

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ARCOLA CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Monday, October 20, 2025**

Mayor Garza called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present were Alderpersons Helmuth, Henson, Moreno, Budd and Hensley. City Administrator Wagoner and Treasurer Anderson were also present. Alderman Foran and Attorney Petty were 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 an update on Libman Street improvements; DCEO Grant for sanitary sewer improvements; RIPI; Downtown Grant; State Legislative Grant (Arcola Center); Tank Mixers and the Bob King Drive & Egyptian Trail.

**APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 06, 2025 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES** Alderwoman Helmuth moved to approve the October 06, 2025 council meeting minutes as presented and was seconded by Alderman Moreno. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 04, 2025 THROUGH OCTOBER 17, 2025 BILLS** Alderman Hensley moved to approve the October 04, 2025 – October 17, 2025 bills as presented and was seconded by Alderman Moreno. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

**REPORT FROM THE TIF ADVISORY COMMITTEE** The TIF Advisory Committee met October 08, 2025, reviewed and recommended the council approve a request from Angelfish Properties for a Storefront Rebate of TIF eligible expenses for the improvements to 401 S. Arcola Avenue.

Alderman Henson moved to accept the recommendation of the TIF Advisory Committee and was seconded by Alderman Budd. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

**CONSIDER AND APPROVE AMENDMENT TO THE EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE OPT-OUT-PROGRAM** Alderman Henson moved to approve Amendment to the Employee Health Insurance Opt-Out-Program for 12 months in amount of \$260 each pay period, not to exceed \$6,760. Alderman Budd seconded the motion. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

**CONSIDER AND APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 25-R-8, A RESOLUTION APPROVING A TECHNICAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH COLES COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION** Alderman Henson moved to approve Resolution 25-R-8 and was seconded by Alderman Hensley. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

**CONSIDER AND APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 25-C-3, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 9 OF THE ARCOLA MUNICIPAL CODE – FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION** Alderman Henson moved to approve Ordinance No. 25-C-3 and was seconded by Alderwoman Helmuth. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

**CONSIDER AND APPROVE CHANGE ORDER #3 – LIBMAN TRUCK ROUTE**  
**\$3,892.00** Alderwoman Helmuth moved to approve Change Order #3 – Libman Truck Route in amount of \$3,892.00. Alderman Hensley seconded the motion. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

**CONSIDER AND APPROVE CHANGE ORDER #4 – LIBMAN TRUCK ROUTE**  
**(\$25,265.12)** Alderman Hensley moved to approve Change Order #4 – Libman Truck Route in a credit amount of \$25,265.12. Alderman Henson seconded the motion. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

**CONSIDER AND APPROVE PAY ESTIMATE NO. 5 (FINAL) – LIBMAN TRUCK ROUTE**  
**\$109,130.47** Alderwoman Helmuth moved to approve Pay Estimate No. 5 (Final) – Libman Truck Route in amount of \$109,130.47. Alderman Budd seconded the motion. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

**CONSIDER AND APPROVE CHANGE ORDER NO. 3 – REBUILD MAIN STREET PROJECT \$142,095.39** Alderman Henson moved to approve Change Order No. 3 – Rebuild Main Street Project in amount of \$142,095.39. Alderman Hensley seconded the motion. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

**CONSIDER AND APPROVE PAY REQUEST NO. 7 – REBUILD MAIN STREET PROJECT \$369,158.06** Alderman Henson moved to approve Pay Request No. 7 – Rebuild Main Street Project in amount of \$369,158.06. Alderman Hensley seconded the motion. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

**CONSIDER AND APPROVE SALARY INCREASE FOR AARON WOOD – WATER OPERATOR APRENTICE** Alderman Moreno moved to approve salary increase for Aaron Wood in amount of \$ .50 per hour and was seconded by Alderman Hensley. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Alderman Helmuth**

Reported the Employee Relations Committee met prior to this meeting. The committee went into Executive Session. In open session they approved taking amended employee health insurance opt-out program to the council.

### **Alderman Henson**

Had nothing at this time.

### **Alderman Moreno**

Had nothing at this time.

### **Alderman Budd**

Had nothing at this time.

### **Alderman Hensley**

Stated the Budget & Finance Committee is meeting following this meeting.

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

Adjourned at 7:13 p.m

Jesus Garza, Mayor  
Carol Turner, City Clerk