

Minutes of the Regular Arcola City Council Meeting Monday, October 4, 2004

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

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

Public Comment:

There was no public comment at this time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES Alderman Williams moved to approve the September 20, 2004 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes, copies of which were furnished to each Council member 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 SEPTEMBER TREASURER'S REPORT Alderman Ferguson moved to approve the September Treasurer's Report 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 SEPTEMBER ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT The September Zoning Officer's Report was read consisting of \$ 9,450.00 Valuation and \$ 20.00 collected for permit fee. Alderman Ferguson moved to approve the September Zoning Officer's Report 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. Permit was issued to Steve Hargis, 312 S. Pine St. for an accessory structure.

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER BILLS Alderman Williams moved to approve the September Bills 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.

ORDINANCE ON HOUSING ANIMALS IN THE CITY Alderwoman Lampe stated she had not talked with Attorney Moore about the Ordinance on housing animals in the City and asks that consideration of the Ordinance be tabled until next Council meeting. Council agreed to table until next meeting.

REPORT FROM TIF ADVISORY BOARD

J.E.R. Overhaul - Due to no member of the TIF Advisory Board being present, Acting Mayor Ferguson stated that the TIF Advisory Committee recommended the City approve a request from J.E.R. Overhaul for a TIF rebate of 60% of property taxes paid until allowable expenses are recovered, including land purchased for inventory storage, for an expansion of J.E.R. Overhaul. A new 60' x 150' building is planned. After discussion by the Council Alderman Ferguson moved to table the recommendation of the TIF Advisory Board until a member of the Board could be present to explain the project further. Alderwoman Kile seconded the motion. Roll call vote, Lampe, aye; Kile, aye; Williams, aye; Ferguson, aye; Wheeler, aye; Gentry, aye. Motion carried.

City of Arcola Land Purchase - Alderman Ferguson moved to accept the recommendation of the TIF Advisory Board and approve a grant of \$13,000.00 to the City of Arcola for purchase of one block of land, between Oak St. and the railroad, between Main St. and Jefferson St., where the Depot is located 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 PAY INCREASE FOR LUCAS ZEIEN Alderman Wheeler moved to approve a .25 per hour pay increase retroactive to September 10, 2004 for Police Officer Lucas Zeien for Certification 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 PAY INCREASE FOR CLIFF PONDER Alderman Wheeler moved to approve a .25 per hour pay increase retroactive to September 10, 2004 for Police Officer Cliff Ponder for Certification 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 PAY INCREASE FOR SEAN JUNGE Alderman Wheeler moved to approve a .25 per hour pay increase retroactive to September 10, 2004 for part-time Police Officer Sean Junge for Certification and was seconded by Alderman Ferguson. Roll call vote, Lampe, aye; Kile, aye; Williams, aye; Ferguson, aye; Wheeler, aye; Gentry, aye. Motion carried.

WAIVE BIDS TO PURCHASE VIDEO CAMERAS Alderman Wheeler moved to waive the bids on the purchase of video cameras for the police cars and purchase at State Contract price and was seconded by Alderman Williams. Roll call vote, Lampe, aye; Kile, aye; Williams, aye; Ferguson, aye; Wheeler, aye; Gentry, aye. Motion carried.

APPROVE PURCHASE OF VIDEO CAMERAS FOR POLICE CARS Alderman Wheeler moved to purchase 2 video cameras for the Police cars at a State bid price of \$7,200.87 and was seconded by Alderman Williams. Roll call vote, Lampe, aye; Kile, aye; Williams, aye; Ferguson, aye; Wheeler, aye; Gentry, aye. Motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF MODIFIED CONTRACT WITH BURBACH AQUATICS A modified contract with Burbach Aquatics was presented. After questions and discussion by the City Council, Alderman Williams moved to table the approval of the contract until Attorney Moore could get the answers to the questions the Council discussed. Alderman Ferguson seconded the motion. Roll call vote, Lampe, aye; Kile, aye; Williams, aye; Ferguson, aye; Wheeler, aye; Gentry, aye. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO CARL BARTELS FOR SIDEWALK/CURB REPAIRS Alderman Wheeler moved to approve a pay request from Carl Bartels in the amount of \$13,535.00 for sidewalk replacement and curb repairs 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 PAID TIME OFF FOR CITY EMPLOYEES Alderman Gentry moved to approve Paid Time Off for City employees to replace the current benefits of Sick, Personal and Vacation days, to be effective January 1, 2005. Alderwoman Kile seconded the motion. Roll call vote, Lampe, abstained; Kile, aye; Williams, aye; Ferguson, aye; Wheeler, abstained; Gentry, aye. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:50 P.M. TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL Alderman Ferguson moved to go into Executive Session at 7:50 p.m. to discuss personnel and was seconded by Alderman Gentry. Roll call vote, Lampe, aye; Kile, aye; Williams, aye; Ferguson, aye; Wheeler, aye; Gentry, aye. Motion carried.

REGULAR SESSION AT 8:07 P.M.

CONSIDER PART-TIME STATUS FOR VICKIE DILL Alderman Gentry moved to reduce full-time employee Vickie Dill to part-time status retroactive to September 24, 2004 at a rate of \$19.25 per hour with benefits, due to health reasons and was seconded by Alderman Williams. Roll call vote, Lampe, aye; Kile, aye; Williams, aye; Ferguson, aye; Wheeler, aye; Gentry, aye. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Alderwoman Lampe reported that the Ordinance and Enforcement Committee had met last week to discuss two ordinance changes. She said those would be presented at the next meeting.

Alderwoman Kile had nothing to report at this time.

Alderman Williams had nothing to report at this time.

Alderman Ferguson had nothing to report at this time.

Alderman Wheeler reported that the South Side Storm Sewer project is almost complete. He commended Cross Construction for a job well done. Alderman Wheeler asks that a Street & Alley Committee be scheduled for 6:00 p.m. October 18, 2004.

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

Adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Larry Ferguson, Acting Mayor
Vickie Dill, City Clerk