

CITY OF MARENGO

MAY 14, 2007

COUNCIL MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

At 7:02 p.m., Mayor Lockhart called to order the May 14, 2007, Marengo City Council meeting. He then led the "Pledge of Allegiance".

ROLL CALL

Roll was taken with Mayor Lockhart, Alderman Shelton, Alderman Genot, Alderman Secor and Alderman Signore present. Absent were: Alderman Jennings, Alderman Otis, Alderman Trainor and Alderman Spear.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No one addressed the members.

APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 23, 2007, COUNCIL MINUTES

Alderman Shelton made and Alderman Genot seconded a motion to approve the above mentioned minutes. The motion passed with an aye voice vote from Alderman: Genot, Shelton, Signore and Secor and Mayor Lockhart.

OATH OF OFFICE FOR INCOMING ALDERMEN AND CITY CLERK

Judge Charles Weech swore into office Michael J. Smith, Alderman Ward One, Diane Bradbury, Alderman Ward Two, Pat Signore, Alderman Ward Three, Todd A. Hall, Alderman Ward Four and Theresa A. Hoschouer, City Clerk.

Mayor Lockhart next presented Alderman Genot a plaque recognizing him for his years of service as Alderman for Ward Four. There were plaques also for Alderman Jennings and Otis. Mayor Lockhart will present them their plaques later on.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT RECOGNITION FOR 20 YEARS OF SERVICE
SGT. RODNEY RILEY, OFFICER DANIEL GEHRKE & OFFICIER TIMOTHY BURGESS**

Police Chief Kottke gave Sgt. Riley, Officer Gehrke and Officer Burgess a plaque honoring them for their 20 years of dedicated service to the Marengo Police Dept. and the citizens of Marengo.

Mayor Lockhart announced the meeting would be recessed for a few minutes for coffee and cookies for all those in attendance.

ROLL CALL

After the short recess, roll was taken at 7:32 p.m. Present were: Mayor Lockhart, Alderman Bradbury, Alderman Shelton, Alderman Smith, Alderman Hall, Alderman Secor and Alderman Signore. Alderman Trainor and Alderman Spear were absent.

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NEW BUSINESS

LIST OF BILLS

After several questions were answered regarding some of the bills, Alderman Shelton made and Alderman Secor seconded a motion to approve the bills as presented. The motion passed with an aye voice vote from Alderman: Bradbury, Smith, Shelton, Hall, Signore and Secor.

"PUTT PUTT" DAY REQUESTS

The City has received a request for closure of certain streets and public areas in the downtown area for "Putt Putt" Day to be held on June 9th from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. This event is being sponsored by Marengo Main Street, Inc.

Rocco Gailloreto stated they have eighteen holes committed for this event. He stated the basic idea for this was to have the community and folks from the region come out and have some fun and reintroduce and promote the downtown area to see what Marengo is all about. They are hoping this will have a little "domino" effect to recognize Marengo as a good place to do business and live in.

He stated there will be an officer assigned to the downtown area that day. The committee is hoping the layout will create a natural flow.

Chief Kottke confirmed he would have an officer downtown along with the Sheriff's Dept. speed trailer. It was his understanding as well that

there would be additional signage to alert drivers of the extra pedestrians for this event.

Alderman Shelton commended Mr. Gailloreto and Mr. Wyrostek for their effort and made a motion to approve their requests. Alderman Bradbury seconded the motion. The motion passed with an aye voice vote from Alderman: Signore, Secor, Shelton, Bradbury, Hall and Smith.

GRAND POINTE HOMES/CORAL BROOK DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTION PROPOSAL

Administrator Hartman stated Grand Pointe Homes and the City have been working on the Coral Brook Subdivision. It is a one hundred six unit development proposal- 56 single family and 50 court home units.

Grand Pointe Homes presented a development fee proposal in connection with the annexation proposals. The City after working thru the development fee and contribution issue approved a resolution in April that established a fee structure to be incorporated in annexation agreements. These fees were higher than what Grand Pointe Homes had proposed and because of these higher fees, they basically walked away from this project.

