

**CITY OF MARENGO
COUNCIL MINUTES
JUNE 25, 2007**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lockhart called to order the June 25, 2007, Marengo City Council meeting at 7:10 p.m. He then led the "Pledge of Allegiance".

ROLL CALL

Alderman Bradbury, Alderman Smith, Alderman Secor, Alderman Trainor and Mayor Lockhart were present for roll call. Alderman Shelton, Alderman Signore, Alderman Spear and Alderman Hall were absent.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2007/2008 APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

At 7:13 p.m., Mayor Lockhart opened the Public Hearing for the City's 2007/2008 Appropriation Ordinance as required by State Statute.

Administrator Hartman advised this ordinance outlines the spending limitations for the upcoming fiscal year. This process has to take place within the first quarter of the fiscal year per State Statute. This ordinance establishes the statutory authority for spending.

He wanted to stress and emphasize that the internal control document is the budget. The budget figures are incorporated in this ordinance and additional revenue for unforeseen expenses or contingencies are provided for as well.

The aggregated sum for the 2007/2008 appropriations is \$8,670,854 which is 19% over the aggregate budgeted expenditures of \$7,275,764. The ordinance includes additional monies for items that are hard to budget for like gasoline. For the most part, it incorporates items on the "B" list which provides for the City the authority to purchase other items we couldn't fit into the budget but if we have a revenue surplus, the members would now have the ability to move forward with those expenditures.

After the hearing if the members find it appropriate, they can act upon it as it appears on tonight's agenda. Notice of this hearing was published on June 14, 2007, in the Northwest Herald.

He then opened the floor up for public comment.

There were no comments from the public, so Mayor Lockhart asked for a motion to close the June 25, 2007, Public Hearing for the 2007/2008 Appropriation Ordinance at 7:18p.m. Alderman Trainor so moved; seconded by Alderman Secor. The motion passed with an aye voice vote from Alderman: Trainor, Bradbury, Smith, Secor and Mayor Lockhart.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Dorothy Otis, 633 West Grant, Marengo, wanted to make a statement regarding the ad hoc transportation committee. She read the responsibilities of this committee as outlined on page 3 of the Feb. 27, 2006, Council minutes. She was happy to say this committee had completed the two assignments that were asked of it. She stated local, County and State records were requested regarding accidents and traffic counts. Regional road maps and road classifications were studied. Costs associated with road reconstruction and upgrades were researched.

At the recommendation of the committee, Mayor Lockhart, Administrator Hartman and she met with the McHenry County Division of Transportation seeking their support for the committee's recommended truck routes.

June 25, 2007, Council Minutes

Later City and Township funds were used to hire Dr. Greg Swenson, Safety Management, Inc. to further our efforts to establish truck routes. An official transportation plan has been presented to the members. Committee members in the company of either developers, property owners or their representatives, John Tierney of Baxter & Woodman and Mayor Lockhart actually walked the land to gain an intimate knowledge of soil conditions, topography, land boundaries and areas of historical significance. Pictures were taken and communications were on going between the City through Administrator Hartman, Baxter & Woodman, Teska Associates and land stake owners. Ground, aerial, soil and water maps, our Comp Plan, engineering plans and proposed development plans were studied in depth to present a multi-modal transportation plan engaging contact sensitive solutions based upon traffic safety guidelines.

On behalf of the committee members, they were happy and willing to have served the community. They especially wanted to thank all of those mentioned previously as they were all so helpful. The committee could not have put together the things they did without their input and the cooperation of the Council during the last two years. She again stated they just wanted to say thank you and good luck in the future.

Mayor Lockhart then presented her with a plaque for her years of service as the alderman for Ward 1.

Bob Bradbury, 701 Georgeann Court, Marengo, asked for permission to talk when they would discuss item g, Dispatch Fee Discussion, under New Business. Our attorney advised this item would probably be pulled from the agenda due to voting requirements. It will most likely appear on the next agenda and he would be allowed at that time to talk.

