

**CITY OF MARENGO
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES**
Marengo City Hall
132 E. Prairie Street
Marengo, Illinois 60152
7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lockhart called the February 25, 2008 Regular City Council meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Lockhart led all present in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present for the Clerk's roll call were Mayor Donald B. Lockhart, Alderman Diane Bradbury, Alderman Erik DeBoer, Alderman Michael Secor, Alderman Todd Hall, and Alderman Lisa Trainor. Absent were Alderman Patrick Shelton, Alderman Michael Smith (arrived at 7:17 p.m.), and Alderman Pat Signore. Also present were Attorney Carlos Arevalo, Deputy Chief Joseph Hallman, Building Commissioner Jayson Shull, and City Administrator Scott Hartman.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was none.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. February 7, 2008 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

Alderman Bradbury motioned, seconded by Alderman Hall, to approve the February 7, 2008 Committee of the Whole meeting minutes. The minutes were approved by an aye voice vote from Alderman Trainor, Alderman Hall, Alderman Bradbury, and Mayor Lockhart. Alderman DeBoer and Alderman Secor abstained.

b. February 11, 2008 Regular and Executive City Council Meeting Minutes

Alderman Secor motioned, seconded by Alderman Hall to approve the February 11, 2008 Regular and Executive Session minutes. The minutes were approved by an aye voice vote from Alderman Bradbury, Alderman Trainor, Alderman DeBoer, Alderman Hall, and Alderman Secor.

CONSENT AGENDA

a. Transfer of Accrued Debt Service Interest to Water / Sewer Fund

Alderman Bradbury motioned, seconded by Alderman Secor, to approve the transfer of accrued debt service interest to the Water/Sewer fund. The motion passed with an aye voice vote from Alderman Secor, Alderman Hall, Alderman Trainor, Alderman Bradbury, and Alderman DeBoer.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Ordinance Annexing Certain Territory to the City of Marengo (Martin Property)

Alderman Secor motioned, seconded by Alderman Hall, to approve ordinance 08-2-3 to annex certain property into the City of Marengo (Martin Property). The motion passed with an aye voice vote from Alderman Trainor, Alderman Bradbury, Alderman Hall, Alderman Secor, and Alderman DeBoer.

b. Ordinance Zoning Certain Newly Annexed Territory (Martin Property)

Alderman Secor motioned, seconded by Alderman Hall, to adopt Ordinance 08-2-4 to zone certain newly annexed territory from ER to M-Manufacturing. The motion passed with an aye voice vote from Alderman Trainor, Alderman Bradbury, Alderman Hall, Alderman Secor, and Alderman DeBoer.

c. Authorization to Waive the Bid Requirements and Purchase a Squad Car from Miles Chevrolet for the 2008 / 09 Fiscal Year

This item was removed from the agenda.

d. Authorization to Execute a Parking License Agreement with First Baptist Church

Since the City has not yet received confirmation from the First Baptist Church that the parking license agreement was accepted, City Administrator Scott Hartman recommended that the approval of this license agreement be contingent on it's acceptability to the First Baptist Church. Alderman DeBoer motioned, seconded by Alderman Secor, to authorize the execution of a parking license agreement with the First Baptist Church subject to acceptance by the First Baptist Church. The motion passed with an aye voice vote from Alderman Trainor, Alderman Bradbury, Alderman Hall, Alderman Secor, and Alderman DeBoer.

e. Discussion of Locust School Traffic and Safety Concerns

City Administrator Scott Hartman called upon Deputy Chief Joseph Hallman to give an overview of the issue. Deputy Chief Hallman will be going to the next School Board meeting to discuss this issue. He will provide the Council with more information after that meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

MAYOR'S STATEMENTS AND REPORTS

Mayor Lockhart called for a Committee of the Whole Budget Meeting on March 13, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

DEPARTMENT HEAD AND STAFF REPORTS

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Building Commissioner Jayson Shull asked the Alderman to check their email for information on the Design / Architectural Standards proposal for the CDC.

Settlers Cove, per the developer, has sold two units that are ready for occupancy and should be closing on the development on or about March 1st. Alderman Trainor was wondering when the City would be servicing the roads in Settlers Cove. She was informed that the road had not yet been dedicated to the City. Until such dedication, the City is under no obligation to service the road.

Alderman Bradbury thanked Building Commissioner Shull for working with the Marengo Cafe to get the long standing business up and running again.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Deputy Chief Joe Hallman stated that a report had been submitted. There were no questions from the Council Members.

ENGINEER REPORT

Due to inclement weather, Darrell Gavle of Baxter and Woodman did not attend the meeting, but a report was submitted with the packet.

STREET REPORT

Due to the snow fall, Superintendent of Public Works Jim Craney was out plowing snow.

Alderman Mike Smith arrived at 7:17 p.m.

City Administrator Scott Hartman stated that although the City has a sufficient supply of salt, the drivers, as a conservation strategy, will only be applying salt to the intersections, curves and

inclines. The city will continue to plow the mid-block areas.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

No written report.

City Administrator Scott Hartman stated that he had attended a 20/30 Plan meeting. City Administrator Hartman stated that he spoke at the public participation segment of the meeting to put on the record that the City of Marengo was not happy with statements that were being made pertaining to the Route 23/Harmony/Riley Road Tollway interchange area. City Administrator Hartman said the 20/30 Plan Committee was very mindful of our concerns and assured the City that there would be plenty of opportunity to work cooperatively with the 20/30 Plan Committee in the future as the Committee is in the first stages of their Plan.

City Administrator Hartman stated the Planning and Zoning Commission had two development proposals before them. One development proposal was from Deerpass Meadows, which is an extension of the Deerpass Village Communities, and the other proposal was from the Seven Oaks West property. Both projects had favorable reviews from the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Administrator Hartman introduced Kathy Gresey as the new reporter with the Northwest Herald covering the City of Marengo.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

No report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Alderman Secor motioned, seconded by Alderman Bradbury, to go into Executive Session for litigation. The motion passed with an aye voice vote by Alderman Secor, Alderman DeBoer, Alderman Trainor, Alderman Smith, Alderman Bradbury, and Alderman Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon return from Executive Session, and having no other business to discuss, Alderman Trainor motioned, seconded by Alderman DeBoer, to adjourn the February 25, 2008 Regular City Council Meeting. The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.