

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ARCOLA CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Monday, March 7, 2005**

Acting Mayor Ferguson called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Members present were Alderpersons Gentry, Lampe, Kile, Williams and Ferguson. Attorney Moore was also present.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT** There was none.

**APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 22, 2005 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES** Alderwoman Kile moved to approve the February 22, 2005 Council Meeting Minutes as presented and was seconded by Alderman Ferguson. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 18 – MARCH 4, 2005 BILLS** Alderman Ferguson moved to approve the February 18 – March 4, 2005 Bills as presented and was seconded by Alderman Gentry. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT** There was none.

**APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY TREASURER'S REPORT** Alderman Ferguson moved to approve the February Treasurer's Report as presented and was seconded by Alderman Williams. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

**DISCUSS CLASS ACTION LAWSUIT WITH FORD MOTOR COMPANY** Attorney Moore stated that it will cost the City \$300 to pay a law firm to take care of everything to opt out of the lawsuit. After further discussion Alderman Ferguson moved to proceed forward with the opt out and was seconded by Alderman Gentry. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

**REPORT FROM TIF ADVISORY BOARD** The TIF Advisory Board conducted a phone poll on February 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> and made the following recommendations to the City Council:

1. Approve a TIF tax rebate of 60% of taxes paid to cover allowable expenses for a new building for Fishel/Grove Chiropractic.

Alderman Ferguson moved to approve the TIF recommendation and grant a TIF tax rebate of 60% to Fishel/Grove Chiropractic and was seconded by Alderwoman Kile. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

**REPORT FROM PLAN COMMISSION** A report from the Plan Commission was presented with a request made by Barbara Truex, 243 S. Locust, to operate commercial day care as a home occupation. With a quorum present the Plan Commission recommended the City Council grant the request. Alderwoman Lampe moved to accept the recommendation of the Plan Commission and grant said request. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

**CONSIDER ADOPTING NIMS RESOLUTION** Alderman Ferguson moved to approve Resolution 05-R-2, a Resolution adopting the National Incident Management System (NIMS) and was seconded by Alderwoman Kile. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

**CONSIDER HIRING CITY ADMINISTRATOR** Alderman Gentry moved to hire Bill Wagner as City Administrator at a salary of \$40,000 per year effective April 4, 2005. Alderman Williams seconded the motion. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

**DISCUSS NORTH LOCUST WATER MAIN LOOP** Alderman Gentry stated that instead of the water main problem being a complete loop there is only a problem of approximately 220 feet. This will reduce the cost to approximately \$10,000.

**CONSIDER DONATION TO CITY'S 150 YEAR CELEBRATION** Alderman Ferguson moved to approve the rest of the donation money to be used for the City's 150 Year Celebration. Alderwoman Kile seconded the motion. Roll call vote, all ayes. 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 the Amish Interpretive Center lease has been signed.

**Alderman Williams** reported there will be a Park Committee meeting following the Council meeting.

**Alderman Ferguson** reported that the Finance and Budget met at 6:30 p.m. and discussed the school tax referendum and if it passes where the increase in TIF dollars will go. Alderman Ferguson stated it is the intent of the Council to put those funds into the Educational Fund.

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 7:20 p.m.

Larry Ferguson, Acting Mayor  
Tamara Pruitt, Deputy City Clerk