Leonor Beyer-Clow, from Open Lands wanted to draw the member's attention to the resolution to adopt the Marengo-Union Watershed Planning Project Final Report to preserve the Kishwaukee Watershed: Guiding Development in the Marengo-Union Region. Union, the McHenry County Planning & Development Committee and the townships of Marengo, Coral and Riley have already adopted it so she encouraged the members to do so as well.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

JAMES WICARYUS

Mr. Wicaryus was not present.

TARA OAKES-MODEL CITIZEN AWARD

Deputy Chief Hallman stated Tara Oakes collected over 2,200 stuffed toys for children who have been involved in car accidents, fires or domestic abuse to bring them a sense of caring and comfort during a very difficult time. In doing this, she obtained the Girl Scouts' Bronze Award.

The Police Department wanted to recognize and thank for her willingness to help others so they presented her their "Model Citizen's Award".

The Mayor also wanted to personally thank her for all of her hard work for such an important issue.

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE 07-6-3-2007/2008 APPROPRIATIONS

Administrator Hartman asked for a motion to adopt this ordinance and stated it will be filed with the County to fulfill our obligation. Alderman Bradbury made a motion to adopt the 2007/2008 Appropriation Ordinance; seconded by Alderman Smith. The motion passed with an aye voice vote from Alderman: Bradbury, Smith, Trainor, Secor and Mayor Lockhart.

REQUEST FOR LETTER OF CREDIT REDUCTION DEERPASS ESTATES, UNIT 6/WOODSTONE

Supt. of Public Works, Jim Craney stated staff and Baxter & Woodman had completed inspections of the sanitary sewer system, water system storm sewer, roadway improvements and miscellaneous. It was their opinion the items have been constructed with the plans and specifications and recommended the Letter of Credit by reduced by \$720,729.30.

June 25, 2007, Council Minutes

Alderman Smith made a motion to reduce the Letter of Credit from \$793,488.50 to \$72,759.50; seconded by Alderman Bradbury. The motion passed with an aye voice vote from Mayor Lockhart and Alderman: Secor, Trainor, Bradbury and Smith. (For the record the original LOC was in the amount of \$793,491 less the 720,729.30 leaving the new LOC amount of \$72,761.70)

RESOLUTION 07-6-B-ADOPTING THE MARENGO-UNION WATERSHED PLANNING PROJECT FINAL REPORT AS AN ADVISORY DOCUMENT

Administrator Hartman thanked Ms. Clow for her assistance in this project. It was a two year project to look at the Kishwaukee River and it's watershed as it is a precious resource and what could be done collectively to preserve it.

The reports were distributed to the members in the May 21, 2007, PZC agenda packet. The PZC discussed the report and in the end recommended the members adopt this advisory document. The report contains information that can help guide us as we entertain development to ensure we are doing what we can to protect the river and watershed. A copy of the report is on the City's website.

Administrator Hartman advised the resolution contained language that not all of the recommendations and goals outlined in the Plan were in alignment with our development principles and objectives. The Plan as a whole represents the collaborative efforts of the Marengo-Union community to preserve and protect the Kishwaukee Rive watershed and its resources. He then recommended the members adopt this.

Mayor Lockhart stated it was a unique document that had a lot of work put into it. He personally felt this was a good step forward to protect the Kishwaukee River.

Alderman Secor made a motion to adopt Resolution 07-6-B, Resolution Adopting the Marengo-Union Planning Project Final Report as an Advisory Document and Continuing the City's Representation on the Marengo-Union Watershed Management Steering Committee. It was seconded by Alderman Smith. The motion passed with an aye voice vote from Alderman: Smith, Trainor, Bradbury, Secor and Mayor Lockhart.