After some follow up discussions, the finances just didn't work for this project so they are asking the City's reconsideration of these fees. This comes on the tails of other offsite improvements like the Route 20 that is costing a lot more than what the project can withstand financially.

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They have submitted another proposal. The fees for all the entities, except for the school districts, have been rearranged to be in alignment with the City's fee structure pursuant to the schedule. The significant difference is the school districts impact and transition fees.

The packet contained a comparison of the resolution structure and the Grand Pointe Homes proposal. It illustrates the differences which

range from \$700 to \$3,500 for District 165 and \$230 to \$2,200 for District 154.

Topics/items discussed included: Offsite improvements on Rt. 20 included a traffic control device; Grand Point is assuming there is going to be some cost sharing of the Rt. 20 improvements; Marengo Market Place will contribute and there will more capture after the fact; wasn't sure if the Courtney extension was still an issue like it previously was; this project has taken longer than anticipated; Grand Pointe took a shot at what they thought was a reasonable fee structure based on the initial amount they came in with and moved some of the numbers around from their first proposal to meet our resolution requirements and it wound up being essentially the same except for the school's portion; between the road improvements and the schools fee schedule, it was a business decision not to move forward with the project; felt there was a huge discrepancy between the fees we are charging for the school districts here in Marengo based on the resolution compared to that of the County; for a two bedroom home, our fee is 596% higher, a four bedroom is 213%, three bedroom town home is 217% higher than County so is trying to grasp the rational behind this and why the difference for the same district; ad hoc committee for these fees talked to the various entities and presented their figures and the rational behind these figures in the formulas as to what they would need to cover their costs for the impact and burdens development places on the entities; the members provided their own input as to what they thought was fair and appropriate based on the level of the impact and basically by consensus of averaging, came up with the approved fee structure; the initial figure far exceeds what the County can charge because they are regulated by State Statutes by using what is called the "Naperville Formula" which is based on the value of land, the per capita impact-the number of students it will create and the site criteria for schools based on various methodologies; with an annexation agreement the City has the luxury of creating additional fees that is not bound by State Statutes and previous Supreme Court decisions; the County's fee is not adequate to cover the cost of the impact; there are fees we are charging that the County can't; our current Subdivision Ordinance provides contribution/impact fees for various entities; the explanation for the need of the transitional fees; the new schedule for annexations allows the City to charge an impact fee for ourselves; important for

the new members to know we didn't give the schools the number they asked for; in Union's last annexation, a four bedroom home had fees of \$4,500 and ours are \$13,700; Marengo has more to offer but that is a huge hit for either a builder or a homebuyer to pay; we are charging \$7,000 more than what the County is charging; felt Grand Pointe was lower for a 5 bedroom and town homes when compared to the County but the rest was a good starting point; City is 108-122% over from what the County is charging for the schools only-that doesn't include all of the other fees we are getting to help Marengo; under the assumption the County has a rhyme or reason why they are charging the numbers they are and thought perhaps Dr. Bertrand could tell members how well their numbers help the district; had a concern a developer can go into the County so we get nothing and lose out on the other fees and didn't want to get surrounded by other communities; developer felt they could not compete with other developments in the area

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with the fees we are requesting as they would have the advantage of being able to sell for a lower price and the way the market is today, homeowner's are looking for the best bargain; developer is not here to dispute anyone's numbers but they feel transition fees are essentially double taxation; when the developer came in the door they thought the deal was X, it became Z and they were hoping for Y; felt members enjoyed the relationship in working with the developer and would like to see them succeed and would like to see them build what they proposed but they are working with the school districts to determine what they are going to need down the road and in reality what they are asking for is that the current residents of Marengo help pay for this development and wasn't sure if that was fair to the citizens; thought the developer was discounting the fact the housing economy has cooled off substantially and the cost of the offsite improvements have gone up as well and felt the developer was asking for the City to help subsidize the fact the housing market isn't what it was three years ago and the fact the traffic control device is higher than anticipated; developer hoped this project wouldn't be affective by the housing market; developer has looked at what these homes would cost to build itself and could they compete in the market place and the answer right now is, no; they will have to pick up some of the cost for infrastructure but down the road they can recoup some of it from other developers on

