

**MARENGO CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Marengo Council Chambers
132 E. Prairie St.
Marengo, IL 60152
May 10, 2010

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Donald Lockhart called the Regular Meeting of the City Council to order at 7:02 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Lockhart led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present for this meeting were Mayor Donald Lockhart; Aldermen: Todd Hall, Corey Brackmann, Steve DiMaria, Pat Signore, Mike Secor, and Carole Bartman. Also present were City Administrator Deborah Nier, City Attorney Carlos Arevalo, Deputy Chief Joseph Hallman, Building Commissioner Jayson Shull, Superintendent of Public Works Jim Craney, and Assistant to the City Administrator Joshua Blakemore. Absent this evening were Aldermen: Erik DeBoer and Michael Smith.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Alderman Carole Bartman made a motion, seconded by Alderman Mike Secor, to approve the April 26, 2010 regular meeting minutes. The motion passed with an aye vote by Aldermen: Bartman, Hall, Brackmann, DiMaria, Signore, and Secor.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. List of Bills**
- b. American Legion Poppy Days Request and Proclamation**
- c. Resolution in Support of a McHenry County Amtrak Station**
- d. Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign Request**

Alderman Steve DiMaria raised a question on a Com Ed bill presented. Jim Craney explained the bill. Alderman Mike Secor made a motion, seconded by Alderman Todd Hall, to approve the consent agenda list. The motion passed with an aye vote by Aldermen: Hall, DiMaria, Secor, Signore, Bartman, and Brackmann.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Presentation Regarding Seven Oaks Subdivision**

Mike Grismer (9014 Voss Road Marengo) and Todd Volkening (10816 Genoa Road, Genoa) – GMT Holdings - reviewed their plans for the development of Seven Oaks. Plan drawings were discussed and explained.

b. Ordinance Amending Section 33.07-B, Number of Liquor Licenses of the Marengo Municipal Code.

A request has been received for an additional B liquor license, for 117 Telegraph Street (former location of Joe’s Place) to sell package liquor.

Alderman Corey Brackmann made a motion, seconded by Alderman Mike Secor, to approve the amendment to Section 33.07-B – subject to all requirements being met. The motion passed with an aye vote by Aldermen: Secor, Brackmann, Bartman, DiMaria and Hall. Alderman Pat Signore abstained.

c. Appointment of Ad Hoc Dispatch Committee

Mayor Lockhart requested participation of 2 – 3 Aldermen on this committee. Mike Secor, Carole Bartman and Corey Brackmann agreed. Other persons to be approached to be on this committee are Sgt. Solarz and Chief Podosek. It was suggested that Alderman Michael Smith be approached as well. Alderman Signore asked to also consider having Lisa Trainor on the committee.

OLD BUSINESS

a. Fiscal Year 2010/2011 Budget

Due to the absence of 2 Aldermen, Mayor Lockhart recommended that we defer this item to our next meeting. All Aldermen present agreed.

MAYOR’S STATEMENTS AND REPORTS

Mayor Lockhart reminded the Aldermen that Poppy Days are coming up, and asked everyone to be generous with their giving. The funds collected go for direct support of our Veterans.

DEPARTMENT HEAD AND STAFF REPORTS

Jayson Shull – Building Commission. Report already given to the Aldermen. There were no questions on the report.

Jim Craney – Superintendent of Public Works. The work on the streets is going well. Encountering various problems with waterlines / valves / buffalo boxes, but working through the problems.

Joshua Blakemore – Assistant to the City Administrator. Census enumerators are out and about, and the City is about 82% completed. The TIF is moving along. Hit a couple of snags, but working through them.

Dane Checolinski – E.D.C. The Commission is in the process of updating the “Go Marengo – Grow Marengo” DVD.

The Tourism Council is picking up speed. The support for this council has grown tremendously. The Tourism Council would like to start a website. The next step would be to draw up a Comprehensive Marketing Plan.

The hotel developer that was previously looking at Marengo in 2007 is back. The EDC will stay in close contact to encourage them to build this time.

Joseph Hallman, Deputy Chief. The Marengo Police Department has received a \$5,000 grant towards the K-9 unit. The City Police are currently active in a “Click It or Ticket” period to increase the awareness of seat belts. Alderman Steve DiMaria noted that there was an 8% decrease in the number of city stickers purchased and questioned if there was anything that could be done to get everyone into compliance. Deputy Chief Hallman said that it is normal procedure to check for a city vehicle sticker when making any traffic stops for local residents.

Deborah Nier – City Administrator. In order to contain costs, the City Engineer will no longer be attending every Council meeting. If a need should occur, contact Deborah, and she will have him come to that meeting to answer any questions or concerns. Next, a memo was sent to all Aldermen. She asked the Aldermen to review the memo and call if they had any questions.

Carlos Arevalo – City Attorney. No report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Lockhart advised the Council that there was nothing that required Executive Session this evening.

ADJOURNMENT.

There was no further business for the Council this evening. Alderman Steve DiMaria made a motion, seconded by Alderman Todd Hall, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed with a voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Constance J. Boxleitner
City Clerk