

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ARCOLA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, July 21, 2025

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Alderwoman Helmuth led the council and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT Adam Kremer of Milano & Grunloh Engineers, LLC gave the council an update on Libman Street Improvements; DCEO Grant for sanitary sewer improvements; RIPI; Downtown Grant; State Legislative Grant (Arcola Center); Tank Mixers and Bob King Drive & Egyptian Trail.

APPROVAL OF JULY 07, 2025 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES Alderwoman Helmuth moved to approve the July 07, 2025 council meeting minutes as presented and was seconded by Alderman Foran. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF JULY 04, 2025 THROUGH JULY 18, 2025 BILLS Alderman Hensley moved to approve the July 04, 2025 – July 18, 2025 bills as presented and was seconded by Alderman Henson. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

REPORT FROM THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS The Zoning Board of Appeals met July 07th, reviewed and recommended the council approve a request from Paul Harshbarger for a variance for privacy fence height at 225 E. Jefferson. Alderman Foran moved to accept the recommendation of the Zoning Board of Appeals and was seconded by Alderman Budd. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

REPORT FROM THE TOURISM ADVISORY COMMITTEE The Tourism Committee met July 17th, reviewed and recommended the council approve a request from Arcola Community Organization in amount of \$3,000 for a new logo design and marketing efforts related to the Arcola Broom Palace and a request from Chamber of Commerce in amount of \$8,633.50 to fund previously approved tourism projects. Alderman Moreno moved to accept the recommendation of the Tourism Advisory Committee and was seconded by Alderman Foran. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

CONSIDER AND APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 25-Z-2, VARIANCE FOR 430 E. MADISON – NON-CONFORMING PORCH ADDITION Alderman Henson moved to approve Ordinance No. 25-Z-2 and was seconded by Alderman Hensley. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

CONSIDER AND APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 25-R-4, A RESOLUTION REQUESTING TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF RT. 133 FOR THE BROOM CORN FESTIVAL PARADE FROM IDOT Alderman Hensley moved to approve Resolution No. 25-R-4 and was seconded by Alderwoman Helmuth. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

CONSIDER AND APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 25-R-5, A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2024 DOUGLAS COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL ALL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN Alderman Foran moved to approve the 2024 Douglas County Multi-Jurisdictional All Hazard Mitigation Plan. Alderman Moreno seconded the motion. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

<u>Alderwoman Helmuth</u>	Had nothing at this time.
<u>Alderman Henson</u>	Had nothing at this time.
<u>Alderman Moreno</u>	Had nothing at this time.
<u>Alderman Budd</u>	Had nothing at this time.
<u>Alderman Foran</u>	Had nothing at this time.
<u>Alderman Hensley</u>	Reported the Budget & Finance Committee met prior to this meeting and discussed allocating additional funds to the Main Street Project.

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

Adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Jesus Garza, Mayor
Carol Turner, City Clerk