ST. BALDRICK'S EVENTS REQUESTS-TEMPORARY SIGNAGE AND RT. 23 BANNER

Administrator Hartman stated tonight we received an application for temporary banner signs which Building Commissioner Shull has for review for three locations and over Rt. 23 to advertise this non-profit event. He received the banner application tonight along with a request to waive the \$75 fee.

Commissioner Shull stated the signs are for a special event so Council approval is required. The three locations they wish to place the signs are: in front of Lindow's, the Marengo Convenient Mart and Creekside Marathon. The signs can be displayed July 1-15th per Commissioner Shull.

Administrator Hartman couldn't recall the \$75 banner fee being waived before. The fee helps offset costs associated in putting up the banner across Rt.23, but it was up to the members if they wanted to waive it.

Alderman Bradbury wanted to know if they would be setting precedence if it were to be waived. She was advised the members would have to look at each request individually.

Alderman Bradbury then made a motion to waive the \$75 fee and to approve the three temporary signs. The motion was seconded by Alderman Secor and passed with an aye voice vote from Alderman: Trainor, Smith, Secor, Bradbury and Mayor Lockhart.

ORDINANCE 07-6-4-AMENDING CHAPTER 2.09 OF THE MARENGO MUNICIPAL CODE TO CREATE ATRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE COUNCL ASSIGNMENT

Mayor Lockhart stated he is the one who has requested the above mentioned change. He had appointed an ad hoc committee for transportation. He felt it was extremely important for the future of the City to have this committee in place for our long term goals and growth so he was asking them for their support and adopt this ordinance.

June 25, 2007, Council Minutes

He thanked Dorothy Otis, Pat Shelton, John Jennings, Beverly Merz-Booker and Steve Weskerna for all their help as they devoted a lot of time and effort for this committee.

Alderman Trainor felt this committee was critical for future development but she had a concern that there are eight aldermen that are already split up on a committee in addition to their other Council responsibilities. She felt they might spread themselves so thin that they would not be able to give it the dedication it deserves. She would like him to consider appointing maybe one or two aldermen and ad hoc committee members to it as well as the EDC has no aldermen on it as it consists of people from the community and she felt it has been a very effective committee.

Administrator Hartman wanted to draw the member's attention to the revised agenda supplement which had the full copy of the ordinance for their review and consideration as there was an omission of sections 2-4 which is standard language. However, they had received the "meat" of the ordinance in their packet.

Mayor Lockhart asked our attorney to see what the requirement was and if a committee must be formed with only aldermen. The attorney stated he would look into this and let the members know as soon as he was able to confirm the information.

DISPATCH FEE DISCUSSION

As stated earlier, this item was removed from the agenda. It will be on the July 9, 2007, agenda.

RESOLUTION 07-6-C-AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL TO TAKE POSSESSION OF UNCLAIMED PROPERTY FOR DISPOSAL

Alderman Smith wanted to know if any of the items listed as "surplus property" could be donated to various organizations that could put the items to good use. Mayor Lockhart stated it was a good idea, however, we would run into problems by doing so as we have to follow State Statutes.

Our attorney advised the document cites State Statute that allows the transfer of custody of this unclaimed property to the City. There is another step that has to take place which that of the City disposing the property. This can be done by selling it through a public auction/bid.

Tonight the members could do the transfer from the Police Department to the City and then the City could look at other options in terms of disposition of the actual property. They could do this at a separate meeting as they would have to specifically determine how to handle it and what the other options are. It is a statutory requirement that we have to keep these "lost" items 6 months before we can "dispose" them.

Alderman Trainor made a motion to adopt the resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Council members to take possession of unclaimed property for disposal; seconded by Alderman Secor. The motion passed with an aye voice vote from Mayor Lockhart and Alderman: Smith, Trainor, Secor and Bradbury.

OLD BUSINESS

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION BUSINESS INCENTIVE PLAN

David Ross, EDC Coordinator, stated the purpose coming before them tonight was to keep them posted as to what is happening and where they were in the process for the Business Incentive Program in Marengo.

