

**Minutes of the Regular Arcola City Council Meeting
Monday, February 22, 2005**

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENT There was none.

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 7, 2005 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES Alderwoman Kile moved to approve the February 7, 2005 Council Meeting Minutes as presented and was seconded by Alderman Williams. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 5 – 18, 2005 BILLS Alderwoman Kile moved to approve the February 5 – 18, 2005 Bills as presented and was seconded by Alderman Ferguson. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

CONSIDER AUTHORIZING BIDS FOR SANITARY SEWER REPAIR ON WEST SIDE – PHASE 3 Alderman Williams moved to authorize Clark Dietz to draw up plans for bids on the Repair of the Sanitary Sewer – Phase 3 and was seconded by Alderman Gentry. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF JIM WHEELER’S RESIGNATION Alderman Ferguson moved to approve the resignation of Jim Wheeler and was seconded by Alderman Gentry. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

AMENDING EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK Alderman Ferguson moved to accept the amendments to the Employee Handbook and was seconded by Alderman Gentry. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

CONSIDER PAYMENT TO JESUS GARZA Alderman Ferguson moved to approve payment to Jesus Garza from the General Fund and instruct Attorney Moore to draw up contract as the same guidelines as TIF. Alderman Williams seconded the motion. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

CONSIDER DONATION TO POST PROM Alderman Ferguson moved to approve a \$125 donation to post prom and was seconded by Alderman Gentry. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

CONSIDER PROMOTING GARY LAMPE TO ASSISTANT STREET SUPERINTENDENT Alderman Williams moved to promote Gary Lampe to Street Superintendent with \$1.00 per hour raise increase, effective February 23, 2005. Alderman Gentry seconded the motion. Roll call vote, Lampe, abstain; rest all ayes. Motion carried.

CHANGE RETROACTIVE DATE FOR DUSTIN DOWNS’ SEWER LICENSE PAY INCREASE Alderman Williams moved to amend motion for Dustin Downs’ retroactive pay increase from January 24, 2005 to January 4, 2005 and was seconded by Alderman Gentry. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

AUTHORIZE CLARK DIETZ TO PROCEED WITH NORTH LOCUST STREET WATER MAIN LOOP PLANS Alderman Gentry moved to authorize Clark Dietz to proceed with North Locust Street Water Main Loop Plans – Option 2 and was seconded by Alderwoman Kile. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried. Option 2 costs: \$24,000 – construction cost; \$11,000 – engineering fees.

APPROVAL OF ENGINEERING AGREEMENT WITH CLARK DIETZ FOR NORTH LOCUST STREET WATER MAIN LOOP Alderman Gentry moved to approve the engineering agreement with Clark Dietz for the North Locust Street Water Main Loop and was seconded by Alderwoman Kile. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion Carried.

CONSIDER TIF APPLICATION FOR NORTH LOCUST STREET WATER MAIN LOOP Alderwoman Kile moved to file a TIF application for North Locust Street Water Main Loop and was seconded by Alderman Gentry. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

AUTHORIZE CLARK DIETZ TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS ON CLEANING OF BOTH WATER TOWERS Alderwoman Kile moved to authorize Clark Dietz to advertise for bids on cleaning of both water towers and was seconded by Alderman Ferguson. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Alderman Ferguson had nothing to report at this time.

Alderman Gentry requested a Water Committee Meeting to be set at a later date. Also reported an Employee Relations committee will meet after Council Meeting to discuss the City Administrator position.

Alderwoman Lampe had nothing to report at this time.

Alderwoman Kile had nothing to report at this time.

Alderman Williams requested a Park Committee Meeting for Tuesday March 1 at 6:00 p.m.

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 7:35 p.m.

Larry Ferguson, Acting Mayor
Tamara Pruitt, Deputy City Clerk