

**MARENGO CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Marengo Council Chambers
132 E. Prairie St.
Marengo, IL 60152
July 12, 2010

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Donald Lockhart called the July 12, 2010 Regular Meeting of the City Council to order at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Donald Lockhart led everyone present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

PUBLIC HEARING – 2010/2011 APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE

Carlos Arevalo opened the Public Hearing for public comments. There were no comments. Alderman Steve DiMaria made a motion, seconded by Alderman Todd Hall, to close the Public Hearing on the 2010/2011 Appropriations Ordinance. The motion passed with an aye vote by Aldermen: Signore, DiMaria, Hall, Smith, Secor, Bartman and Brackmann.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Alderman Pat Signore made a motion, seconded by Alderman Mike Secor, to approve the minutes of the June 28, 2010 meeting. The motion passed with an aye vote by Aldermen: Brackmann, DiMaria, Hall, Bartman, Smith, Secor, and Signore.

CONSENT AGENDA

a. List of Bills

Alderman Michael Smith questioned a charge for direct deposits. City Administrator Deborah Nier explained that it is now the bank policy to charge for direct deposits. Alderman Carole Bartman questioned the premium indicated in the list of bills for workers compensation. Deborah Nier answered that the payment was a monthly payment.

(Alderman Michael Smith exited the meeting at 7:05 p.m.)

Alderman Steve DiMaria made a motion, seconded by Alderman Todd Hall, to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed with an aye vote by Aldermen: Bartman, Brackmann, DiMaria, Signore, Hall, and Secor.

NEW BUSINESS

a. City Logo Presentation by TSC North America

Penny and Jill, representing TSC North America, discussed the various options previously given to the Aldermen for the possible new city logo.

(Alderman Michael Smith re-entered the meeting at 7:17 p.m.)

b. Business Incentive Agreement – Joe’s Place.

Per the request of several Aldermen, this item was removed from the agenda this evening.

c. Review and Discussion of Draft TIF Maps

Joshua Blakemore went over the draft on the two TIF maps. The eastern map is complete with the exception of a possible new proposed location for a hotel. Tom Williams, 1279 Tara Drive, Woodstock, is the owner of the property that is being considered. Part of the land is not currently included in the TIF map, and is not annexed into the City of Marengo at this time. Mr. Williams is starting the annexation process to bring that property into the City limits, and is requesting this additional acreage be considered for inclusion in the TIF district.

Alderman Michael Smith asked Joshua Blakemore various questions on properties being shown on the downtown TIF map. Discussion then went back to the eastern TIF district. Mr. Williams stated that if needed, his attorney was Mark Gummerson.

d. 2010/2011 Appropriations Ordinance

Deborah Nier reviewed the process of this ordinance with the Aldermen. This Appropriations Ordinance is not the guiding document for internal budgetary practices, but is the document that establishes (for the State of Illinois requirements) the legal spending parameters for the year of 2010/2011.

Alderman Carole Bartman made a motion, seconded by Aldermen Mike Secor, to approve the 2010/2011 Appropriations Ordinance. The motion passed with an aye vote by Aldermen: Smith, Brackmann, Signore, DiMaria, Bartman, Hall, and Secor.

e. Ordinance Correcting the Legal Description for Ordinance 91-11-2 with Respect to Annexation of Carmichael Construction Property.

Joshua Blakemore explained the need to adopt this ordinance. It was found that part of the property was not annexed into the City of Marengo when the rest of the property was. This will correct the legal description.

Alderman Carole Bartman made a motion, seconded by Alderman Pat Signore, to approve the Ordinance Correcting the Legal Description for Ordinance 91-11-2. The motion passed with an aye vote by Aldermen: Hall, DiMaria, Smith, Brackmann, Secor, Signore, and Bartman.

f. Ordinance Amending Certain Sections of Chapter 37, Simplified Municipal Telecommunications Tax, of the Marengo Municipal Code

Attorney Arevalo explained that the City had received a request from the Department of Revenue on the revisions of the original amendment that was made to the Municipal Telecommunications Tax, whereby they requested additional revisions be included to the ordinance. These revisions do not have any effect on the assessment of the telecommunications tax that took effect on July 1, 2010.

Alderman Pat Signore made a motion, seconded by Alderman Steve DiMaria, to approve the Ordinance Amending Certain Sections of Chapter 37, Simplified Municipal Telecommunications Tax of the Marengo Municipal Code. The motion passed with an aye vote by Aldermen: DiMaria, Signore, Secor, Bartman, Brackmann, Hall, and Smith.

g. Financial Report dated June 2010

Deborah Nier reviewed the information shown on the financial report for June 2010, and answered questions from the Aldermen.