the north side of the road as they will be accessing at the intersection to help pay for it; again commented just in school fees alone, we are asking for almost \$10,000 more for a four bedroom home than what Union is charging; even if we scale our fees to what the County is charging or charge a little bit more, the school would be getting an extra \$2,000 than what Union was willing to put in their agreement; as a City, we can't be the only ones saying, "We are going to make what is right in the world"; if everyone else around us charges \$4,000 and we are charging \$14,000, we are basically going to have everyone build up around us and that will be the end-we will not see any growth; doesn't necessarily want to give everything away but we can't take on all of the other developments and just because they are not paying their fair share, doesn't mean we have to pick up their share and have the builders go there and we are left with nothing; couldn't see why we are so far off on this with Union charging \$4,500 and we are at \$13,700 for school districts-we have an issue; know we need to stave off the growth that encroaches our borders but felt there had to be some common middle ground where there is a tax advantage for a builder to make a contribution back to the school district in the form of equipment programs or what have you; seemed to be an impass here and felt there could be some form of compromise to meet in the middle and have it be a win/win situation for all; developer tried to do this initially with their proposal; people have to drive by Union to get to Marengo and the developer wasn't sure if people would drive by the Union project to build in Marengo and have to pay \$10,000 more of an impact fee for the school district; this country is based on competition and we would be foolish to ignore our competitors which are the surrounding communities and we will wind up with nothing and stay the same; will be discussing the budget later and felt the budget was asking for some type of growth and without more population we are not going to be pulling in the business that we need to help support or infrastructure, etc. that we need and also felt a need for compromise; felt we have had a tough time trying to get Union to commit to certain numbers; in a meeting with Union and a County representative, it was the consensus the County's fees were way to low but we knew there was no way we would be able to wait for the County to make an adjustment in time for us to move forward with projects; different cities have different needs and Union presents a separate type of situation for a developer that Marengo maybe doesn't because of the availability to hook on to a sewer system so there is the additional cost

for someone to develop in Union because they will have to put in their own Shafer System so there is a little give and take here; if we do the \$13,706

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for a four bedroom home, we have pretty much told any developer we don't want you here-go a mile and a half out of our borders, build your home there as they can get away with paying less for the school district and we lose all the other fees the developer is willing to pay; gave an example if we were a store selling the same thing as another store right down the street and charging five times more than the other store, we would go out of business and this is kind of where we are headed; every year when the budget comes around it's "Oh my goodness, what are we going to cut?"; in order to get some business here, we need to have some more growth; with this development, City would receive \$120,000 for sewer capital improvement so there are a lot of things, by having development come in, we can get; the developer has to make some money but will go outside our border, develop and we lose out on our fees; felt this should be tabled so the new aldermen would get a real flavor for how the numbers were arrived at and the information they used to generate these numbers; first time we have had a developer tell us the fees were too high; didn't want to see Grand Pointe Homes walk away so was willing to negotiate; didn't want to see the school's get short changed but didn't want to have the potential money walk away either and end up with nothing and left holding the bag and it was felt future development should also be revisited.

Mayor Lockhart was concerned as mayor that they walked away and thought a lot of people were surprised about it. He felt it was not a good way for us to do business. He made several phone calls and asked the developer to come in and talk which they graciously did.

He stated we have a reputation out there that we are against growth, we don't cooperate, it takes too long to get something thru, etc. This is not the way he likes to do business and even if we can't resolve this, he wanted to give the developer the opportunity to explain why they weren't going thru with this development. Obviously, if they can't make money or sell their product, they aren't going to do. He appreciated them coming in and talking to the members about it.

His concern was that this was started about three years ago when the fees were different. While he is sort of stuck on these fees, he felt perhaps in the future, the Council should consider when this originally started and what the fees were then. We delayed the decision for a year basically to try and determine what the fees should be. The developer has been thru months of hearings in front of the Planning Commission and was sure the developer has spent hundreds of thousands on this project to this point. So the question is not so much the fees per se but perhaps being fair to people, the schools and other entities. So, if there was something the members wanted to do, it was up to them.

