

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday September 06, 2011**

Mayor Ferguson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present were Alderpersons VanDeveer, Moore, Key, Guyot, Foran and Goad. City Administrator Wagoner and Attorney Bequette were also present. Treasurer Harvey was not present.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT Craig and Eric Pals from Tick Tock Energy were present to take questions from the council and audience regarding the City's wind turbine. CA Wagoner told council the turbine has been back on-line since August but did have to manually restart it. New software was installed to eliminate shutting down. Craig Pals reported an SD card had been installed today to capture data in real time. With this and the internet connection any lingering issues should be brought to their attention immediately. Alderman questioned why it has taken so long to get the turbine back on-line. Craig Pals stated the manufacturer ordered a fleet wide shut down due to faulty blades. Stated it took from March to August to come up with solution to problem and repair turbine. Mayor Ferguson commented he remembered we were having a lot of bad weather when blades were trying to be changed out. He appreciates what they have done to get repairs done. CA Wagoner stated we have a 5 year warranty on turbine. Alderman Guyot questioned whether it is producing what it is suppose to be. Craig Pals it is doing well. Reported the power is going directly to power sewer plant. Bev Pryor asked what happens after 5 years when warranty runs out. Eric Pals stated there is skilled manpower and techs to service and maintain turbine. Alderman Guyot stated he heard a rumor the manufacturer, Intertech, is going out of business. Eric Pals reported they see no indication of this.

APPROVAL OF AUGUST 15, 2011 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES Alderman Foran moved to approve the August 15, 2011 council meeting minutes as presented and was seconded by Alderman Goad. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AUGUST 13 – SEPTEMBER 02, 2011 BILLS Alderwoman Moore moved to approve the August 13 – September 02, 2011 bills as presented and was seconded by Alderman Guyot. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE TREASURER'S REPORT FOR AUGUST Alderwoman Moore moved to approve the Treasurer's report for August and was seconded by Alderman Goad. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT The Zoning Officer reported 3 permits issued with valuation of \$10,300 and \$60 in fees collected. Alderman Goad moved to approve the Zoning Officer's report for August and was seconded by Alderwoman Key. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

REPORT FROM THE TIF ADVISORY COMMITTEE The TIF Advisory Committee met August 18th reviewed and recommended the council approve a request from Arcola Community Unit School District #306 for a grant to tuck point the exterior masonry of the high school. This is a 5 year multiphase project totaling \$385,700. Alderman Goad moved to accept the recommendation of the TIF Advisory Committee and was seconded by Alderman Guyot. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

CONSIDER AND APPROVE A DONATION FOR THE ROTARY GOLF OUTING Alderwoman Moore moved to approve sponsoring a team for the Rotary Golf Outing in amount of \$200 and was seconded by Alderman Foran. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

CONSIDER AND APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 11-S-7 TIF REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE LIBMAN COMPANY – 220 N. SHELDON STREET – 20% GRANT Alderwoman Moore moved to approve Ordinance No. 11-S-7 and was seconded by Alderman Goad. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

CONSIDER AND APPROVE BID FOR PHASE 9 SANITARY SEWER REHABILITATION Alderman Guyot moved to approve the low bid in amount of \$64,108 from Hoerr Construction for the Phase 9 Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation and was seconded by Alderman Foran. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

CONSIDER AND APPROVE NEW RATE STRUCTURE FOR WEST PRAIRIE WATER SERVICES Alderman Guyot moved to approve new rate structure for West Prairie Water Services of approximately 5% and was seconded by Alderman Goad. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Alderman VanDeveer

Asked about clay from Planks for ball diamonds. Was told Jim Crane is going to measure diamonds to see how much is needed.

Alderwoman Moore

Reported the Employee Relations met and requested another meeting be scheduled before or after next meeting.

Alderwoman Key

Reported the building & Grounds Committee met and discussed what to do with lot where old Cap & Gown building was torn down. Also discussed solar panel grant options. Bill is going to work on this.

Alderman Guyot

Reported the Water & Sewer Committee met and discussed the bid for west side sanitary sewer rehabilitation. Also discussed Fred Helmuth request for water line extension.

Alderman Foran

Reported Gary is working on park to prepare for BCF race. They have gotten reports of kids gathering in park and are working on light placement. Reported the street guys are working on a lot of projects and continue to have brush piles to pick up. Going to discuss brush pickups.

Alderman Goad

Reported the Police Department received appreciation from school for monitoring traffic at school.

Mayor Ferguson stated an e-mail from Angie Gentry was received expressing her appreciation for the help the police department has been in helping to come up with solution regarding issues at school with traffic.

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

Adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Larry Ferguson, Mayor
Carol Turner, City Clerk