

# Minutes of the Regular Arcola City Council Meeting Monday, May 3, 2004

Acting Mayor Ferguson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present were Alderpersons Williams, Ferguson, Wheeler, Gentry, Lampe and Kile. Attorney Moore, Treasurer Harvey and Zoning Officer Byron Joergens were present.

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

## **Public Comment**

There was no public comment at this time.

**APPROVAL OF APRIL 19, 2004 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES** Alderman Wheeler moved to approve the April 19, 2004 Regular Meeting Minutes, copies of which were furnished to each Council member and was seconded by Alderwoman Kile. Roll call vote, Williams, aye; Ferguson, aye; Wheeler, aye; Gentry, aye; Lampe, aye; Kile, aye. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF APRIL 16 – 30, 2004 BILLS** Alderwoman Kile moved to approve the April 16 – 30, 2004 Bills as presented and was seconded by Alderman Williams. Roll call vote, Williams, aye; Ferguson, aye; Wheeler, aye; Gentry, aye; Lampe, aye; Kile, aye. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF APRIL TREASURERS REPORT** Alderman Williams moved to approve the April Treasurers Report as presented and was seconded by Alderman Ferguson. Roll call vote, Williams, aye; Ferguson, aye; Wheeler, aye; Gentry, aye; Lampe, aye; Kile, aye. Motion carried.

**RATIFY APRIL ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT** Alderman Ferguson moved to ratify the April Zoning Officer's Report consisting of \$417,600.00 Valuation and \$692.00 Permit Fees and was seconded by Alderman Williams. Roll call vote, Williams, aye; Ferguson, aye; Wheeler, aye; Gentry, aye; Lampe, aye; Kile, aye. Motion carried. Building permits were issued to: Juan Garza, 519 S. Locust St. for an attached garage; Brian Cummins, 405 S. Ridge for an accessory building; Gary Sental, 534 E. Main St. for a garage; Jose Leal, East 4<sup>th</sup> South St. for a house; Ivan Jess, 524 E. Main St. for a house; Bill Klopfleisch, County Road 400N for an accessory building.

**APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE 04-S-6, COUNTY LINE, INC. REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT** Alderman Wheeler moved to approve Ordinance No. 04-S-6, An Ordinance approving a Redevelopment Agreement by and between the City of Arcola, Illinois, and County Line, Inc. an Illinois corporation for property at 1000 East State Route 133 and was seconded by Alderwoman Lampe. Roll call vote, Williams, aye; Ferguson, aye; Wheeler, aye; Gentry, aye; Lampe, aye; Kile, aye. Motion carried.

**ACTING MAYOR PROCLAIMS MAY MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS MONTH** Acting Mayor Ferguson asked that the City proclaim the month of May as Motorcycle Awareness Month as requested by A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois, Inc. and urged all motorists to join in an effort to improve safety and awareness on our roadways. Alderman Gentry moved to proclaim May as Motorcycle Awareness Month in the City of Arcola and was seconded by Alderman Wheeler. Roll call vote, Williams, aye; Ferguson, aye; Wheeler, aye; Gentry, aye; Lampe, aye; Kile, aye. Motion carried.

**DISCUSS FIREWORKS FOR 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY** Acting Mayor Ferguson reported that the Jaycee's had taken care of the fireworks the last several years, but that this year he and Alderwoman Lampe would be organizing the fireworks for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Alderwoman Lampe reported that she had taken the information that Janette Suding had used last year and would be starting the process. Donations would be solicited this year for the fireworks, pamphlets prepared and passed out and the Record Herald will hopefully help with advertising. July 3, 2004 will be the date for the fireworks display, with July 5, 2004 being the rain date. S & N Fireworks will be the supplier of the fireworks and shooters. A light sound or DJ will also be considered. The Fire District will be on standby for the

display also. Alderman Ferguson moved to spend up to \$3,500.00 for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks display to be held on July 3, 2004 with the rain date being July 5, 2004, and was seconded by Alderwoman Kile. Roll call vote, Williams, aye; Ferguson, aye; Wheeler, aye; Gentry, aye; Lampe, aye; Kile, aye. Motion carried.

**ARCOLA HEALTH CARE REQUEST TO SELL MERCHANDISE IN PARK ON JULY 4<sup>TH</sup>**

Acting Mayor Ferguson introduced Sheila Hopkins and Shawna Melton from Arcola Health Care Center. Shawna said the Arcola Health Care would like to sell hotdogs, barbeque, chips, etc. in the park on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. The proceeds will be given to Arcola Elementary Early Childhood Program that will be starting next year in Arcola. The proceeds will help to buy supplies for the classroom. Children now go to Tuscola or Arthur to attend the Childhood Program. Their plans were to set up in the pavilion. After some discussion, Alderman Ferguson moved to allow Arcola Health Care to sell food, etc. as stated in Moore Park on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and was seconded by Alderman Gentry. Roll call vote, Williams, aye; Ferguson, aye; Wheeler, aye; Gentry, aye; Lampe, aye; Kile, aye. Motion carried. Sheila Hopkins said they would like to get more involved in the community and try to get more projects going in the community.

