

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ARCOLA CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Monday March 03, 2008**

Mayor Ferguson called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Members present were Alderpersons Goad, Williams, Moore, East, Gentry and Lampe. City Administrator Wagoner and Attorney Moore were also present.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Alderman Goad led the Council and audience in the pledge of allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** There was none.

**APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 19, 2008 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
Alderman East moved to approve the February 19, 2008 Council Meeting Minutes as presented and was seconded by Alderman Goad. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 16 – FEBRUARY 29, 2008 BILLS** Alderwoman Moore moved to approve the February 16 – February 29, 2008 bills as presented and was seconded by Alderman Williams. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF THE TREASURER’S REPORT FOR FEBRUARY** Alderwoman Moore moved to approve the Treasurer’s report for February and was seconded by Alderman Goad. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY ZONING OFFICER’S REPORT** The Zoning Officer reported 2 permits issued in the month of February with valuation of \$76,400 and \$265.28 in fees collected. Alderman East moved to approve the February Zoning Officer’s report and was seconded by Alderman Goad. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

**PRESENTATION BY TODD SHUE OF JAMAICA PYROTECHNICS** Due to bad weather, Todd Shue was unable to attend.

**CONSIDER APPROVING RESOLUTION NO. 08-R-1, COUNCIL RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR ARCOLA FOODS, INC. RLF** Alderman Goad moved to approve Resolution No. 08-R-1 and was seconded by Alderman East. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

**CONSIDER APPROVING RESOLUTION NO. 08-R-2, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF THE CITY MAYOR AS AGENT FOR PURCHASE OF ELECTRICAL SERVICES** CA Wagoner reported that Arcola is planning to co-op with Tuscola, Douglas Co., Arthur, Arcola School and possibly Arthur School on purchasing electricity. Alderman Gentry moved to approve Resolution No. 08-R-2 and was seconded by Alderwoman Moore. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

**CONSIDER APPROVING ORDINANCE NO. 08-Z-2, SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR HELMUTH STORAGE, LLC TO CONSTRUCT COMMERCIAL STORAGE UNITS**

Alderman Williams moved to approve Ordinance No. 08-Z-2 and was seconded by Alderman Goad. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

**PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT – THOMAS MONAHAN COMPANY**

**REPORT** The Planning Commission met February 25, 2008, no quorum, met again March 03, 2008 to consider a request from Thomas Monahan Co. to change zoning at 976 E. State Rt. 133 from RD to B2 in preparation for commercial development. The Planning Commission recommended the Council approve this request. Mark Nacke and Jim Harrington, representing the Township, reported there is no commercial access to this property and that the Cemetery Board and Township Board are opposed to this zoning change. Attorney Moore stated there is a legal issue with rezoning property commercial when it cannot be used as commercial. Alderman Moore moved to table this until further investigation can be done. Alderman East seconded the motion. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

**PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT – FINAL PLAT HEARING PRAIRIE MEADOWS SUBDIVISION PHASE 2**

The Planning Commission met March 03, 2008 to consider a request from TEMM 2000, Inc. to approve Prairie Meadows Subdivision Phase 2 Final Plat Hearing. The Planning Commission recommended the Council approve this request. Alderman Williams moved to accept the recommendation of the Plan Commission and was seconded by Alderman Gentry. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

**CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE FINAL PLAT OF PRAIRIE MEADOWS SUBDIVISION PHASE 2**

Alderman East moved to approve the Final Plat of Prairie Meadows Subdivision Phase 2 and was seconded by Alderman Goad. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

**CONSIDER APPROVING ORDINANCE NO. 08-S-8, AMENDMENT TO THE REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH TEMM 2000, INC.**

Alderman Gentry moved to approve Ordinance No. 08-S-8 and was seconded by Alderman Goad. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

