

Minutes of the Regular Arcola City Council Meeting Tuesday, September 7, 2004

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Dianne Murphy and her daughter Lauren Murphy were present. Dianne stated that two police officer's came to her house this past weekend and informed her that a complaint had been received about the ponies she had in her fenced in back yard. The police officers informed Mrs. Murphy that according to the City Ordinance the ponies could not be kept in the City. Murphy stated that they bring the ponies to town to groom them and her daughter works with them in preparation for showing the ponies. The ponies are only in town a couple of hours. Mrs. Murphy did not think that two police officer's should have come to her house and did not agree with the wording in the Ordinance. Acting Mayor Ferguson informed Mrs. Murphy that the appropriate committee would meet to discuss the situation and that he would get back with her.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES Alderman Wheeler moved to approve the August 16, 2004 Council Meeting Minutes, copies of which were furnished to each Council member and was seconded by Alderman Ferguson. Roll call vote, Wheeler, aye; Gentry, aye; Lampe, aye; Kile, aye; Williams, aye; Ferguson, aye. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AUGUST 14 – SEPTEMBER 3, 2004 BILLS Alderman Williams moved to approve the August 14 – September 3, 2004 Bills with one change. He ask that the bill from the University of Illinois for the Park survey be paid from the Park Fund. Alderman Gentry seconded the motion. Roll call vote, Wheeler, aye; Gentry, aye; Lampe, aye; Kile, aye; Williams, aye; Ferguson, aye. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AUGUST TREASURER'S REPORT Alderman Ferguson moved to approve the August Treasurer's Report as presented and was seconded by Alderman Gentry. Roll call vote, Wheeler, aye; Gentry, aye; Lampe, aye; Kile, aye; Williams, aye; Ferguson, aye. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AUGUST ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT Alderman Ferguson moved to approve the August Zoning Officer's Report consisting of \$130,500.00 Valuation and \$178.88 Permit Fees and was seconded by Alderman Williams. Roll call vote, Wheeler, aye; Gentry, aye; Lampe, aye; Kile, aye; Williams, aye; Ferguson, aye. Motion carried. Permits were issued to: Phil Blaase, 105 Sassafras Lane for addition to dwelling and Carl Bartels, 103 3rd South St. for a house.

APPROVAL OF PAY REQUEST #5 TO CROSS CONSTRUCTION – SOUTH SIDE STORM SEWER PROJECT Alderman Wheeler moved to approve Pay Request #5 in the amount of \$104,848.20 to Cross Construction for work completed on the South Side Storm Sewer Project and was seconded by Alderwoman Lampe. Roll call vote, Wheeler, aye; Gentry, aye; Lampe, aye; Kile, aye; Williams, aye; Ferguson, aye. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF SIDEWALK AND CURB WORK BIDS Bids for sidewalk and curb work were presented as follows:

Carl Bartels, Mattoon, IL	\$11,340.00
Duce Construction, Inc., Champaign, IL	\$23,180.00

Alderman Wheeler moved to accept the low bid from Carl Bartels in the amount of \$11,340.00 and was seconded by Alderwoman Lampe. Roll call vote, Wheeler, aye; Gentry, aye; Lampe, aye; Kile, aye; Williams, aye; Ferguson, aye. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE 04-S-12, APPROVING TAX INCREMENT REDEVELOPMENT PLAN AND PROJECT FOR TIF DISTRICT #6 Alderman Ferguson moved to approve Ordinance 04-S-12, an Ordinance approving the City of Arcola, Illinois, Tax Increment Redevelopment Plan and Project for Tax Increment District #6 and was seconded by Alderman Gentry. Roll call vote, Wheeler, aye; Gentry, aye; Lampe, aye; Kile, aye; Williams, aye; Ferguson, aye. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE 04-S-1, DESIGNATING TAX INCREMENT REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA FOR TIF DISTRICT #6 Alderman Wheeler moved to approve Ordinance 04-S-1, an Ordinance designating the City of Arcola, Douglas County, Illinois, Tax Increment Redevelopment Project Area and establishing Tax Increment District #6 and was seconded by Alderman Ferguson. Roll call vote, Wheeler, aye; Gentry, aye; Lampe, aye; Kile, aye; Williams, aye; Ferguson, aye. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE 04-S-14, ADOPTING TAX INCREMENT FINANCING FOR TIF DISTRICT #6 Alderwoman Kile moved to approve Ordinance 04-S-14, an Ordinance adopting Tax Increment Financing for the City of Arcola, Illinois, for Tax Increment District #6 and was seconded by Alderman Williams. Roll call vote, Wheeler, aye; Gentry, aye; Lampe, aye; Kile, aye; Williams, aye; Ferguson, aye. Motion carried.