OLD BUSINESS

a. Ad hoc Dispatch Committee Report

Carole Bartman discussed the various options that were presented at the committee meeting of 7-6-10. Expenses to operate the Dispatch Center for last year were \$431,000.00, with income of \$40,000.00. The City has budgeted \$452,000.00 for this year. There is a current amount owed on our existing equipment of \$61,000.00. Three (3) alternatives were discussed at this meeting. Marengo Police Department calls numbered 4,600 annual calls.

The first was to join SECOM at a tentative 12-month cost of \$250,000.00. This quote is for Marengo Police Department calls only. This would be a 3-year contract.

This option would save the City of Marengo about \$162,000.00 a year.

The second option was to join with Lake-in-the-Hills at a tentative 12-month cost of \$150,500.00. This would be a 5-year contract. This again, would only involve the Marengo Police Department calls. They currently do not handle any Fire or Rescue Squad calls but would also handle Union Police Department calls on a separate contract. Currently they do the Huntley Police and the Fox River Grove Police. This option would save the City of Marengo about \$255,000 a year over what we are paying now. Alderman Hall ran some figures on this option and found that this savings would be 6.6 % of our yearly revenue. This is a huge, huge number. They are already our back-up if we go down.

The third option would be to look at establishing a totally new entity with other municipalities (City of Marengo Police and Fire, and also Huntley Fire Department). There are no costs on this option at this time. We would have to (1) hire a consultant, (2) determine the costs of the equipment involved and (3) determine where everything would be housed. We do not have the space to expand the services in our present building.

Chief Bob Bradbury, of the Marengo Fire Department, spoke about conversations he has had with other departments and the costs involved in setting up a new entity. The tentative costs were \$45,000 for each dispatcher (6 full-time) and he estimated the cost to the City to be 1/3 owner at \$200,000.00.

The next meeting for this committee is scheduled for the week of the July 19th.

(Alderman Steve DiMaria left the meeting at 8:50 p.m.)

MAYOR'S STATEMENTS AND REPORTS.

None.

(Alderman Steve DiMaria re-entered the meeting at 8:52 p.m.)

DEPARTMENT HEAD AND STAFF REPORTS

Jayson Shull, Building Commissioner

The CDC will be a meeting on the 22nd of July to discuss various items, including the sign ordinance.

Joshua Blakemore, Assistant to the City Administrator

Spoke on the new lease for the tenant at 837 W. Grant Hwy. He is adding Country Barns being sold from that location, as well as the current utility trailers.

Deputy Chief Joseph Hallman, Marengo Police Department

Presented information on what would be involved to convert the police chief's car to be used for general patrol purposes, as well as a breakdown of each vehicle and their individual mileage. Discussed the possibility of leasing a vehicle, rather than purchasing one.

Deborah Nier, City Administrator. No report this evening.

Carlos Arevalo, City Attorney. No report this evening.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Lockhart advised the Council members that the Council would be going into Executive Session for the purpose of Personnel and Collective bargaining.

Deputy Chief Joseph Hallman requested to speak to the Council during Executive Session on the issue of Personnel.

Alderman Steve DiMaria made a motion, seconded by Alderman Todd Hall, to recess and go into Executive Session. The motion passed with an aye vote by Aldermen: Secor, DiMaria, Brackmann, Smith, Bartman, Signore and Hall.

The Regular Meeting recessed at 9:08 p.m.

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The Regular Meeting reconvened at 9:34 p.m.

Mayor Donald Lockhart called the meeting back to order.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Action on items discussed in Executive Session with Respect to Teamsters Local 726 Collecting Bargaining Agreement.**

Alderman Corey Brackmann made a motion, seconded by Alderman Mike Secor, to impose the contract as drafted between the City of Marengo, and the State and Municipal Teamsters and Chauffeurs Union, the International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local 726 for a 3-year period of May 1, 2008 to April 30, 2011. The motion passed with an aye vote by Aldermen: Bartman, Hall, Smith, Secor, Brackmann, DiMaria and Signore.

**ADJOURNMENT.**

There was no further business to come before the Council this evening. Alderman Pat Signore made a motion, seconded by Alderman Michael Smith, to adjourn. The motion passed with a voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 9:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Constance J. Boxleitner  
City Clerk