**CONSIDER REQUEST FROM JIM PULLEN OF THE DOG HOUSE BAR & GRILL**

Jim Pullen of the Dog House Bar & Grill is requesting to be allowed to have outside bands during their Dog Fest on May 17, 2008. Alderman Williams moved to allow outside bands at the Dog House during the hours of 9 – 12 p.m. on May 17, 2008. Alderman Gentry seconded the motion. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

**CONSIDER RATIFYING THE SIGNING OF THE AGREEMENT WITH EXCEL BANK TO SUBORDINATE THE CITY'S TIF LIEN NOTICE ON THE VINTAGE HOSPITALITY LLC (BEST BUDGET INN) PROPERTY TO THE BANK'S MORTGAGE**

Alderman Goad moved to ratify the signing of the agreement with Excel Bank to subordinate the City's TIF lien notice on the Vintage Hospitality LLC and was seconded by Alderwoman Moore. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

**CONSIDER A REQUEST FROM BURDETTE HOMES FOR THE CITY TO SUBORDINATE A LIEN ON THE PROPERTY** Attorney Moore reported that Burdette Homes closed August 01, 2006, which is within the 5 years from the date of the Redevelopment Grant Agreement. Recaptured funds in amount of \$12,621.81 are now due. Alderwoman Moore moved to table this request until further investigation can be done. Alderman Gentry seconded the motion. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

**CONSIDER MAKING A DONATION TO THE ARCOLA SPORTS BOOSTERS** Alderwoman Moore moved to approve a \$100 donation to the Arcola Sports Boosters and was seconded by Alderman Goad. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

**CONSIDER MAKING A DONATION TO THE ARCOLA HIGH SCHOOL DRAMA CLUB** Alderwoman Moore moved to approve a \$100 donation to the Arcola High School Drama Club and was seconded by Alderman Goad. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

**CONSIDER APPROVING A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH FIRST MID ILLINOIS BANK AND TRUST FOR A 2008 FORD CROWN VICTORIA** Alderman Goad moved to approve a lease agreement with First Mid Illinois Bank & Trust for a 2008 Ford Crown Victoria and was seconded by Alderman East. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

**CONSIDER ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF PART-TIME WATER BILLING CLERK, JANA MAHANNAH** Alderman Gentry moved to accept the resignation of part-time water billing clerk, Jana Mahannah and was seconded by Alderman Goad. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

**CONSIDER APPLYING FOR TIF FUNDS FOR PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS** CA Wagoner reported that 2 separate applications for TIF funds would be requested. First application would be for funds for infrastructure at Green Mill Village and second application would be for infrastructure at the extension of Arcola Avenue. They are hoping to share the cost of this with developers. Alderman Goad moved to approve applying for TIF funds for public infrastructure projects and was seconded by Alderwoman Moore. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PROBABLE LITIGATION AFFECTING THE CITY OF ARCOLA** At 8:02 p.m. Alderwoman Moore moved to go into Executive Session to discuss probable litigation affecting the City of Arcola. Alderman East seconded the motion. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

#### **REGULAR SESSION AT 9:06 P.M.**

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Alderman Goad**

Had nothing at this time.

**Alderman Williams**

Reported the Park Committee met prior to this meeting and discussed tearing down the press box at the softball fields, placing soccer goals at old park, and new sidewalks at new park. Requested a Park meeting after next meeting.

**Alderman Moore**

Reported the Budget & Finance Committee is meeting following this meeting.

**Alderman East**

Requested a Building & Grounds Committee meeting be scheduled prior to the next meeting.

**Alderman Gentry**

Reported the Water & Sewer Committee met prior to this meeting and discussed the infrastructure projects.

**Alderman Lampe**

Had nothing at this time.

CA Wagoner reported the Budget retreat will be on March 22, 2008. And Mayor Ferguson reported that a representative from Chapin Rose office will be here on the 4<sup>th</sup> to hand out energy efficient light bulbs.

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

Adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

Larry Ferguson, Mayor  
Carol Turner, City Clerk