Alderman Hall stated he made copies of recommended numbers if someone wished to have one. His numbers basically kept everything pretty much the same as what Grand Pointe had. He wasn't sure if they would agree to where he had changed some of the numbers as some went up, some went down. His numbers boiled down to an average increase over the County's.

In Mayor Lockhart's opinion if they were to use the numbers agreed upon for the purpose of this proposal and if they were going to reduce the schools' fees, they should reduce all of the entities. His recommendation would be to reduce all fees a certain percentage across the board as that way everyone would be treated the same whether it be 10%, 20% or whatever it would take to get down to a reasonable figure for at least this project. Each annexation is separate and they will have

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to look at each of them; at least the ones that are on the table now. New ones however were totally different in his opinion.

Alderman Signore said, "I think we have two members (Aldermen Trainor & Spear) of the committee that put together the potential fee structure that are not here tonight and I would once again move that we table this so they could be part of the discussion before taking a vote on it. I think we owe that to them." Motion was seconded by Alderman Shelton. The motion passed with an aye voice vote from Mayor Lockhart and Alderman: Shelton, Signore, Bradbury and Secor. Alderman Smith abstained and Alderman Hall voted nay.

Mayor Lockhart stated he wanted this worked out by the next meeting. If they could not be here because of job conflicts that was not our problem as he felt Grand Pointe Homes deserved an answer and he was not going to start going thru all those things we have put up with before-months of listening as so forth. They have to make a tough decision so at the next meeting on the 29th, one way or the other, they would let Grand Pointe Homes know.

OLD BUSINESS

2007/2008 BUDGET

Administrator Hartman stated the last time this was discussed, there was direction to reduce operating costs by 15.5% to bring it in alignment. Since that time, additional figures came in so this draft represents a very good picture based on last year's fiscal activity for both revenue and expenditures. It is what he would call a "surplus" budget; a minor one but it leaves "money on the table".

The General Fund has estimated revenues of \$3,811,000 and expenditures of \$3,802,000 leaving approximately \$9,000 in the black. The Water & Sewer Fund has estimated revenues as \$1,685,000 and expenditures as \$1,675,000 leaving approximately \$10,600 in the black.

He appreciated the efforts of the department heads as the expenditures have been thinned and then thinned again.

Some of the items he brought up in/for the budget included: they will probably have to make a decision on what to do next year with the Insurance Fund; the replacement of various lines in the Water & Sewer Fund; the Debt Service Fund; COLA for nonunion employees, 15% increase for health insurance as well as well as a 50% HRA exposure; there's a 1.6% decrease in revenues and 1.7% decrease in expenditures over last years budget for the General Fund; anticipate the same level of building activity; 3% increase in sales tax is projected; adjusted our utility tax due to ComEd raising its rates; most revenue line items anticipate the same numbers as last year whether it be budget or actual or a slight reduction thereof; in administration, the budget includes the full time assistant to the Administrator's position as it has been identified as a need; Historic Preservation received a