**REPORT FROM TIF ADVISORY BOARD** Pat Monahan, TIF Advisory Board Chairman, was present and gave the Report from the TIF Advisory Board.

- 1. Jesus Garza Request for TIF Funds** Alderman Ferguson moved to accept the recommendation of the TIF Advisory Board for Jesus Garza and approve a TIF tax rebate of 60% of eligible expenses of property taxes paid subject to all permits and approvals being made for a new auto repair business, Garza's Auto Repair, owned by Jesus Garza. Alderman Gentry seconded the motion. Roll call vote, Williams, aye; Ferguson, aye; Wheeler, aye; Gentry, aye; Lampe, aye; Kile, aye. Motion carried.
- 2. Starfish X, LLC Request for TIF Grant** Alderman Williams moved to accept the recommendation of the TIF Advisory Committee for Starfish X, Inc. for 20% of allowable expenses up to a maximum of \$25,000.00 for purchase and remodeling of the former Dairy Queen building into a Monical's Pizza restaurant payable to the building owners, Starfish X, LLC. Alderwoman Kile seconded the motion. Roll call vote, Williams, aye; Ferguson, aye; Wheeler, aye; Gentry, aye; Lampe, aye; Kile, aye. Motion carried.
- 3. City's Request for TIF Funds for Water & Sewer Extension to Proposed Subdivision** Alderman Ferguson moved to accept the recommendation of the TIF Advisory Board for the City of Arcola's request for \$89,000.00 for TIF Funds to extend Water & Sewer lines to a new 8 home subdivision southwest of the corner of Locust and Third South Street. Alderman Gentry seconded the motion. Roll call vote, Williams, aye; Ferguson, aye; Wheeler, aye; Gentry, aye; Lampe, aye; Kile, aye. Motion carried.
- 4. Fishel/Grove Chiropractic Office** Alderwoman Kile moved to accept the recommendation of the TIF Advisory Board for Fishel/Grove Chiropractic for a tax rebate of 60% of real estate taxes paid until all eligible expenses are recovered or the TIF expires, contingent on the land being in the TIF District and was seconded by Alderwoman Lampe. Roll call vote, Williams, aye; Ferguson, aye; Wheeler, aye; Gentry, aye; Lampe, aye; Kile, aye. Motion carried. Since it may take 3 months for the property to be included in the TIF District and Dr. Fishel is wanting to start construction soon, this approval is saying that if the TIF expansion is successful, Dr. Fishel will not be disqualified from receiving funds because he started before the TIF expansion was completed.
- 5. Storefront Grant for Arcola Chamber of Commerce** At the recommendation of the TIF Advisory Board the Council decided to put an application from the Arcola Chamber of Commerce for a Storefront grant on hold until the ownership of the land around the Depot could be resolved.

Monahan said there is a possibility of the Conlin Station being demolished, but no applications have been received at this time.

**APPROVAL OF PAY REQUEST # 1 - SOUTH SIDE STORM SEWER PROJECT – CROSS CONSTRUCTION** Alderman Wheeler moved to approve Pay Request #1 from Cross Construction in the amount of \$65,340.00 for the South Side Storm Sewer Project and was seconded by Alderman Gentry. Roll call vote, Williams, aye; Ferguson, aye; Wheeler, aye; Gentry, aye; Lampe, aye; Kile, aye. Motion carried. Treasurer Harvey said the money would be paid from the West Side Storm Sewer Project Account as recommended by USDA.

Alderman Wheeler reported work on the ditch was 95% complete and then they will begin laying pipe down 4<sup>th</sup> South Street.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Alderman Williams** reported that the Park Committee held a town meeting last week to get ideas on a new swimming pool. Approximately 25 people attended the meeting and several ideas were presented. The survey about the parks are being distributed for the next two to three weeks. The Park Committee had also met with a Pool Consultant.

**Alderman Ferguson** announced the upcoming CIMOA meeting to be held in Champaign.

**Alderman Wheeler** reported that the Street & Alley Committee would meet at 6:00 p.m. Monday, May 17, 2004 at City Hall. Wheeler reported that Wayne Ward was not on the agenda for this evening so he will be put on the Agenda for the May 17 Council meeting reference 2004 street maintenance.

**Alderman Gentry** reported that the Employee Relations Committee met this evening to clarify overtime pay. Also discussed was changing vacation, sick and personal leave to PTO (paid time off). Alderman Gentry asked for an Employee Relations Committee meeting to be held immediately following the Council meeting on May 17, 2004.

**Alderwoman Lampe** reported that curbside clean up days will be held June 26<sup>th</sup> and July 3<sup>rd</sup>. The town will be divided for pickup. The fees will be \$10.00 for curbside pick up and an additional \$15.00 for each appliance picked up. Prairie State Waste will pick up starting at 7:00 a.m. until finished.

**Alderwoman Kile** reported that the Building & Grounds Committee would be meeting tonight immediately after the Council meeting. Alderwoman Kile also reported that the yellow bows that were put on the streetlights downtown were blown off or cut off. Some were replaced today and the others will be replace soon.

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

Adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Larry Ferguson, Acting Mayor  
Vickie Dill, City Clerk