The Business Retention and Expansion Committee at their meeting made some headway on the program. This committee recommended to the full EDC a Property Tax Abatement Program, a Sales Tax Rebate Program and consideration of Industrial Revenue Bonds. The EDC approved the plan at their June 19th meeting.

To be eligible for that incentive, the business entity must meet 2 of the three criteria which would be the creation of at least 5 new full time equivalent jobs within the first full year of the project; or paying at least \$12 per hour average for the net new jobs created; or make a minimum capital investment of \$200,000 within the first full year of the project.

June 25, 2007, Council Minutes

In addition to these three major incentives, they are recommending these programs get reviewed on a periodical basis to update the numbers, etc. every two years.

They are also recommending the City consider implementing some sort of business license program for a minimum fee. The intent is not to collect revenue for the City but to have some mechanism whereby the EDC and City would know what businesses, including home based businesses, are operating in the community. They have talked to Administrator Hartman who has implemented a licensing program in the past.

With reference to the Property Tax Abatement Program he thought the members were thinking positively the last time the EDC meet with them to implement this program. They have spoken to the two school districts and they are on board in principal. They made a presentation to the Park District and he believed they were on board in terms of the principal of the idea but they need to see the final figures before making a final acknowledgement.

At the TIF Joint Review Board meeting where all of the taxing districts should be present, they will go before them and ask for their participation in the form of a resolution for a Tax Abatement Program.

At the EDCs June 19th meeting, they recommended the City offer a three year tax abatement to the WHG Company, LLC who is proposing to build a hotel in Marengo. The purpose of the abatement would be to promote the economic feasibility of developing, constructing and maintaining a 30 + room hotel on lot 2 in the NWCC Business Park.

If the members approve the three year abatement, a 1.6 million dollar project the abatement amount would be \$2,665.00 for the first year approximately and the City would receive approximately \$296.00. The second year the abatement would be about \$1,865.00, the City would receive roughly \$1,243.00. The third year abatement would be \$979.00 and the City would receive about \$2,285.00. These numbers include an increase of approximately 5% of the valuation of the property per year.

There would also be a clause stating that if for whatever reason the business leaves within the three year abatement period, we would get our money back or at least a portion of it back. Likewise, the recommended abatement would include a clause prohibiting the entity from protesting their taxes for the period of the abatement. After the abatement period is over, they may protest the tax amount.

The Sales Tax Rebate Policy would apply to a small retail business not a big enough project for the Tax Abatement Program. They might be renting the property and in the first year when the sales tax is collected say on \$100,000, we get back a \$1,000 (1%). Their proposal has we rebate a portion of that sales tax with the same stipulation as we have on the Property Tax Abatement that if they were to pull out, we want our money back as these are incentives to create prosperous businesses.

Industrial Revenue Bonds are a means of financing industrial development. Through the Illinois Finance Authority or any number of bond issuing companies, if a City determines they would like to have a project built, that City would essentially pass a resolution stating this is a good project and would recommend the Illinois Finance Authority or bondsman, that revenue bonds be issued to that company.

The City does not make a loan or have the liability for the loan; however, when the development is built, the City owns that property and equipment. The company will amortize and pay the bonds off like a mortgage. At the end of the twenty year bonding period, a ceremony is held and the City who "owns" the property and equipment, sells it to the company for one dollar.

If the company falters within the twenty year period, the City can get the property and sell it to another buyer so there is no liability. This is merely a means for the company to obtain financing at a lesser cost.

June 25, 2007, Council Minutes

The Illinois Finance Authority or the bonding reps have the responsibility/ due diligence to verify what the company purchases and the condition of the purchases, etc. and to make sure the record/house keeping is up to date and confirm what that company says they have is what they actually have.

Our attorney advised the City would get an opinion from bond counsel who would then attest to that everything being done is appropriate and consistent with what State Statute allows to be done. The bond companies have malpractice insurance for that purpose. It is something that is significantly looked at in great detail.