grant and is going to use it to develop a brochure and we have a small local contribution that is included in the Historic Preservation Fund; the EDC funding is reduced by \$5,000; there is a \$15,000 contribution to the Main Street Program that is based on a matching contribution so if the program gets \$15,000 in donations, we have to match that; we will complete the municipal survey; envision the TIF District to move forward; computer system upgrades; Administration B List includes: Settlers Day donation, severe weather warning sirens, Christmas Party, Police Dept. includes a new car to replace the aging Bonneville, anticipation of higher cost for gas, dispatch console loan payment of \$10,000 and \$15,000 for the PD of expansion payment; the B list include: \$75,000 to pay off the dispatch console; Public Works is requesting additional people and rather than provide full time staff, there is a part time position included (not the seasonal summer worker); sidewalk repair and maintenance has been omitted; a diagnostic computer for vehicles, a new pickup truck and \$5,000 to repair the City Hall reception area is included; B list items include: sidewalk and repair maintenance, additional pickup, 12' paver box that would allow the St. Dept. to do smaller paving jobs, a new backhoe, new chipper and replace the PD generator as it has become a maintenance burden, would like to replace this generator with one that will power the PD, City Hall and the Fire Dept. (will work in conjunction with us for this generator), Building Dept. includes monies for a part time (16 hrs.) Code Enforcer; B list item include: a pickup truck; Police Pension Fund the property tax extension does not cover the full amount suggested by the 2006 actuarial so the Pension Board will be approaching the members in Nov. to fully levy for the City's contribution for the Police Pension Fund; MFT the major project is Maple in conjunction with the LAPP Grant; the resurfacing of Riley Dr; increased our salt purchase to make sure we have adequate supply; the Water & Sewer Fund assumes the 8% increase in rates; there is no significant increase in connection fees; inter-fund transfer from the Debt Service Fund of interest to fund the FPA amendment; the bond payments are made pursuant to our debt service schedule; the WWTP has a generator budgeted as this is the #1 critical need for the department; the repairs for the east orbital shaft, NPDES permit application & engineering for expansion, higher utility costs, engineering and application fees for FPA amendment; B list SCADA-system that the operator can be at home and if he gets a call on Sat. night about a problem at the plant, he can

pull it up, monitor what's going on from a laptop at his house-this is also on B list for the Water & Sewer Dept.; Water & Sewer Dept. includes watermain replacements and \$25,000 has been allocated in case we discover a problem for the sanitary sewer project; W&S is spending a lot this year but the members need to consider our infrastructure projects and what we need to do and what we need to replace but also maintain a fund balance as they need to think of the bigger picture-the WWTP upgrade; budget provides for the same level of service we have provided in the past except for sidewalk repair and maintenance and he didn't contemplate any new taxing mechanisms or revenue generators.

Questions/comments about the budget included: Thought it was time the City had a financial plan; General Fund balance has decreased by about ½ in the last four years; thought it was time we stopped living week to week, year to year and borrow from Peter to pay Paul; we seem to be reactive not proactive; until we have a revenue stream such as an abundance of Sales Tax that we can siphon off money into a Capital Improvement, the budget will be status quo; will need major money for the Prospect St. improvement by 2010 or will lose a grant; need a 10 & 20 year plan; TIF expense is a pass thru expense; what items we can levy for; there's a bill in Springfield to remove the police pension from under the cap which if passed will benefit us; administrator will get information as to who manages the Police Pension and the management structure; Alderman Bradbury has meet with the Department Heads and is duly impressed with the City employees and felt they have made the best with the equipment they have and with the funds they have been given and applauded them for working within the budget that was given them; felt we might not need to hire an expert for a long term finance plan as we have perfectly capable department heads that she believed could very easily tell them where they would like to see their departments in the next 5, 10 or 20 years and as far as hiring a financial planner to try and get us to that point, she thought that

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until we start getting additional monies, she didn't know if that would be money well spent; banks have a Municipal Dept. that will come in and hash out numbers and give us a proposal; Mayor Lockhart is going to have a Finance Committee and hoped Alderman Hall would serve on it; many

