

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ARCOLA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, March 21, 2005

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Alderwoman Kile led the Council and the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT There was none.

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

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

REPORT FROM APPEALS BOARD – HAROLD LOY A report from the Appeals Board was presented with a request from Harold Loy, 310 North Walnut, to add addition to existing dwelling with non-conforming front yard setback. With a quorum present the Appeals Board recommended the City Council grant the request. Alderman Ferguson moved to accept the recommendation of the Appeals Board and grant said request and was seconded by Alderman Gentry. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

CONSIDER ACQUIRING BIDS FOR SKATE PARK EQUIPMENT Alderman Williams moved to acquire bids for Skate Park Equipment, not to exceed \$15,000 and was seconded by Alderman Kile. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

REPORT FROM TOURISM COMMITTEE Mike Lindenmeyer presented the Tourism Report and reported that there were requests for a total of \$47,078.83 of reimbursements but the Committee would like to recommend to the City Council that \$27,834.75 of the requested funding be granted. Alderwoman Kile moved to approve three checks for reimbursement: they are, Illinois Amish Interpretive Center for \$1,000; Raggedy Ann and Andy Museum for \$950.00 and the Chamber for \$25,884.75 minus \$1,000 (to be kept in checking account) and remainder to be paid when funds are available. Alderman Ferguson seconded by motion. Roll call vote, all ayes, Motion carried.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF TIF REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT – GARZA Alderman Ferguson moved to approve Ordinance 05-S-5, an ordinance approving a Redevelopment Grant Agreement by and between the City of Arcola and Jesus Garza. Alderman Kile seconded the motion. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

CONSIDER PURCHASING VEHICLES FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT Chief Phillips recommended to the Police Committee that the Police Department purchase two (2) 2003 Ford Crown Victoria's from the Missouri Highway Department. After further discussion, Alderman Ferguson moved to waive bids for the purchase for two police vehicles and was seconded by Alderman Williams. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Alderman Ferguson moved to approve the purchase for two 2003 Ford Crown Victoria's from the Missouri Highway Department at a cost of \$26,500 and was seconded by Alderman Williams. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Alderwoman Kile had nothing to report at this time.

Alderman Williams requested a Street & Alley Committee Meeting April 4 at 6:00 p.m.

Alderman Ferguson reported that Chief Phillips, City Administrator Wagner and himself went to a NEMS workshop. Alderman Ferguson also reported that he attended a Chamber meeting and plans to add a Beautification line item to the budget.

Alderman Gentry reported that Crazy Days held a fundraiser and it was a success.

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 7:29 p.m.

Larry Ferguson, Acting Mayor
Tamara Pruitt, Deputy City Clerk