

**Minutes of the Regular Arcola City Council Meeting  
Monday, November 15, 2004**

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

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT** Commend Chris Slack for not charging to publish the Agenda in the paper.

**APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 1, 2004 MINUTES** Alderman Wheeler moved to approve the November 1, 2004 Council Meeting Minutes, copies of which were furnished to each Council member and was seconded by Alderwoman Kile. Roll call vote, Ferguson, aye; Wheeler, aye; Gentry, aye; Lampe, aye; Kile, aye; Williams, aye. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 29 – NOVEMBER 12, 2004 BILLS** Alderman Ferguson moved to approve the October 29 – November 12, 2004 Bills as presented and was seconded by Alderman Williams. Roll call vote, Ferguson, aye; Wheeler, aye; Gentry, aye; Lampe, aye; Kile, aye; Williams, aye. Motion carried.

**CONSIDER DONATION TO PEACE MEAL** Alderwoman Kile moved to donate \$300 to Peace Meal and was seconded by Alderman Williams. Roll call vote, Ferguson, aye; Wheeler, aye; Gentry, aye; Lampe, aye; Kile, aye; Williams, aye. Motion carried.

**CONSIDER CHRISTMAS BONUSES FOR EMPLOYEES** Alderwoman Lampe moved to give \$150 to full time employees and \$100 to part time employees for Christmas Bonuses. Alderman Wheeler seconded the motion. Roll call vote, Ferguson, aye; Wheeler, aye; Gentry, aye; Lampe, aye; Kile, no; Williams, aye. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF PLAN OF ACTION FOR ARCOLA PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY** This item was tabled until next Council meeting.

**CONSIDER REPORT FROM PLAN COMMISSION – HEATHER GOBERT** A Report from the Plan Commission was presented with a request made by Heather Gobert, 260 Circle Drive, to operate commercial child day care facility in residential zoned district as a home occupation. With a quorum present the Plan Commission recommended the City Council grant the request. Alderman Ferguson made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Plan Commission and grant said request. Alderwoman Kile seconded the motion. Roll call vote, Ferguson, aye; Wheeler, aye; Gentry, aye; Lampe, aye; Kile, aye; Williams, aye. Motion carried.

**CONSIDER ORDINANCE #04-S-19, APPROVING TIF REDEVELOPMENT GRANT AGREEMENT FOR CHRIS GOOD** Alderwoman Kile moved to approve Ordinance 04-S-19, an Ordinance approving a Redevelopment Grant Agreement by and between the City of Arcola and Christopher A. Good d/b/a Chris Good Construction (520 E Springfield Road). Alderman Williams seconded the motion. Roll call vote, Ferguson, aye; Wheeler, aye; Gentry, aye; Lampe, aye; Kile, aye; Williams, aye. Motion carried.

**CONSIDER ORDINANCE #04-S-20, APPROVING 2004-2005 TAX LEVY OF \$234,700** Alderman Ferguson moved to approve Ordinance 04-S-20, an Ordinance for the levy and assessment of taxes for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2004 and ending April 30, 2005, of the City of Arcola, Douglas County, Illinois. Alderman Gentry seconded the motion. Roll call vote, Ferguson, aye; Wheeler, aye; Gentry, aye; Lampe, aye; Kile, aye; Williams, aye. Motion carried.

**CONSIDER ORDINANCE #04-S-21, APPROVING TIF REDEVELOPMENT GRANT AGREEMENT FOR DAIRY QUEEN**

Alderman Ferguson moved to approve Ordinance 04-S-21, an Ordinance approving a Redevelopment Grant Agreement (storefront project) by and between the City of Arcola, and Thomas A. Spainhour, Jaime J. Spainhour, and T. & J. Food and Treats, Inc., an Illinois Corporation (601 E. Springfield Road). Alderwoman Kile seconded the motion. Roll call vote, Ferguson, aye; Wheeler, aye; Gentry, aye; Lampe, aye; Kile, aye; Williams, aye. Motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** Alderman Ferguson moved to go into Executive Session at 7:20 p.m. to discuss Personnel and was seconded by Alderman Williams.

Regular Council Meeting resumed at 7:50 p.m.

**CONSIDER PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT** Alderman Wheeler moved to advertise for a Secretary/Dispatcher for the Arcola Police Department and was seconded by Alderwoman Kile. Roll call vote, Ferguson, aye; Wheeler, aye; Gentry, aye; Lampe, aye; Kile, aye; Williams, aye. Motion carried.

**CONSIDER EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER** Alderman Wheeler moved to release the Animal Control Officer from his contract as of December 7, 2004 and was seconded by Alderman Williams. Roll call vote, Ferguson, aye; Wheeler, aye; Gentry, aye; Lampe, aye; Kile, aye; Williams, aye. Motion carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Alderman Ferguson** had nothing to report at this time.

**Alderman Wheeler** reported that the City received a letter from Duane Massie (USDA) stating that the remaining balance in the Southside loan is \$148,380 after Draw #5. There will still be some miscellaneous expenses according to Marty Vogel. The City has two options for the remaining loan balance. Funds can be used for additional storm sewer improvements or the funds can be "deobligated" which will reduce the amount of the loan.

**Alderman Gentry** reported that the Employee Relations Committee met at 6:00 p.m. and that the Committee will meet with the employees on November 23 reference PTO.

**Alderwoman Lampe** reported on the Christmas Party and to RSVP by Friday, November 19, 2004.

**Alderwoman Kile** reported that a Building & Grounds Committee meeting needs to be set for Monday, November 22, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. She also reported that the grant for Women to get out and walk was received.

**Alderman Williams** had nothing to report at this time.

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

Adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Larry Ferguson, Acting Mayor  
Vickie Dill, City Clerk