times when the City undertakes certain things, it sometimes takes longer to get a project done where if a professional was hired, it would be done on a timetable which is an advantage of having someone from the outside coming in; at the last budget discussion, Mayor and several others were adamant about the importance of having a generator for the wells and pumping stations in the event of an emergency and now were willing to forgo other expenditures that have made this budget for the generator to make certain we have a water supply in the event we have a power outage and was wondering how that ultimately got removed as it was thought this was a pretty hot item; the water generators have always been included as they were on the B list last year and are on the B list this year; the discussion at the meeting was the need to have the water and no one at the Council level wanted to be responsible for the community not having water in the time of need; again mentioned it was a hot item and now it has been removed and wondered what the change was on that; thought maybe it was a misunderstanding of the discussion; engineer stated storage tank does have a generator, well's 7 & 8 do not have generators and well 6 has a right angle engine drive which can pump but can't put any chemicals in, well 8 has a manual transfer switch which is designed to have a portable generator on wheels be hauled and plugged in and turn the transfer switch and well 8 can function but well 6 is the largest, better well that we rely on; portable generator for well 8 can be rented for cases of emergency; engineer can work with Public Works to look at a generator for the City to purchase for a single phase generator for well 6; engineer felt comfortable saying the cost would be less than \$10,000 and possibly less than ½ of that; wondered if it would be possible to bring in graduate students from NIU to help with the short/long term financial planning as a project; it is possible but they don't have the experience but they do have a Center for Governmental Studies which does provide that service; whether \$69,000 for development fees revenue was realistic in view of last years numbers and comments stated earlier by Grand Pointe Homes not starting the project until the market rebounded; the \$69,000 is in reference to an annexation fee (\$500. per acre); development fee revenue was contemplated for the River Edge development; Mayor is meeting with this developer and his attorney this week on this; the River Edge developer reacted negatively to our fees; Seven Oaks project is very, very close to annexation; given the current market predications and discussions Commissioner Shull had with some developers, \$105,00 in

building permit revenues is reasonable; cash reserve as of 4/30/07 for the General Fund was \$629,087.37 anticipated reserve with this budget is \$638,000 if revenues come in \$9,000 over; with our last bonding dealings, we were considered a good risk; we are pursuing a low interest IEPA Revolving Loan Fund loan for the WWTP improvements; City doesn't have a lot of debt sitting out there compared to other communities and proposed budget maintains as much as possible of the current level of service except for sidewalks.

Administrator Hartman is comfortable with the numbers. He thought the department heads were okay with these numbers and they could live within these means. He stated it was their formal recommendation this budget be approved.

Alderman Smith made a motion to approve the 2007/2008 fiscal year budget as presented in the document; seconded by Alderman Hall. The motion passed with an aye voice vote from Alderman: Hall, Smith, Shelton, Secor, Signore and Bradbury.

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MAYOR'S STATEMENT AND REPORTS

Mayor Lockhart announced the municipal surveys are coming in very well. At the last meeting, residents from Doral Ridge asked to have extra patrols in their subdivision. A detail was set up for twice a day-two hours in the morning and two hours in the afternoon, April 24-May 4. Most of the offenders were residents of the subdivision. The offenses were: 13 speeding, 11 disobeyed stop signs, 1 no driver's license and 1 no insurance. He received a phone call from a mother whose daughter got a ticket. She wanted the City to know she was all for the City patrolling and doing the extra detail in this subdivision. Mayor Lockhart was expecting more offenders to be younger people going to the high school and using the subdivision as a pass thru.

Mayor Lockhart received a letter for Judge Michael Sullivan referencing an APS system for the squad cars. We are apparently one of the few municipalities in McHenry County that does not have this system in our squads. The system has numerous benefits and Judge Sullivan's letter encourage the City to consider being a business partner for this project to provide APS service to our citizens.

Mayor Lockhart felt this was something we would probably need to do because before to long, the next letter might not be as cordial as the court could order us to do this. This item is on the B list but perhaps it should have some kind of priority on this list. Chief Kottke stated it would cost about \$1,250 per car and it would also cover our profiling data information.

DEPARTMENT HEAD AND STAFF REPORTS

ADMINISTRATIVE INTERN REPORT

Intern Blakemore stated right now we were just under receiving 700 surveys back from the 2,640 that were sent out which is just over 25%. He encouraged the members that if they were to talk to someone to ask if they had returned one and if not, encourage them to do so. Residents have until May 31st to return them. He and the part time helper are entering all the data which will take some time. He thought the information would be available in a month or two after the deadline date so the data could really be analyzed to see what the trends are and what the people are really wanting and saying in the survey.

Several commented they were happy with the amount of responses we have received. It was commented that this was a product of the survey being well done as if it was cumbersome, people would just have thrown it away.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Commission Shull submitted a written report and on behalf of the Building Dept., he congratulated the new aldermen and the Building Dept. was looking forward to working with them and the Mayor to make Marengo more prosperous. The Building Dept. inspector, Ron Greifenkamp was in attendance tonight as well.

