

# Minutes of the Regular Arcola City Council Meeting Monday, April 5, 2004

City Clerk Vickie Dill called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present were Alderpersons Lampe, Kile, Williams, Ferguson, Wheeler and Gentry. Treasurer Harvey, City Attorney Emerson Moore, Police Chief Mike Phillips and Zoning Officer Byron Joergens were also present.

**MAYOR MANNA'S RESIGNATION** City Clerk Dill read a letter from Mayor Manna to the City Clerk, City Council, Employees and Residents:

It is with deep regret that I am resigning as Mayor of Arcola as of April 1, 2004. Linda and I will be moving to Oakland, Illinois in a few weeks and I can no longer serve as Mayor living outside the city limits. I have enjoyed my term tremendously and feel like I have been instrumental, along with the City Council members, in successfully accomplishing many areas of need for Arcola.

I have appointed Larry Ferguson, the senior alderman, to succeed me in my absence. I know Larry is very capable of carrying on the City's mayoral duties and he has Arcola's best interests at heart. Please give Larry your full support as you have given it to me over my term as Mayor.

Alderman Wheeler moved to approve Mayor Manna's resignation as Mayor of the City of Arcola and was seconded by Alderman Williams. Roll call vote, Lampe, aye; Kile, aye; Williams, aye; Ferguson, aye; Wheeler, aye; Gentry, aye. Motion carried.

**APPOINTMENT OF ACTING MAYOR** Alderman Wheeler moved to appoint Larry Ferguson as Acting Mayor to fill the remaining term of former Mayor Manna and was seconded by Alderman Williams. Roll call vote, Lampe, aye; Kile, aye; Williams, aye; Ferguson, abstained; Wheeler, aye; Gentry, aye. Motion carried.

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

## **Public Comment:**

Acting Mayor Ferguson called for public comment at this time. There was no public comment.

**APPROVAL OF MARCH 15, 2004 COUNCIL MINUTES** Alderman Williams moved to approve the March 15, 2004 Council meeting minutes with one correction on page two. The approximate cost for water and sewer extension to the triangle on the southwest side of the City should be \$80,000.00 instead of \$40,000.00. Alderwoman Kile seconded the motion. Roll call vote, Lampe, aye; Kile, aye; Williams, aye; Ferguson, aye; Wheeler, aye; Gentry, aye. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MARCH 22, 2004 SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES** Alderwoman Kile moved to approve the March 22, 2004 Special Council Meeting Minutes and was seconded by Alderwoman Lampe. Roll call vote, Lampe, aye; Kile, aye; Williams, aye; Ferguson, aye; Wheeler, aye; Gentry, aye. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MARCH 13 – APRIL 2, 2004 BILLS** Alderman Ferguson moved to approve the March 13 – April 2, 2004 bills as presented and was seconded by Alderman Gentry. Roll call vote, Lampe, aye; Kile, aye; Williams, aye; Ferguson, aye; Wheeler, aye; Gentry, aye. Motion carried.

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

**APPROVAL OF MARCH ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT** Alderwoman Kile moved to approve the March Zoning Officer's Report as presented consisting of \$41,250.00 Valuation and \$164.00 Permit Fees and was seconded by Alderman Gentry. Roll call vote, Lampe, aye; Kile, aye; Williams, aye; Ferguson, aye; Wheeler, aye; Gentry, aye. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE 04-C-3, NO PARKING ON RT. 45** Alderman Williams moved to approve Ordinance 04-C-3, An Ordinance amending Section 22-9-5 of Chapter 22 of the "Municipal Code, City of Arcola, Illinois," adopted June 2, 1980, as presented and was seconded by Alderwoman Kile. Roll call vote, Lampe, aye; Kile, aye; Williams, aye; Ferguson, aye; Wheeler, aye; Gentry, aye. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF 04-S-2, TIF STOREFRONT REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT – ARCOLA AUTO TECH** Alderman Wheeler moved to approve Ordinance 04-S-2, An Ordinance approving a Redevelopment Grant Agreement (storefront project) by and between the City of Arcola, And Paul Harshbarger, d/b/a Arcola Auto Tech for property at 126 South Chestnut. Alderwoman Lampe seconded the motion. Roll call vote, Lampe, aye; Kile, aye; Williams, aye; Ferguson, aye; Wheeler, aye; Gentry, aye. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE 04-S-3, TIF STOREFRONT REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT – ARCOLA EMPORIUM** Alderwoman Kile moved to approve Ordinance 04-S-3, An Ordinance approving a Redevelopment Grant Agreement (storefront project) by and between the City of Arcola, and James Lange and Linda Lange d/b/a Arcola Emporium, 201 E. Main St. Alderman Gentry seconded the motion. Roll call vote, Lampe, aye; Kile, aye; Williams, aye; Ferguson, aye; Wheeler, aye; Gentry, aye. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK** Alderman Gentry moved to approve an amendment to the Employee handbook to include under working hours in overtime pay the definition of worked hours will also include vacation days, holidays and funeral days. Alderman Williams seconded the motion. Lampe, abstained; Kile, aye; Williams, aye; Ferguson, aye; Wheeler, abstained; Gentry, aye. Motion carried.

