

**MARENGO CITY COUNCIL**  
**Special City Council Meeting Minutes**  
Marengo Council Chambers  
132 E. Prairie Street  
Marengo, IL 60152  
September 13, 2010

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Donald Lockhart called the Special Meeting of the City Council to order at 6:30 P.M.

**ROLL CALL**

Present at this meeting are Mayor Donald Lockhart, Alderman Pat Signore, Mike Secor, Carole Bartman, Steve DiMaria and Corey Brackmann. Also present are Chief Martin Podosek, Deputy Chief Hallman, City Administrator Deborah Nier, Assistant Administrator Joshua Blakemore, Building Commissioner Jayson Shull and City Engineer David Johanson. Absent at this meeting are Aldermen Michael Smith, Todd Hall and Erik DeBoer.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Dane Checolinski, from the EDC, introduced Marlene Slavin, Steve DiMaria, Randy Donley and Bonnie Leahy as members of the Marengo-Union Tourism Committee. The purpose of this special meeting is to give the City Council a look at what this Committee is hoping to accomplish. The Committee showed a power point presentation and explained the new website that the Committee is working on. The website will have various options for connecting to things to do around the Marengo-Union area.

(Alderman Todd Hall entered the meeting at 6:40 P.M.)

The Committee will be presenting information in the form of handouts during Settlers' Days. There will also be "rack cards" for display at rest areas.

Specific areas that will be marketed will be area museums, agri-farms, campgrounds, golf courses, and restaurants.

(Alderman Michael Smith entered the meeting at 6:44 P.M.)

The EDC, Marengo Main Street and the Chamber of Commerce founded the group. Current members are the City of Marengo, Village of Union, McHenry County Conservation District, Donley's Wild West Town, Railway Museum, The Growing Scene, McCann's Berry Farm, Café 20, Glo-Bowl and the Marengo Ridge Golf Course.

This group was organized in the Spring of 2010, and has been growing ever since. The website was started in June, and there were over 3,000 hits in the first month.

The Committee will be coming before the City Council in the next month or so to discuss adding some "gate way" signage for the routes coming into town and leaving town. They

would like to expand the existing sign on the east end of town (on Route 20), and will be asking for permission to erect a sign by the existing sign thanking visitors for coming to Marengo – or something to that effect. The sign would include the tourism logo. Dimensions would be 46” x 72” – the same size as the one current sign. It will be paid for by the Committee, and they would see that it was installed properly. This will be at no cost to the City of Marengo.

Alderman Steve DiMaria made a motion, seconded by Alderman Mike Secor, to adjourn the Special meeting. The motion passed with an aye vote by Aldermen: Smith, Brackmann, Hall, Bartman, DiMaria, Secor and Signore.

The meeting adjourned at 6:52 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Constance J. Boxleitner  
City Clerk