Alderman Shelton wanted to know if there was anything further on the concrete plant. He was advised by Commissioner Shull that he was not involved in this project. Administrator Hartman stated he left a message with the owner of the facility and has not received a returned phone call.

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In his last phone discussion, he was told they were receiving bids to demolish the plant. We will try and work with them as we are giving them the option of taking the high road first.

Alderman Signore thought the letters that were put together to sign petitioners were very well done and appreciated the fact the ordinance was being look at and people were being contacted. He was also glad to see in his report that he has addressed the weed issue at Settler's Cove.

Commissioner Shull advised his department is speeding up the lien process in anticipation of the high foreclosure of new homes as they are anticipating more property maintenance when it comes to taller weeds. Our attorney has forwarded to him some lien language and letters for them to speed up the process. Per our ordinance, we have to give them a ten day notice by certified mail. If they have not responded by that time, we have the recourse of having the property cut at our personal expense or contract it out, bill them and then lien them. It is a cumbersome, timely process. Alderman Signore advised him of another property with long grass on Rt. 23 & Jackson.

PUBLIC WORKS

A written report was submitted by the Street Dept., WWTP and Water & Sewer Dept.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Written reports were submitted for the packet. Orally Chief Kottke talked about the coordination with the Sheriff's Department in conducting Rapid Response Training for our officers. It will be held June 25-29 at Marengo Community High School. They are trying to get other McHenry County Police Departments involved.

He is looking into an interactive computer based firearms training program at the Sheriff's Dept. for our police officers. The Advanced Interactive System is designed so officers can interact with the images on the screen that deal with different scenarios where officers are confronted with "Active Shooters".

ENGINEER'S REPORT

A written report was submitted in the packet and an updated report was distributed this evening.

Mr. Gavle stated as they could see from the report, a number of the current projects have had no activity during the current period which he felt they were encountering in subdivision work.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

A written report was submitted for review. He also welcomed the new aldermen on board and looked forward to working with them.

He advised that the next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 29th as Monday is the Memorial Day holiday.

Alderman Signore asked when IDOT would be resurfacing Rt. 20. Administrator Hartman didn't know nor did Mayor Lockhart. All they knew was that it would be something this summer.

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ATTORNEY

Our attorney gave the members and the clerk information on a seminar his firm is giving in addition to what they had already received in the mail. He felt this would be worthwhile to the newly elected officials and a great refresher course for the "older" officials.

Pat Meade, 813 Tioga Trail, Marengo, advised whomever is mowing the grass on Park and Briden Drive is mowing it into the street and they have been told at Indian Trails they can't put grass in the roads as when it rains, it washes into the pond and causes algae in the pond.

Mayor Lockhart thanked her for bringing this to our attention and we would look into it tomorrow morning.

TREASURER'S REPORTS

Written reports were submitted for review. Orally, Alderman Hall stated we are still basically receiving over 5% on the majority of our checking accounts.

Alderman Signore made a motion to approve the Treasurer's reports as submitted; seconded by Alderman Shelton. The motion passed with an aye voice vote from Alderman: Signore, Secor, Bradbury, Shelton and Smith. Alderman Hall abstained.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Alderman Signore and seconded by Alderman Bradbury at 9:55 p.m., to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel. The motion passed with an aye voice vote from Alderman: Secor, Hall, Shelton, Smith, Bradbury and Signore.

The members returned to Open Session at 10:14 p.m. Roll was taken. Present were Mayor Lockhart, Alderman Hall, Alderman Bradbury, Alderman Smith, Alderman Secor, Alderman Shelton and Alderman Signore. Alderman Trainor and Alderman Spear were absent.

ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further items for discussion, Mayor Lockhart asked for a motion to adjourn the May 14, 2007, Marengo City County meeting at 10:15 p.m. Alderman Shelton so moved; seconded by Alderman Smith. The motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by: Theresa A. Hoschouer,
City Clerk

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