

Minutes of the Regular Arcola City Council meeting Monday, August 2, 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 Police Chief Phillips were also 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 JULY 19, 2004 MINUTES Alderman Wheeler moved to approve the July 19, 2004 Council Meeting Minutes, copies of which were furnished to each Council member and was seconded by Alderwoman Lampe. Roll call vote, Williams, aye; Ferguson, aye; Wheeler, aye; Gentry, aye; Lampe, aye; Kile, aye. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF JULY 13 – 30, 2004 BILLS Alderwoman Kile moved to approve the July 13 – 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 JULY TREASURERS REPORT Alderman Ferguson moved to approve the July Treasurer's Report as presented and was seconded by Alderman Gentry. Roll call vote, Williams, aye; Ferguson, aye; Wheeler, aye; Gentry, aye; Lampe, aye; Kile, aye. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF JULY ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT The July Zoning Officer's Report was read consisting of \$148,300.00 Valuation and \$193.92 Permit Fees. Alderman Ferguson moved to approve the July Zoning Officer's Report as presented and was seconded by Alderman Wheeler. Roll call vote, Williams, aye; Ferguson, aye; Wheeler, aye; Gentry, aye; Lampe, aye; Kile, aye. Motion carried. Permits were issued to: Ken Byard, 320 N. Elm for an accessory building; Burdette Homes, 550 Springfield Rd. for an office and display home.

APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE 04-S-15, AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE 04-S-8, GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO FINANCE SOUTHSIDE STORM SEWER PROJECT Alderman Williams moved to approve Ordinance 04-S-15, an Ordinance supplementing and amending Ordinance No. 04-S-8, an Ordinance authorizing the issuance of General Obligation (Limited Tax) Debt Certificates to Finance Municipal facilities for the City of Arcola, Douglas County, Illinois, and providing the details of such certificates, and related matters. Alderman Gentry seconded the motion. Roll call vote, Williams, aye; Ferguson, aye; Wheeler, aye; Gentry, aye; Lampe, aye; Kile, aye. Motion carried. Attorney Moore stated the amending ordinance was necessary by some confusion with regard to what the actual interest rate would be for the debt certificates. The initial rate that was discussed with Rural Development was 4.625% per annum. The interest rate did at one point drop to 4.375% per annum but then went up above 4.625% per annum at the time of the loan closing. This is the applicable rate. The original ordinance (04-S-8) erroneously provided for the lower rate of 4.375% per annum. Therefore, the amending ordinance is necessary to correct this error.

CHANGE STATUS OF CLIFF PONDER, POLICE OFFICER, FROM PART-TIME TO FULL-TIME Alderman Wheeler moved to change the status of Police Officer Cliff Ponder from part-time to full-time effectively immediately and was seconded by Alderwoman Lampe. Roll call vote, Williams, aye; Ferguson, aye; Wheeler, aye; Gentry, aye; Lampe, aye; Kile, aye. Motion carried.

WEST PRAIRIE WATER CONTRACT RATE ADJUSTMENT Alderman Gentry reported that the Water Committee met on July 19 and discussed the West Prairie Water Operating Agreement. Alderman Gentry moved to increase the West Prairie Operating Agreement rate 10% for maintenance/labor/contract services to be effective January 1, 2005 and was seconded by Alderman Williams. Roll call vote, Williams, aye; Ferguson, aye; Wheeler, aye; Gentry, aye; Lampe, aye; Kile, aye. Motion carried. The agreement had not been reviewed for two years so the Committee felt the 10% increase would represent a 5% increase for each of the last two years.

WAYNE WARD – M.F.T. ADDITIONAL STREET MAINTENANCE Wayne Ward, Motor Fuel Tax Engineer was present and reported there were some additional street maintenance projects that the Street & Alley Committee wanted to do this year. The work consisted of gutter work, curb repair and sidewalk repair. Estimated cost is \$13,761.00. At the recommendation of Motor Fuel Tax Engineer Wayne Ward, Alderman Wheeler moved to appropriate an additional \$15,000.00 of Motor Fuel Tax Funds for Street Maintenance and was seconded by Alderman Gentry. Roll call vote, Williams, aye; Ferguson, aye; Wheeler, aye; Gentry, aye; Lampe, aye; Kile, aye. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Alderman Williams reported that approximately 1/3 of the Park Survey's had been returned and 83% of the returned surveys want a swimming pool. Williams said he hoped to get with the Park Committee soon and have a recommendation for a Consultant. Williams also reported that the West Side Sump Pump survey was going very well and that Vinnie would have a report for the Committee immediately following the Council meeting.

Alderman Ferguson welcomed Vickie Dill, City Clerk back. Dill has been out due to an illness. Alderman Ferguson had nothing to report at this time.

Alderman Wheeler welcomed Monical's to Arcola and encouraged all to patronize Monical's. Wheeler also reported that the South Side Storm Sewer Project was progressing. He said the total project is 9,646 linear feet of pipe and to date we are at 65% completion with 6,250 linear feet of pipe being installed.

Alderman Gentry reported that the Water Committee met on July 19 and discussed the West Prairie Water Agreement, to put the Boil Order list to use, reported lead treatment equipment is scheduled to be installed soon, discussed water meters being read earlier, discussed purchasing additional meter readers, using the back of the water bills for notices to customers, and discussed Harold Chaney's letter of resignation from the Arcola/Tuscola Water Board due to the fact he is moving out of town.

Acting Mayor Ferguson at this time said he had met with members of the West Prairie Board and that a meeting needed to be set up soon with the Water Committee to discuss West Prairie's 3rd phase.

Alderwoman Lampe reported that the bill from West Prairie Waste had been received for the curbside clean up. The total cost is \$5,200.95. The City collected \$2,485.00 so the actual cost to the City will be \$2,715.95. A total of 8 trucks were used. Lampe felt the cleanup went very well. Alderwoman Lampe also reported that the fireworks went very well, but the City was approximately \$600.00 – \$700.00 short.

Alderwoman Lampe asked that an Ordinance & Enforcement Committee Meeting be scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Monday, August 16, 2004.

Alderwoman Kile reported that the Building & Grounds Committee had met this evening and discussed some things with the Public Health Department reference the Hispanic needs project. City Clerk Dill and Chief Phillips will meet with Kim Hunter at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday to discuss some concerns.

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 7:25 p.m.

Larry Ferguson, Acting Mayor
Vickie Dill, City Clerk