Mr. Ross stated the City's involvement is limited yet very important because the City would have to recommend issuance of these bonds and tonight the EDC was looking for commitment to proceed with drawing up an ordinance and proceed to offer a three year property tax abatement to WHG Company, Ltd.

It was the consensus of the members to have the EDC proceed with the above mentioned property tax abatement and come back before them with an ordinance that contained more specific information.

Mayor Lockhart then went back to item f regarding the amending of Chapter 2.09 for the Transportation Committee.

Our attorney stated the ordinance provides for the Standing Committees be made up of aldermen who are the elected officials. So, they are looking at having members of the corporate authorities serve in these committees as a standing committee. Mayor Lockhart said, "Well obviously anybody is welcomed to help them with input and so forth."

Mayor Lockhart asked if there was a motion to approve this. Alderman Bradbury made a motion to approve Ordinance 07-6-4 to amend Chapter 2.09 to create a Transportation Committee; seconded by Alderman Smith. The motion passed with an aye voice vote from Mayor Lockhart and Alderman: Bradbury, Smith, Secor and Trainor.

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING EXPANSION OF US RT. 20 TO INCLUDE A CENTER TURN LANE

As directed by the members at the June 11th meeting, the resolution to include a center turn lane on Rt. 20 was "retooled" to include specific delineation of the center turn lane to include center turn lanes from Prospect Street eastward and from West Street to Thorne Road.

Alderman Bradbury stated after the last discussion, she took it upon herself to call the Police Dept., the Rescue Squad and the Fire Dept. to find out what their thoughts were on the widening of Rt. 20 since they kept on saying it was for safety. She gave a copy of the letter she received from the Rescue Squad on their stance of this issue to the members. She has not heard anything back yet from the Police & Fire Depts.

Alderman Smith thought it would prudent on their part to wait and vote on this after they receive the Police and Fire Depts. thoughts on this issue. Mayor Lockhart tabled this until we are in receipt of these letters.

GRAND POINTE HOMES DEVELOPMENT FEE DISCUSSION

Administrator Hartman advised there was nothing formally to discuss regarding the fee consideration. This issue is wrapped upon the Rt. 20 construction project in a partnership with Marengo Market Place. He was pleased to report there was a very productive meeting last Thursday on this issue. It ended up with Marengo Market Place providing actual construction costs that have been forwarded to Baxter & Woodman for their review.

From these numbers, Baxter & Woodman will determine what the recapture value of these improvements will be. We have agreed essentially to a formula for cost share. The recapture values are critical because they essentially represent the value into the project.

June 25, 2007, Council Minutes

Marengo Market Place wants to assign their recapture value to Grand Pointe Homes. Grand Pointe Homes then can use that as an asset to help finance the Rt. 20 improvements. So instead of collecting recapture for George Street for Marengo Market Place, Grand Pointe Homes would be entitled to that money.

There is a conceptual agreement worked out. Administrator Hartman felt everyone realizes where we are, where we need to go and what the respective obligations were. He has given direction to the City engineer to get this done ASAP so we can move forward and conceptualize all the obligations that are outstanding into an agreement. Our attorney will be working with their attorney to structure this agreement.

Our attorney stated he had received a letter from the attorney from Marengo Market Place who also felt it was a very positive meeting and they were all hoping to resolve this issue.

AGREEMENT BETWEEN NORTHWEST CENTER FOR COMMERCE AND THE CITY OF MARENGO FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A SIGN ON PUBLIC PROPERTY

Per the direction at the last meeting, our attorney inserted some language in the agreement in respect to non-compliance to insure the party responsible would reimburse the City if we would have to maintain the property.

After our attorney advised where the language was inserted and what it meant, Alderman Smith made a motion to authorize the execution of the agreement between Herb Franks, Helen Lindow and the City of Marengo for the installation of a sign on City property. It was seconded by Alderman Secor and passed with an aye voice vote from Alderman: Smith, Bradbury, Trainor, Secor and Mayor Lockhart.

