

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ARCOLA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, December 07, 2015

PUBLIC HEARING – TAX LEVY Mayor Ferguson opened the Public Hearing for the proposed property tax levy increase for the City of Arcola for Revenue Year 2015.

Attorney Bequette stated that the levy is being increased over 5% of the dollar amount of the dollars that was levied last year. This is due to a large number of properties coming out of TIF. The City can now tax this property. Property owners should not see a particular increase in actual tax bill, as far as city is concerned. Proposed Levy is \$253,000, which is 16.32% more than the previous year Levy of \$217,500

Daniel and Dixie Curry, of 461 E. Main St., both stated they attended Public Hearing because they didn't understand the tax levy.

City Administrator Wagoner explained that, due to the \$7,000,000 increase of property value available to tax against, we can increase our tax levy, but the tax rate effective will go down.

Public Hearing is adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Mayor Ferguson called the regular Arcola City Council Meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Members present were Alderpersons Smith, Key, Guyot, Foran and Reece. City Administrator Wagoner, Treasurer Harvey and Attorney Bequette were also present. Alderwoman Moore was not present.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT There was none.

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 16, 2015 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Alderman Foran moved to approve the November 16, 2015 council meeting minutes as presented and was seconded by Alderwoman Key. Roll call vote, Smith, abstain; Key, aye; Guyot, aye; Foran, aye; Reece, aye. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 14 – DECEMBER 04, 2015 BILLS Alderwoman Key moved to approve the November 14 – December 04, 2015 bills as presented and was seconded by Alderman Reece. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

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

APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT The Zoning Officer reported 3 permits issued with valuation of \$34,650 and \$106.80 in fees collected. He

also reported 1 variance/special use permit issued with a \$45 fee collected. Alderman Foran moved to approve the November Zoning Officer's report as presented and was seconded by Alderman Smith. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

CONSIDER AND APPROVE DONATION TO THE DOUGLAS COUNTY MUSEUM Alderwoman Key moved to approve a donation in amount of \$100 to the Douglas County Museum. Alderman Reece seconded the motion. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

CONSIDER AND APPROVE DONATION TO THE SANTA FUND Alderman Foran moved to approve a donation to the Santa Fund in amount of \$100. Alderman Reece seconded the motion. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

CONSIDER AND APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 15-S-21, AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE ANNUAL LEVY Alderwoman Key moved to approve Ordinance No. 15-S-21 and was seconded by Alderman Foran. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE ABATEMENT OF THE LEVY OF TAXES FOR GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS (WATERWORKS AND SEWERAGE) 2008 SERIES A TOTALING \$158,100 Alderman Foran moved to approve the Abatement of the Levy of Taxes for General Obligation Bonds (Waterworks and Sewerage) 2008 Series A totaling \$158,100. Alderman Guyot 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 SOURCE) 2008 SERIES B TOTALING \$311,100 Alderman Smith moved to approve the Abatement of the Levy of Taxes for General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) 2008 Series B totaling \$311,100. Alderman Reece 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 SOURCE) SERIES 2012 BONDS TOTALING \$162,175 Alderwoman Key moved to approve the Abatement of the Levy of Taxes for General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) Series 2012 Bonds totaling \$162,175. Alderman Guyot seconded the motion. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

CONSIDER AND APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 15-R-8, A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR CDAP ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT Alderwoman Key moved to approve Resolution No. 15-R-8 and was seconded by Alderman Foran. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Alderman Smith Had nothing at this time.

Alderwoman Key Had nothing at this time.

Alderman Guyot

Reported the Water & Sewer Committee met prior to this meeting and discussed the water deposit refunds. Also discussed a new tractor.

Alderman Foran

Reported the Park Committee is meeting following this meeting.

Alderman Reece

Had nothing at this time.

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

Adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Larry Ferguson, Mayor
Carol Turner, City Clerk