

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
Monday December 05, 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, Treasurer Harvey and Attorney Bequette were also present.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT** There was none.

**APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 21, 2011 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES** Alderman Goad moved to approve the November 21, 2011 council meeting minutes as presented and was seconded by Alderman Foran. Roll call vote, VanDeveer, aye; Moore, aye; Key, abstain; Guyot, aye; Foran, aye; and Goad, aye. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 19 – DECEMBER 02, 2011 BILLS** Alderwoman Moore moved to approve the November 19 – December 02, 2011 bills as presented and was seconded by Alderwoman Key. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

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

**APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT** The Zoning Officer reported 4 permits issued in November with valuation of \$3,833,000 and \$3,990.08 in fees collected. Alderman Foran moved to approve the November Zoning Officer's report and was seconded by Alderman Goad. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

**CONSIDER AND APPROVE COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS BY MAYOR FERGUSON** Mayor Ferguson requested Mark Smith and Mike Arthur be appointed to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Alderwoman Moore moved to approve the request of the Mayor and was seconded by Alderwoman Key. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Ferguson requested Mark Smith be appointed to the Planning Commission. Alderwoman moved to approve the request of the Mayor and was seconded by Alderman Foran. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

**CONSIDER AND APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 11-Z-5, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CLASSIFICATION OF ZONING FROM RD TO INDUSTRIAL – OKAW MARKETING** Alderwoman Key moved to approve Ordinance No. 11-Z-5 and was seconded by Alderman Foran. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

**CONSIDER AND APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 11-S-16, AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE ANNUAL LEVY** Alderwoman Moore moved to approve Ordinance No. 11-S-16 and was seconded by Alderman Goad. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

**CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE ABATEMENT OF THE LEVY OF TAXES FOR GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS (WATERWORKS AND SEWERAGE) SERIES A TOTALING \$155,218** Alderman Goad moved to approve the Abatement of the Levy of Taxes for General Obligation Bonds (Waterworks and Sewerage) Series A totaling \$155,218. Alderwoman Moore seconded the motion. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

**CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE ABATEMENT OF THE LEVY OF TAXES FOR GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS (ALTERNATE REVENUE SOURCES) SERIES B TOTALING \$161,747** Alderwoman Moore moved to approve the Abatement of the Levy of Taxes for General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Sources) Series B totaling \$161,747. Alderman Foran seconded the motion. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

**CONSIDER AND APPROVE HOLIDAY BONUS FOR FULL AND PART-TIME CITY EMPLOYEES** Alderwoman Moore moved to approve holiday bonus for full-time employees at \$150 net; part-time, working at least 250 hours at \$100 net; and part-time, working 50-249 hours at \$50 net. Alderwoman Key seconded the motion. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

**CONSIDER AND APPROVE A RESOLUTION TO RELEASE THE RIGHT OF REVERTER PURSUANT TO THE COMPLETION OF INFRASTRUCTURE AT GREEN MILL VILLAGE** Alderwoman Moore moved to approve Resolution 12-R-12 and was seconded by Alderman Foran. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Ferguson stated he is disappointed that, once again Mr. Petty's letter to the editor had incorrect information. Would like to submit response drawn up by CA Wagoner to paper. Feels we have done a really good job with TIF. Feels this Administration is more open and transparent than ever. Information is put on website and more information is out there and meetings are open to public. We are trying to help Arcola grow with TIF. Petty misinterpreted my statement that "I can afford to pay higher taxes". That was not the jest of my statement. It is that we have IGA and other businesses due to the TIF. We are able to shop in town by paying a little higher tax.

Attorney Bequette stated that Arcola has a lot of things to be proud of with the increased EAV caused by TIF. TIF is not creating some big burden to the community of Arcola. All TIF agreements are set up to expire when the TIF expires. A lot of the debt Mr. Petty isolates is tax rebates that developers will be getting on their own parcels if TIF continues. It is not some debt that the City owes to these developers. As far as the bonds, they will also end when TIF ends. Without TIF, developers can go to a lot of surrounding communities that do have TIF.

CA Wagoner feels Mr. Petty's letter was insulting to the integrity of the city council and elected officials that worked really hard to do their do- diligent to make sure that we extend TIF monies in proper fashion that best benefits long term health of this community.

Alderwoman Moore feels Mark Petty's words in paper were words she had heard at a Township meeting she attended. We have auditors that prove we are on the up- and- up.

Council feels response prepared by CA Wagoner should be published as is.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Alderman VanDeveer**

Had nothing at this time.

**Alderman Moore**

Reported the Employee Relations Committee met prior to this meeting. Thanked Bill, Mayor and Rita for work done for Christmas party.

**Alderman Key**

Had nothing at this time.

**Alderman Guyot**

Had nothing at this time.

**Alderman Foran**

Thanked everyone who worked on party. Stated everyone is going to have to put up with streets that have been dug up. Work will be done on them in spring.

**Alderman Goad**

Had nothing at this time.

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 7:26 p.m.

Larry Ferguson, Mayor  
Carol Turner, City Clerk