**CORRECT LONG TERM DISABILITY IN EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK ATTACHMENT** Alderman Gentry moved to correct the explanation of Long Term Disability in Attachment A of the Handbook to state that disability can be applied for on the 91<sup>st</sup> day of disability instead of 31<sup>st</sup> day. Alderman Williams seconded the motion. Roll call vote, Lampe, abstained; Kile, aye; Williams, aye; Ferguson, aye; Wheeler, abstained; Gentry, aye. Motion carried.

**CONSIDER ORDINANCE 04-S-4, ANNEXATION OF 36.41 ACRES OF LIBMAN PROPERTY** Alderwoman Kile moved to approve Ordinance 04-S-4, An Ordinance annexing 36.41 acres to the City of Arcola, Douglas County, Illinois. (Libman Equipment Partnership) as presented and was seconded by Alderman Gentry. Roll call vote, Lampe, aye; Kile, aye; Williams, aye; Ferguson, aye; Wheeler, aye; Gentry, aye. Motion carried.

**REPORT FROM PLAN COMMISSION, ORDINANCE 04-Z-1** The Plan Commission met and unanimously recommended the City Council grant a zoning change from RD to I to Libman Equipment partnership. Alderwoman Kile moved to approve Ordinance 04-Z-1, An Ordinance amending a use district created by the Arcola, Illinois Zoning Ordinance of 1976, as amended (Chapter 25 of the Municipal Code, City of Arcola, Illinois," adopted June 2, 1980 as amended) – Libman Partnership property consisting of 36.41 acres from Rural Development (RD) to General Industrial District (I). Alderman Ferguson seconded the motion. Roll call vote, Lampe, aye; Kile, aye; Williams, aye; Ferguson, aye; Wheeler, aye; Gentry, aye. Motion carried.

**REPORT FROM PLAN COMMISSION – COUNTY LINE, INC.** A Report from the Plan Commission was presented with a request made by County Line, Inc., 1000E State Rt. 133 to change name of property to County Line, Inc. and zoning from B-2 (Highway Commercial) to IN (Industrial). With a quorum present the Plan Commission recommended the City Council grant the request. Alderwoman Lampe moved to accept the recommendation of the Plan Commission and grant said request. Alderman Gentry seconded the motion. Roll call vote, Lampe, aye; Kile, aye; Williams, aye; Ferguson, aye; Wheeler, aye; Gentry, aye. Motion carried.

**REPORT FROM BOARD OF APPEALS – JUAN GARZA** A Report from the Board of Appeals was presented consisting of a request made of Juan Garza, 519 South Locust St. to add attached garage to existing dwelling with non-conforming side-yard setback. With a quorum present the Board of Appeals recommended the City Council grant said request. Alderman Wheeler moved to accept the recommendation of the Board of Appeals and grant said request. Alderwoman Kile seconded the motion. Roll call vote, Lampe, aye; Kile, aye; Williams, aye; Ferguson, aye; Wheeler, aye; Gentry, aye. Motion carried.

**ARCOLA ROTARY – GAZEBO PROPOSAL** Chris Slack, Peggy Vidreo and a group from the Arcola Rotary Club were present to present a proposal for a Gazebo and benches they would like to put in the downtown area. Sites considered were the old Conlin Station area and south of the Depot. The Conlin Station property still has underground tanks so that property was eliminated due to the liability. The Rotary Club asked for the City's input and suggestions for a site. After some discussion, Acting Mayor Ferguson asked the Building and Grounds Committee to work with the Rotary Club. Building and Grounds Committee set a meeting for April 19, 2004 at 6:00 p.m.

**ARCOLA INN STOREFRONT GRANT WITHDRAWAL** Attorney Moore presented the following letter dated March 18, 2004:  
Dear Mr. Moore,

I am writing regarding Arcola Inn Redevelopment Grant unanimously pass Ordinance No. 03-S-25 at the City Council meeting on December 2003. I do not need redevelopment grant because I am selling Arcola Inn motel this week. So please cancel my contract for TIF funds, and please advise City of Arcola regarding this matter. Thank you for your work. If you have any questions please call me at 217-280-3494. Signed Bill Patel.

