rate of \$6.50 per hour to start ASAP. Alderman Gentry seconded the motion. Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried.

CONSIDER EMPLOYEE RAISES Alderman Ferguson moved to approve employee raises up to 5% based on evaluations and was seconded by Alderman Williams. Roll call vote, Lampe abstain; rest ayes, motion carried.

Alderman Ferguson moved to go into Executive Session at 7:35 p.m. to discuss personnel and was seconded by Alderwoman Kile. Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Alderman Ferguson moved to go to Regular Session at 8:50 p.m. and was seconded by Alderman Gentry. Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried.

CONSIDER ADDING HUMAN RESOURCES TO RITA ANDERSON'S JOB TITLE/DUTIES Alderman Gentry moved to table this item and was seconded by Alderman Ferguson. Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Alderman Williams had nothing to report at this time.

Alderman Ferguson had nothing to report at this time.

Alderman Gentry had nothing to report at this time.

Alderwoman Lampe thanked everyone for their support during her dad's illness and death.

Alderman Kile had nothing to report at this time.

As this concluded the business of the meeting, Alderman Gentry moved to adjourn and was seconded by Alderwoman Kile. Council approved unanimously by voice vote.

Adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Larry Ferguson, Acting Mayor
Tamara Pruitt, Deputy City Clerk