MAYOR'S STATEMENTS AND REPORT

Mayor Lockhart had nothing to report but wished everyone a happy Fourth of July. He also believes Marengo is moving forward as they are starting to get things in place for future developments.

DEPARTMENT HEAD AND STAFF REPORTS

CITY ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Mr. Blakemore updated the members on the Utility Tax Audit. According to Nicor, of the 357 addresses submitted to them, 269 don't have natural gas service. We are in the process of verifying the list to confirm whether or not the address has service. We are still waiting to hear from ComEd.

Last week Mr. Blakemore attended an informational meeting for the Northern Illinois Commuter Train Initiative. They plan on endorsing a preferred route sometime in fall. They have narrowed it down to two bus routes and 2 commuter train routes. Marengo is on the northern route which would run through Huntley, Union, Marengo and Belvidere. The line through Marengo would be more of a commuter line.

He anticipates we will be sending out a proposal request for services for a Land Planning Study for the RTAP Grant late summer or early fall. It will focus primarily on the potential stationery area (what development would be around it) and what we would want the station to look like, etc. It would be like a sub-area plan for this corridor.

Mr. Blakemore advised Alderman Trainor since the company who is doing the Utility Tax Audit doesn't have any staff out in this area, they requested if possible, we go and check out a couple of these 269 addresses that NiCor states do not have natural gas service.

Alderman Trainor felt it was important we document this because anytime the administrator and his assistant spend time on it, it costs the City. By keeping track of it, we can see what our costs are compared to what our revenue is that we are getting back because this could be a very minimal profit to us and maybe it would be outweighed by our investment of labor. Administrator Hartman stated this will surely be done and he will also make estimates of the time that was put in when this process started to see if this was worth our effort.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

June 25, 2007, Council Minutes

The Building Dept. submitted a written report for the packet and orally it was reported today Commissioner Shull conducted a soil erosion control inspection at Brookside Meadows, Phase 3. All the roads are in and there is building activity going on there. There are some sensitive wetland areas here we need to pay particular attention to so he is trying to be proactive and he was glad to see that the soil erosion control measures are working.

New to their packet this time was a Code Enforcement Log. He stated this report may change in time. He stated there is a lot of ground out there to cover as weeds and grass are growing like crazy this year. If anyone has an address that needs attention, please let the department know so they can look into it. This is just a part time position so it will take time to implement. They have seen some progress but there is a long way to go. He is hoping one day this will become a full time position. If anyone has any suggestions/ideas with what they would like to see in future packets, they are to feel free to contact Marianne or him.

The demolition contractor was at the Building Dept. last week for the Floit site going over the perimeters with Marianne and Supt. Craney. He anticipates more activity on this within the next week or two.

Commissioner Shull will get with Deputy Chief Hallman to see what the Police Dept. has done with a complaint they received about a "For Sale" car that has been sitting on the southeast corner of Rt. 23 & Courtney for more than 72 hours.

PUBLIC WORKS

Written reports were submitted by the WWTP, the Street Dept. and the Water Dept.

Supt. Craney reported the repaving on Rt. 20 will start on the 29th so it will probably be one lane road through town making it more congested than what it already is; the press was at the WWTP to do a follow up story on the odor control and it should be in tomorrow's paper; the Street Dept. is working on Railroad St. and he hoped by next year they will have a paver as this is very tedious work; he has been working with Brackmann's for a LOC reduction and he has been working on an easement west of Thorne Road from ComEd for sewer and water.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Deputy Chief Hallman submitted several reports for their review. He advised the department has received a request for additional police coverage for the St. Baldrick's event. Due to the fact the department is seeing more requests from various organizations for additional police coverage, he was wondering if they wanted to formalize something because they are talking about public tax dollars. They are hiring back officers and paying them at time and a half as the department just doesn't have the staff to man the additional coverage requests. The department is looking for direction from the members regarding this.