Alderwoman Kile moved to reconsider the action of the City Council in passing the Storefront Grant Ordinance from Arcola Inn and was seconded by Alderman Gentry. Roll call vote, Lampe, aye; Kile, aye; Williams, aye; Ferguson, aye; Wheeler, aye; Gentry, aye. Motion carried.

Alderwoman Lampe moved to rescind Ordinance 03-S-25 due to Mr. Patel no longer requesting the grant funds and was seconded by Alderman Ferguson. Roll call vote, Lampe, aye; Kile, aye; Williams, aye; Ferguson, aye; Wheeler, aye; Gentry, aye. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF 2004 – 2005 CITY BUDGET** Alderman Wheeler moved to approve the 2004-2005 City Budget as presented and was seconded by Alderwoman Kile. Roll call vote, Lampe, aye; Kile, aye; Williams, aye; Ferguson, aye; Wheeler, aye; Gentry, aye. Motion carried.

**CONSIDER DONATIONS TO ARCOLA JAYCEE'S FOR SUBSTANCE FREE GRADUATION PARTY AND DONATION TO POST PROM COMMITTEE** A request for donations were submitted by the Arcola Jaycee's for a Substance Free Graduation party and also from the Post Prom Committee. After some discussion, Alderman Williams moved to split the amount left in the donations line item of \$250.00 thus donating \$125.00 to each group and was seconded by Alderwoman Kile. Roll call vote, Lampe, aye; Kile, aye; Williams, aye; Ferguson, aye; Wheeler, aye; Gentry, aye. Motion carried.

**CONSIDER RAISE PERCENTAGES FOR CITY EMPLOYEES** Alderman Ferguson moved to give City employees a 2% cost of living increase and up to 3% pay increase based on evaluations totaling up to a 5% raise. Alderman Williams seconded the motion. Roll call vote, Lampe, abstained; Kile, aye; Williams, aye; Ferguson, aye; Wheeler, abstained; Gentry, aye. Motion carried.

**APPLY FOR TIF FUNDS FOR INFRA-STRUCTURE FOR PROPOSED SUBDIVISION** Alderman Williams moved to have the City make application for TIF Funds for \$89,000.00 for infrastructure work for a proposed subdivision to be constructed by Carl Bartels and was seconded by Alderman Ferguson. Roll call vote, Lampe, aye; Kile, aye; Williams, aye; Ferguson, aye; Wheeler, aye; Gentry, aye. Motion carried. The TIF funds would be to improve roads and extend water and sewer lines to the Bartels property.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Alderwoman Lampe** reported that the Water Bills Hearing Officers were working with a water customer on a high water bill.

Alderwoman Lampe reported that the Trash/Recycling Committee met and discussed clean-up. Proposals from trash haulers are being received. Curbside pick-up was discussed. No date has been set at this time, but the end of May and first of June are being considered.

**Alderwoman Kile** reported that the Building and Grounds Committee met tonight at 6:00 p.m. and discussed a wall in the Arcola Center that had separated. The carpets at the Arcola Center were cleaned and looked very good. City Foreman Jack Logan was checking prices of tile for the Arcola Center.

Alderwoman Kile reported that the Douglas County Human Services RPG meeting was held on March 23, 2004 at City Hall. Discussed was the grant application for City and Hispanic Needs in order to improve communications with our Hispanic population. If the grant is received it will benefit the entire community.

**Alderman Williams** thought relining of the sewer on West Jefferson St. was completed. City Clerk Dill said Insituform had to stop work due to the rain.

**Alderman Ferguson** had nothing to report in Committee Reports.

**Alderman Wheeler** asked for a Police Committee meeting to be scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Monday, April 19, 2004 at City Hall.

**Alderman Gentry** asked that a Water Committee meeting be scheduled for Monday, April 12, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. and an Employee Relations Committee meeting scheduled for Monday, May 3, 2004 at 6:00 p.m.

**Acting Mayor Ferguson** told the Council that he is not sure if he will leave Mayoral comments on the agenda or not. He commended former Mayor Andy Manna for his dedication to the City for the past 3 years. Ferguson said he would do his best to move forward for the next year or so or however long it takes to fill the term as Mayor and hoped that everyone would help him in doing so. Acting Mayor Ferguson will continue to serve as Alderman as well as Acting Mayor. He will vote as an Alderman, but will have no voting powers as Acting Mayor. Attorney Moore told the Council in the case of a tie, the motion would not pass.

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

Adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Larry Ferguson, Acting Mayor  
Vickie Dill, City Clerk