

**Minutes of the Regular Arcola City Council Meeting  
Monday, December 6, 2004**

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

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT** There was none.

**APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 15, 2004 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES** Alderman Wheeler moved to approve the November 15, 2004 Council Meeting Minutes, copies of which were furnished to each Council member and was seconded by Alderman Williams. Roll call vote, Wheeler, aye; Gentry, aye; Kile, aye; Williams, aye; Ferguson, aye. Motion carried.

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

**APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER ZONING OFFICERS REPORT** Alderman Ferguson moved to approve the November Zoning Officers Report consisting of \$220,500.00 Valuation and \$731.20 Permit Fees and was seconded by Alderman Williams. Roll call vote, Wheeler, aye; Gentry, aye; Kile, aye; Williams, aye; Ferguson, aye. Motion carried. Building Permits were issued to: JER Overhaul, 107 N. US Highway 45, Accessory to Equip. Repair; Arcola Lumber Co., 25 West Main, Addition to Ind. Building.

**APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 12 – DECEMBER 3, 2004 BILLS** Alderman Gentry moved to approve the November 12 – December 3, 2004 Bills as presented and was seconded by Alderman Ferguson. Roll call vote, Wheeler, aye; Gentry, aye; Kile, aye; Williams, aye; Ferguson, aye. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF PLAN OF ACTION FOR ARCOLA PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY** This item was tabled until next Council Meeting.

**CONSIDER HIRING A SECRETARY/DISPATCHER FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT** Alderman Wheeler moved to hire Cindy Lamb as part-time secretary/dispatcher for the Police Department at a starting rate of \$10.25, to begin January 10, 2005. Alderman Ferguson seconded the motion. Roll call vote, Wheeler, aye; Gentry, aye; Kile, NO; Williams, aye; Ferguson, aye. Motion carried.

**CONSIDER ADVERTISING FOR CITY ADMINISTRATOR** Alderman Gentry moved to approve to advertise for a City Administrator and was seconded by Alderman Ferguson. Roll call vote, Wheeler, aye; Gentry, aye; Kile, aye; Williams, aye; Ferguson, aye. Motion carried.

**CONSIDER DONATION TO ROTARY (GAZEBO PROJECT)** Alderman Ferguson moved to purchase an 8 X 8 brick for \$200 for the Gazebo Project and was seconded by Alderwoman Kile. Roll call vote, Wheeler, aye; Gentry, aye; Kile, aye; Williams, aye; Ferguson, aye. Motion carried.

**CONSIDER DONATION TO FOOD PANTRY** This item was tabled until next Council Meeting.

**CONSIDER DONATION TO LIONS CLUB** Alderman Ferguson moved to donate \$300 to the Lions Club for food baskets and was seconded by Alderman Williams. Roll call vote, Wheeler, aye; Gentry, aye; Kile, aye; Williams, aye; Ferguson, aye. Motion carried.

**RATIFY REVISED RESOLUTION FOR CROSS CONNECTION PROGRAM** Alderman

Williams moved to Ratify the Revised Resolution for Cross Connection Program, A Resolution Providing for a Cross Connection Control Program for the Arcola/Tuscola Joint Waterline Agency. Alderman Ferguson seconded the motion. Roll call vote, Wheeler, aye; Gentry, aye; Kile, aye; Williams, aye; Ferguson, aye. Motion carried.

**CONSIDER NEW FIVE-YEAR LEASE WITH ILLINOIS AMISH INFORMATION EXHIBITS,**

**INC.** Alderwoman Kile moved to approve a new two-year lease with Illinois Amish Information Exhibits, Inc. and was seconded by Alderman Gentry. Roll call vote, Wheeler, aye; Gentry, aye; Kile, aye; Williams, aye; Ferguson, aye. Motion carried.

**CONSIDER REPORT FROM TIF ADVISORY BOARD** The TIF Advisory Board held a meeting

November 16, 2004. The Advisory Board made the following recommendations to the Council:

1. Approve a Storefront Grant for the Arcola Inn for new asphalt on their parking lot.

Alderwoman Kile moved to accept the TIF Board's recommendation and give a Storefront Grant to Arcola Inn, contingent to drainage being addressed by owner. Alderman Ferguson seconded the motion. Roll call vote, Wheeler, aye; Gentry, aye; Kile, aye; Williams, aye; Ferguson, aye. Motion carried.

2. Approve a \$10,000 grant to the City of Arcola for remodeling the old street department building behind City Hall.

Alderman Kile moved to accept the TIF Board's recommendation and give the City of Arcola a \$10,000 TIF Grant and was seconded by Alderman Gentry. Roll call vote, Wheeler, aye; Gentry, aye; Kile, aye; Williams, aye; Ferguson, aye. Motion carried.

**CONSIDER THREE NEW STREET LIGHTS** Alderman Ferguson moved to approve three new

streetlights (2 on S. Elm and 1 on N. Walnut) and was seconded by Alderman Wheeler. Roll call vote, Wheeler, aye; Gentry, aye; Kile, aye; Williams, aye; Ferguson, aye. Motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:45 P.M.** Alderman Ferguson moved to go into executive session at 7:45

p.m. to discuss personnel and was seconded by Alderman Gentry. Roll call vote, Wheeler, aye; Gentry, aye; Kile, aye; Williams, aye; Ferguson, aye. Motion carried.

**REGULAR SESSION AT 8:00 P.M.** Council resumed regular session at 8:00 p.m.

**CONSIDER HIRING ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER** Alderman Wheeler moved to hire City

Employee Steve Hargis as Animal Control Officer at \$150 per month starting December 8, 2004 and was seconded by Alderman Williams. Roll call vote, Wheeler, aye; Gentry, aye; Kile, aye; Williams, aye; Ferguson, aye. Motion carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Alderman Wheeler** requested a Street and Alley Committee Meeting for December 23, 2004 at 8:30

a.m. at the Arcola Center.

Alderman Wheeler also reported that the City borrowed remaining money from the Southside loan. Alderman Wheeler reported that there are 12 areas the City is going to work on, the cost will be approximately \$140,330, which does not include some engineering costs.

**Alderman Gentry** requested a Water Committee Meeting for Wednesday December 8, 2004 at 6 p.m.

Alderman Gentry reported that an Employee Relations Committee met this evening and discussed PTO.

**Alderman Kile** reported that the Building and Grounds met and discussed new rental agreement for the Arcola Center. Alderman Kile also requested a Building and Grounds Committee Meeting for January 3, 2005 at 6 p.m.

**Alderman Williams** reported that there are only 2 people left (out of 15) in violation of the sump pump survey corrections. Vinnie is to come in during Christmas break and to start East Side mapping.

**Alderman Ferguson** requested something be put in the newspaper about the website and also post it on the Arcola Center sign.

Alderman Williams wanted to thank Karla, Larry and Jack for the Christmas Party.

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

Adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Larry Ferguson, Acting Mayor  
Vickie Dill, City Clerk