He stated at this St. Baldrick's Event it is unknown as to how many people are actually going to show up as there are estimates from the hundreds to the thousands. He was aware they are going to provide a lot of their own security but if they are parking people on both sides of Rt. 23, there are issues of getting people safely across the highway, etc. He would not be comfortable with having less than 2 uniform officers there.

He informed the member's what the P.D. has done for Settler's Days the last 20 some years as far as charging them for some of their services. He said, "What I'm proposing, we can separate out if the City wants to do this, for tracking purposes to see how much time we are actually devoting to these events." They have had requests from "Day in the Park", from the "Putt-Putt" event downtown and as we continue to grow, he felt they would be receiving more requests for additional police coverage. Some municipalities formalize this and actually have them send in a formal request and have a charge back in time. He didn't know, however, if this was the direction the members would want to go.

Our attorney was aware that Woodstock and the Sheriff's Dept. had something like this in place. Mayor Lockhart thought they should at least look into this and believed the P.D. should chart this time as this was overtime that they had no control over.

June 25, 2007, Council Minutes

Deputy Chief Hallman stated they have always charted their time for Settler's Days and Supt. Craney stated they have kept track several times as to the number of additional hours his employees have worked.

It was determined for safety purposes, the P.D. should have someone at the St. Baldrick's Event.

ENGINEERING REPORT

Written reports were submitted by Baxter & Woodman. Mr. Gavle gave background information on the problem we had with the turbulence in our water distribution system, what they did to help deter this from happening and explained how our system is set up to control the water level in the water tower.

Recently there was a sharp drop again and there was an increase in the rate of flow coming from well #6's pump. This pump pumps about 1,000 gallons per minute. During this time period, it looked like it went up to 1,200 gallons per minute. Pumps are design to pump against a certain pressure so if you are pumping against a fairly stable pressure, the rate of flow out of that pump remains stable. An increase in the pump discharge indicates that the head, the pressure it was pumping against, dropped.

They made some estimates what quantity of water appears to have left the system and are trying to figure out where it went because if there is a high demand user that occasionally grabs some a significant amount of water from the system or if it was something else.

Mr. Gavle thought City staff was out flushing watermains late in April or early May which is an important operational thing for the distribution system to keep moving the sediment and solids out of the mains and get it discharged so it doesn't cause problems.

Mr. Gavle stated they are going to continue working on this problem as they have to figure out where this water is so this doesn't have to happen at all. This incident confirmed the problem is not just an electronic issue as something else is actually happening in the system and this is what they are trying to find out.

Supt. Craney said he thought he knew of a couple companies who use a lot of water and he could ask them if possibly they used excess water on that particular occasion.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR

Administrator Hartman submitted a written report and orally reported he had a meeting regarding Seven Oaks. This project has been put on hold by their own accord. It is going to come back to the members as they are moving forward with the annexation agreement. However, there is a snag as they presented a revised plan that realigns the road and contains other changes. Part of the change is the addition of about thirty units.

In talking to Attorney Cope, they are trying to determine how this is going to be construed because he feels this is not a minor change to the plan so the question is, does it have to go back to the PZC? He is leaning toward it going back to the PZC. PZC made the recommendation for approval for two hundred sixty some units. The members have the authority to approve minor changes but the addition of these additional units in his mind is not a minor change.

CITY ATTORNEY

The attorney had nothing to report.

ADJOURNMENT

With there being no need for an Executive Session and no further business for discussion, Mayor Lockhart asked for a motion to adjourn the June 25, 2007, Marengo City Council meeting at 8:45 p.m. Alderman Secor so moved; seconded by Alderman Bradbury. The motion passed with a unanimous aye voice vote.

Submitted by: Theresa A. Hoschouer,
City Clerk