

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ARCOLA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday October 17, 2005**

Mayor Ferguson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present were Alderpersons Moore, East, Gentry, Goad and Williams. Treasurer Harvey, City Administrator Wagoner, Attorney Moore, Police Chief Phillips and City Foreman Logan were also present.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tim Flavin, Vice President of the Mi Raza board thanked the City for the recent donation to their organization.

Linda Furlong was present to express her concerns about skateboarders that are getting out of hand. She asked for some attention to this matter. Mayor Ferguson stated it would be taken care of.

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 3, 2005 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES Alderman Gentry moved to approve the October 3, 2005 Council Meeting Minutes as presented and was seconded by Alderwoman Moore. Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 1 – OCTOBER 14 BILLS Alderwoman Moore moved to approve the October 1 – October 14, 2005 bills as presented and were seconded by Alderman Williams. Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried.

CONSIDER PLACING A VEHICLE FROM THE EAST CENTRAL ILLINOIS TASK FORCE ON THE CITY'S FLEET INSURANCE Alderman Goad made the motion to pay the annual insurance premium of \$1366 to cover the cost of insurance premiums on the Task Force vehicle and inspector for the year 2005 and was seconded by Alderman Gentry. Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried.

CONSIDER MAKING A DONATION TO THE ARCOLA SPORTS BOOSTERS Alderwoman Moore moved to approve a \$30 donation to the Arcola Sports Boosters and was seconded by Alderman Goad. Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried.

CONSIDER HIRING PUBLIC WORKS TRAINEE Alderman Gentry moved to hire Darren Poorman as public works trainee at a starting salary of \$10.50/hour and was seconded by Alderman Williams. Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried.

CONSIDER APPROVING ORDINANCE NO. 05-Z-2 - ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING OF WILMER OTTO PROPERTY FROM R-2 TO R-4 Alderman Williams moved to approve Ordinance No. 05-Z-2 amending the zoning of Wilmer Otto property from R-2 to R-4 and was seconded by Alderman East. Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried.

CONSIDER APPROVING ORDINANCE NO. 05-Z-3 – ORDINANCE GRANTING A VARIANCE TO WILMER OTTO FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE APARTMENT UNIT AT 131 S. RT. 133 Alderman East moved to approve Ordinance 05-Z-3 granting a variance to Wilmer Otto for the reconstruction of the apartment unit at 131 S. Route 133 and was seconded by Alderman Goad. Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried.

CONSIDER APPROVING ORDINANCE NO. 05-S-16 – TIF REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT FOR CHRIS GOOD AND JEREMY SHONKWILDER FOR THE PURCHASE AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE PROPERTY AT 520 E. SPRINGFIELD ROAD Alderman Williams moved to approve Ordinance No. 05-S-16 a TIF redevelopment agreement for Chris Good and Jeremy Shonkwiler for the purchase and development of the property at 520 E. Springfield Road and was seconded by Alderman Gentry. Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried.

CONSIDER ADOPTING A REVISED REVOLVING LOAN POLICY Alderman Gentry moved to adopt a revised revolving loan policy and was seconded by Alderman East. Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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| <u>Alderman East</u> | Reported that copies of the report compiled by the Coles County Housing Inspector were given to each Council member. |
| <u>Alderman Gentry</u> | Reported that the Employee Relations Committee is continuing to update employee job descriptions. |
| <u>Alderman Goad</u> | Had nothing to report at this time. |
| <u>Alderman Williams</u> | Had nothing to report at this time. |
| <u>Alderwoman Moore</u> | Reported that she and Bill had recently met with Sandy Arthur and Travis Schnid to discuss various options to possibly replace the City’s existing contract with the State of Illinois. |

Mayor Ferguson reported that the City has received a safety award from the Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association. Mayor Ferguson stated “I would like to commend the employees of Arcola for watching what they’re doing. This helps keep the cost of our coverage down and shows a commitment to the taxpayers.”

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

Adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Larry Ferguson, Mayor
Rita Anderson, Deputy City Clerk