

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ARCOLA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, March 17, 2025

Mayor Garza called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present were Alderpersons Foran, Hensley, Helmuth and Budd. Aldermen Henson and Becerra were not present. City Administrator Wagoner, Treasurer Anderson, Chief Suding and Attorney Petty were also present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Alderman Foran led the council and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT James Young spoke on the TASK (Trust Appreciation Support with Kindness) Program. This is a Douglas Co. Mentoring program which serves young people from 6 through 18 in one-to-one relationships. They are needing mentors for the program. If anyone is interested, they can contact the Douglas County Health Dept.

Mark Smith commented that the agenda for this meeting was not on the city's website.

APPROVAL OF MARCH 03, 2025 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES Alderman Foran moved to approve the March 03, 2025 council meeting minutes as presented and was seconded by Alderwoman Helmuth. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MARCH 01, 2025 THROUGH MARCH 14, 2025 BILLS Alderman Hensley moved to approve the March 01, 2025 – March 14, 2025 bills as presented and was seconded by Alderman Foran. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

CONSIDER AND APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 25-S-2, TIF STOREFRONT REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH ANO PROPERTIES Alderwoman Helmuth moved to approve Ordinance No. 25-S-2 and was seconded by Alderman Budd. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

CONSIDER AND APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 25-S-3, PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY LOAN PROGRAM ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING LOAN AGREEMENT NON-HOME RULE CITY (IEPA) Alderman Foran moved to approve Ordinance No. 25-S-3 and was seconded by Alderman Hensley. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

CONSIDER AND APPROVE JOB RECLASSIFICATION AND SALARY INCREASE FOR CINDY LAMB – EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE CHIEF OF POLICE Alderman Budd moved to approve Job Reclassification to Executive Assistant to the Chief of Police and Salary Increase of \$2.00 per hour for Cindy Lamb. Alderman Hensley seconded the motion. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

CONSIDER AND APPROVE JOB RECLASSIFICATION AND SALARY INCREASE FOR HANNAH MYERS – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST Alderman Foran moved to approve Job Reclassification to Community Development Specialist and Salary Increase of \$2.00 an hour for Hannah Myers. Alderwoman Helmuth seconded the motion. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

CONSIDER AND APPROVE JOB RECLASSIFICATION AND SALARY INCREASE FOR ALLY WISE – FINANCE/HUMAN RESOURCE SPECIALIST Alderwoman Helmuth moved to approve Job Reclassification to Finance/Human Resource Specialist and salary increase of \$7.00 an hour for Ally Wise. Alderman Budd seconded the motion. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

CONSIDER AND APPROVE JOB RECLASSIFICATION AND SALARY INCREASE FOR PAUL GOODWIN – STREET SUPERINTENDENT Alderman Hensley moved to approve Job Reclassification to Street Superintendent and salary increase in amount of \$2.00 per hour for Paul Goodwin. Alderman Foran seconded the motion. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

CONSIDER AND APPROVE SALARY INCREASE FOR THE CHIEF OF POLICE Alderman Budd moved to approve salary increase for the Chief of Police in amount of \$4.00 an hour. Alderman Foran seconded the motion. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

CONSIDER AND APPROVE SALARY INCREASE FOR THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR Alderman Hensley moved to approve salary increase for the City Administrator in amount of \$5.00 per hour. Alderman Foran seconded the motion. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

CONSIDER AND APPROVE COLA INCREASE FOR ALL OTHER FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES Alderman Foran moved to approve cola increase for all other full-time employees in amount of \$1.00 per hour. Alderman Budd seconded the motion. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

CONSIDER AND APPROVE COLA INCREASE FOR PART-TIME AND SEASONAL EMPLOYEES Alderman Hensley moved to approve cola increase for part-time and seasonal employees in amount of \$.50 per hour. Alderman Foran seconded the motion. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

CONSIDER AND APPROVE RENEWAL OF EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE WITH BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF ILLINOIS CA Wagoner reported the health insurance has an increase of 16 1/2 %. Alderman Budd moved to approve renewal of employee health insurance with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois and Alderman Foran seconded the motion. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

CONSIDER AND APPROVE RENEWAL OF EMPLOYEE VISION AND DENTAL INSURANCE WITH MUTUAL OF OMAHA CA Wagoner reported the employee vision coverage has a 5% increase and vision has no change. Alderman Foran moved to approve renewal of employee vision and dental insurance with Mutual of Omaha. Alderman Hensley seconded the motion. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

CONSIDER AND APPROVE RENEWAL OF EMPLOYEE LIFE AND DISABILITY COVERAGES WITH MUTUAL OF OMAHA CA Wagoner reported the employee accidental death policy had no change, the short term disability has an increase from \$.25 per \$1,000 to \$.30 per \$1,000 and long term disability had no change. Alderman Foran moved to approve renewal of employee life and disability coverages with Mutual of Omaha and was seconded by Alderwoman Helmuth. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Alderman Foran Had nothing at this time.

Alderman Hensley Had nothing at this time.

Alderwoman Helmuth Had nothing at this time.

Alderman Budd Reported the Water & Sewer Committee met prior to this meeting and discussed hiring Illinois Rural Water Association Apprenticeship Program and Range Rider – Responsible Operator for training purposes. Got an update on IEPA Loan projects and discussed moving Gave Menser from seasonal to full-time.

As this concluded the business of the meeting, Alderman Hensley moved to adjourn and was seconded by Alderman Foran. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Jesus Garza, Mayor
Carol Turner, City Clerk