REPORT FROM BOARD OF APPEALS – STEVE HARGIS A Report from the Board of Appeals was read consisting of a request made by Goldie and Steve Hargis, 312 S. Pine St. to erect an accessory structure with non-conforming yard setback. Alderwoman Kile moved to accept the recommendation of the Zoning Board of Appeals and grant said request. Alderman Williams seconded the motion. Roll call vote, Wheeler, aye; Gentry, aye; Lampe, aye; Kile, aye; Williams, aye; Ferguson, aye. Motion carried.

CONSIDER HIRING POOL CONSULTANT Alderman Williams told the Council that the Park Committee would like to recommend hiring Burbank Aquatics from Wisconsin as Pool Consultants. After some discussion Alderwoman Kile moved to hire Burbank Aquatics contingent upon Attorney Moore's approval of the contract and to start the procedures for a new swimming pool with each phase being approved by the City Council. Alderman Williams seconded the motion. Roll call vote, Wheeler, aye; Gentry, aye; Lampe, aye; Kile, aye; Williams, aye; Ferguson, aye. Motion carried.

CONSIDER RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH DOUGLAS COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH FOR OUTREACH CENTER Alderwoman Kile moved to approve Resolution 04-R-5, A Resolution of Intent to enter into a lease with the Douglas County Health Department where the City would lease an area in the southeast corner of the Arcola Municipal Building being 40 feet North South and 20 feet East West as read. Alderwoman Lampe seconded the motion. Roll call vote, Wheeler, aye; Gentry, aye; Lampe, aye; Kile, aye; Williams, aye; Ferguson, aye. Motion carried.

APPROVE EXPANSION OF SERVICE AREA FOR WEST PRAIRIE WATER CO. CONTRACT SERVICES Alderman Gentry moved to approve the expansion of the contract service area for West Prairie Water Co. and was seconded by Alderman Wheeler. Roll call vote, Wheeler, aye; Gentry, aye; Lampe, aye; Kile, aye; Williams, aye; Ferguson, aye. Motion carried.

CONSIDER PURCHASING 4 HAND HELD METER READERS Alderman Gentry moved to purchase four additional hand held water meter readers and was seconded by Alderwoman Kile. Roll call vote, Wheeler, aye; Gentry, aye; Lampe, aye; Kile, aye; Williams, aye; Ferguson, aye. Motion carried.

APPROVE PAY RATE FOR POLICE OFFICER CLIFF PONDER Alderman Wheeler moved to increase Cliff Ponders hourly rate to \$12.00 per hour retroactive to the date he was hired as a full time police officer and was seconded by Alderman Ferguson. Roll call vote, Wheeler, aye; Gentry, aye; Lampe, aye; Kile, aye; Williams, aye; Ferguson, aye. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH INGE JONES Alderman Wheeler moved to approve an agreement with Police Officer Inge Jones who is on medical/family leave and was seconded by Alderwoman Kile. Roll call vote, Wheeler, aye; Gentry, aye; Lampe, aye; Kile, aye; Williams, aye; Ferguson, aye. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF 4 ADDITIONAL DECORATIVE LIGHTS FOR MOORE PARK Alderman Williams moved to approve the purchase of 4 additional decorative streetlights for Moore Park and was seconded by Alderman Gentry. Roll call vote, Wheeler, aye; Gentry, aye; Lampe, aye; Kile, aye; Williams, aye; Ferguson, aye. Motion carried. The lights will cost \$53.40 per month.

APPROVAL OF DONATION TO ARCOLA ROTARY CLUB Alderman Ferguson moved to approve a donation of \$100.00 to the Arcola Rotary Golf outing and was seconded by Alderman Wheeler. Roll call vote, Wheeler, aye; Gentry, aye; Lampe, aye; Kile, aye; Williams, aye; Ferguson, aye. Motion carried.

CONSIDER WEB PAGE WITH GOVERNMENT OFFICES WEB SERVICES Alderman Ferguson moved to approve Government Offices Web Service as the City's Web provider at a one time cost of \$500.00 and a monthly host fee of \$30.00 and was seconded by Alderwoman Kile. Roll call vote, Wheeler, aye; Gentry, aye; Lampe, aye; Kile, aye; Williams, aye; Ferguson, aye. Motion carried.

HIRE PART TIME POLICE OFFICER Alderman Wheeler moved to hire Jeff Bockman as a part time police officer at \$10.25/hr effective September 8, 2004 and was seconded by Alderman Williams. Roll call vote, Wheeler, aye; Gentry, aye; Lampe, aye; Kile, aye; Williams, aye; Ferguson, aye. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Alderman Wheeler had nothing to report at this time.

Alderman Gentry had nothing to report at this time.

Alderwoman Lampe had nothing to report at this time.

Alderwoman Kile had nothing to report at this time.

Alderman Williams had nothing to report at this time.

Alderman Ferguson reported that he had attended the Rotary Social Hour and saw the plans for the Gazebo Park. Ferguson said he would like for the City to consider donating a brick or two for the park area.

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 7:50 p.m.

Larry Ferguson, Acting Mayor
Vickie Dill, City Clerk

