

# Minutes of the Regular Arcola City Council Meeting Monday, September 20, 2004

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

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

## **Public Comment:**

**Terry Niemuth** was present and expressed his concern on the way the ditches are being put in on S. Elm St. in front of his residence and his neighbor, Butch Mast residence. The matter was referred to Jim Wheeler and the Street and Alley Committee.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** Alderwoman Kile moved to approve the September 7, 2004 Regular Meeting Minutes, copies of which were furnished to each Council member and was seconded by Alderman Ferguson. Roll call vote, Gentry, aye; Lampe, aye; Kile, aye; Williams, aye; Ferguson, aye; Wheeler, aye. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 3 – SEPTEMBER 17, 2004 BILLS** Alderman Wheeler moved to approve the September 3 – September 17, 2004 Bills as presented and was seconded by Alderman Williams. Roll call vote, Gentry, aye; Lampe, aye; Kile, aye; Williams, aye; Ferguson, aye; Wheeler, aye. Motion carried.

**SET TIME & DATE FOR TRICK OR TREAT** Alderman Gentry moved to set the date and time for Trick or Treating on Saturday, October 30, 2004 from 5 p.m. – 8 p.m. Alderwoman Kile seconded the motion. Roll call vote, Gentry, aye; Lampe, aye; Kile, aye; Williams, aye; Ferguson, aye; Wheeler, aye. Motion carried.

**REPORT FROM TIF ADVISORY BOARD – CHRIS GOOD** A Report from the TIF Advisory Board was read consisting of a request made by Chris Good for a TIF Grant to purchase and remodel the former Ray & Kay Service Station on Rt. 133 into a Sport's Bar and Grill.

Dorothy Fidler was present and objected to a bar being that close to the park where children are present. Several of the Alderpersons reported they had received calls against a bar at that location also.

Alderwoman Kile moved to table the recommendation of the TIF Committee until the next meeting so that the Alderpersons could talk with others in the community. After further discussion, Alderwoman Kile withdrew her motion as stated.

Alderman Gentry moved to accept the recommendation of the TIF Advisory Board and approve a TIF Grant of 20% of allowable expenses up to a maximum of \$25,000.00 subject to fund availability for the purchase and remodeling of the former Ray & Kay Service Station on Rt. 133 for Chris Good Construction, (Chris and Jenny Good). Alderman Ferguson seconded the motion. Roll call vote, Gentry, aye; Lampe, no; Kile, aye; Williams, aye; Ferguson, aye; Wheeler, no. Motion carried.

## **CONSIDER LEASE AGREEMENT WITH DOUGLAS COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

Alderwoman Kile moved to approve a lease agreement between the City of Arcola and the Douglas County Health Department which leases the southeast corner of the Municipal building which fronts on Collins Street and was seconded by Alderman Ferguson. Roll call vote, Gentry, aye; Lampe, aye; Kile, aye; Williams, aye; Ferguson, aye; Wheeler, aye. Motion carried.

**APPROVE PAYMENT TO ARCOLA/TUSCOLA AGENCY FUND FOR BILLING ERROR** Alderman Ferguson moved to approve a payment of \$22,712.49 to the Arcola/Tuscola Joint Agency Fund representing the correction for the Cabot billing errors and a refund of the overpayments by the Agency towards Arcola's IAWC

billing and was seconded by Alderman Williams. Roll call vote, Gentry, aye; Lampe, aye; Kile, aye; Williams, aye; Ferguson, aye; Wheeler, aye. Motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:35 P.M.** Alderman Ferguson moved to go into Executive Session at 7:35 p.m. to discuss possible land acquisition and personnel and was seconded by Alderman Williams. Roll call vote, Gentry, aye; Lampe, aye; Kile, aye; Williams, aye; Ferguson, aye; Wheeler, aye. Motion carried.

**REGULAR SESSION AT 8:08 P.M.** Council resumed Regular Session at 8:08 p.m.

**PURCHASE RAILROAD PROPERTY** Alderman Ferguson moved to approve to purchase property from the Canadian Railroad between Oak St. and the railroad from East Jefferson St. to East Washington St. at an approximate cost of \$13,000.00 and was seconded by Alderman Williams. Roll call vote, Gentry, aye; Lampe, aye; Kile, aye; Williams, aye; Ferguson, aye; Wheeler, aye. Motion carried. The Monahan Company will pay the balance of approximately \$12,600.00.

**APPLY FOR TIF FUNDS FOR PURCHASE OF RAILROAD PROPERTY** Alderwoman Kile moved to have the City apply for TIF funds to purchase the property from the Canadian Railroad and was seconded by Alderman Ferguson. Roll call vote, Gentry, aye; Lampe, aye; Kile, aye; Williams, aye; Ferguson, aye; Wheeler, aye. Motion carried.

**CONSIDER OVERTIME FOR CHIEF PHILLIPS FOR HOURS WORKED DURING BROOM CORN FESTIVAL** Alderman Wheeler moved to approve 30 hours of overtime at time and a half for Chief Mike Phillips for the overtime hours he worked during Broom Corn Festival and was seconded by Alderman Williams. Roll call vote, Gentry, aye; Lampe, aye; Kile, no; Williams, aye; Ferguson, aye; Wheeler, aye. Motion carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Alderman Gentry** had nothing to report at this time.

**Alderwoman Lampe** had nothing to report at this time.

**Alderwoman Kile** reported that Friday morning at 8:00 a.m. there would be a PowerPoint presentation of the result of the Hispanic Survey that was done in Arcola. The presentation would be held in Tuscola.

**Alderman Williams** reported that the water and sewer work has started on the Bartels subdivision and the Fishel property.

**Alderman Ferguson** had nothing to report at this time.

**Alderman Wheeler** had nothing to report at this time.

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

Adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Larry Ferguson, Acting Mayor  
Vickie Dill, City Clerk