

**Minutes of the Regular Arcola City Council Meeting
Monday, December 20, 2004**

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENT There was none.

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 6, 2004 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES Alderwoman Kile moved to approve the December 6, 2004 Council Meeting Minutes, copies of which were furnished to each Council member and was seconded by Alderman Williams. Roll call vote, Gentry, aye; Lampe, aye; Kile, aye; Williams, aye; Ferguson, aye; Wheeler, aye. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 3 – DECEMBER 17, 2004 BILLS Alderman Wheeler moved to approve the December 3 – December 17, 2004 Bills as presented and was seconded by Alderwoman Kile. Roll call vote, Gentry, aye; Lampe, aye; Kile, aye; Williams, aye; Ferguson, aye; Wheeler, aye. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF PLAN OF ACTION FOR ARCOLA PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY No action was taken. The EPA suggested the Council appeal decision to deny permit.

CONSIDER DONATION TO FOOD PANTRY Alderman Ferguson moved to donate \$300 to the Arcola Food Pantry and was seconded by Alderman Gentry. Roll call vote, Gentry, aye; Lampe, aye; Kile, aye; Williams, aye; Ferguson, aye; Wheeler, aye. Motion carried.

CONSIDER DONATION TO SANTA FUND Alderman Ferguson moved to donate \$300 to the Santa Fund and was seconded by Alderwoman Kile. Roll call vote, Gentry, aye; Lampe, aye; Kile, aye; Williams, aye; Ferguson, aye; Wheeler, aye. Motion carried.

CONSIDER HOURS GIVEN FOR PTO Alderman Gentry moved to give each employee an additional 16 hours for PTO to start January 1, 2005. Alderman Ferguson seconded the motion. Roll call vote, Gentry, aye; Lampe, abstain, Kile, aye; Williams, aye; Ferguson, aye; Wheeler, aye. Motion carried.

CONSIDER WAIVING BIDS TO PURCHASE TRUCK Alderman Gentry moved to waive bids to purchase a truck through State of Illinois and was seconded by Alderman Williams. Roll call vote, Gentry, aye; Lampe, aye; Kile, aye; Williams, aye; Ferguson, aye; Wheeler, aye. Motion carried.

CONSIDER PURCHASE OF TRUCK FOR WATER DEPARTMENT THROUGH ILLINOIS STATE BID Alderman Gentry moved to purchase a truck for the Water Department to be used for West Prairie through the Illinois State bid. Alderman Williams seconded the motion. Roll call vote, Gentry, aye; Lampe, aye; Kile, aye; Williams, aye; Ferguson, aye; Wheeler, aye. Motion carried. The cost of the truck is \$19,689.00.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Alderman Gentry reported that the water towers are in need of cleaning. Jack Logan is working on cost.

Alderman Lampe had nothing to report at this time.

Alderman Kile requested a Building and Grounds Committee meeting for January 3 at 6:00 p.m.

Alderman Williams requested a Park Committee meeting for December 29 at 6:00 p.m. and one for January 3 after Council Meeting.

Alderman Ferguson reported the Finance & Budget Committee met this evening.

Alderman Wheeler had nothing to report at this time.

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

Adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Larry Ferguson, Acting Mayor
Vickie Dill, City Clerk