

**MARENGO CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
Marengo Council Chambers  
132 E. Prairie St.  
Marengo, IL 60152  
October 26, 2009**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Donald Lockhart called the October 26, 2009 regular meeting of the Marengo City Council to order at 7:00 pm.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Lockhart led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

Present for this meeting were Mayor Donald Lockhart, Aldermen: Carole Bartman, Corey Brackmann, Eric DeBoer, Mike Secor, Pat Signore, Todd Hall and Steve DiMaria. Also present were Attorney Carlos Arevalo, City Administrator Deborah Nier, Assistant to the Administrator Joshua Blakemore, Chief of Police Martin Podosek, Superintendent of Public Works Jim Craney, Building Commissioner Jayson Shull and City Engineer David Johanson. Alderman Michael Smith was absent.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the October 12<sup>th</sup> meeting were reviewed. Alderman Carole Bartman corrected one area of the minutes – page 4 “The Council approved a liquor license for...” Alderman Mike Secor made a motion, seconded by Alderman Carole Bartman, to approve the minutes as corrected. The motion passed with an aye vote by Aldermen: Brackmann, DiMaria, DeBoer, Hall, Bartman, Secor and Signore.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. **List of Bills**
- b. **Ordinance Declaring Certain City Property as Surplus**
- c. **Revolving Loan Fund Committee Appointments**

Mayor Lockhart amended the list of names on item C – to include Douglas Thompson from Castle Bank. Alderman Pat Signore made a motion, seconded by Alderman Mike Secor, to approve the Consent Agenda items, with the correction made on the Revolving Loan Fund Committee Appointments. The motion passed with an aye vote by Aldermen: Bartman, Brackmann, DiMaria, DeBoer, Signore, Hall and Secor.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Randy Wille of the McHenry County Gravel Advisory Committee gave a presentation. He spoke about the various ways that the McHenry County Gravel Committee takes care of the land, both while in use and in reclaiming it afterwards.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**MAYOR'S STATEMENTS AND REPORTS**

Mayor Lockhart thanked Marengo Township for their generous donation to the Police Department. He also wanted to again thank Marengo and Riley Townships for their help with the PACE bus.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD AND STAFF REPORTS**

**Jayson Shull – Building Commissioner**

No written report. There were no questions for him at this meeting.

**Jim Craney – Superintendent of Public Works**

There is still some blacktopping of streets to be finished. Superintendent Craney advised that he was able to purchase salt at a little over \$60 a ton for this year. Salt costs last year were approximately \$158. The cost of Settlers' Days was also discussed.

**Joshua Blakemore – Assistant to the City Administrator.**

The Planning and Zoning Commission meeting that was scheduled to be held last Monday, had to be postponed due to a lack of quorum. It has been rescheduled for November. There are 2 petitions to be discussed at this meeting.

**Martin Podosek – Chief of Police.**

The projects and initiatives report has already been given to the Council members. The Chief updated on a meeting with the Marengo Township where the Department received a \$7,500 donation from the Township to the Marengo Police Department for equipment purchases – as well as the DARE program. Chief Podosek has received verification from the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority (on Friday) that the grant he had applied for has been approved in the amount of \$7,500. It is to be used for equipment purchases. The Chief will meet with Senior Citizens to discuss identity theft.

**David Johanson – City Engineer.**

City Engineer Johanson updated the Council that the survey for Prospect Street has been completed. All the fieldwork for that is done.

**Deborah Nier – City Administrator.**

The E.D.C. has made a request to amend the Mannheim Solutions Agreement – to an “as needed basis.” The savings would allow them to hire a part time person to be in the office to answer phones, etc. This new agreement will amend the fee from a flat \$75 per hour – for a guaranteed 5 hours a month to the new fee of \$100 per hour on an as needed basis. She attended two of Officer Waller's DARE classes at Zion School and found them to be very enjoyable. She would encourage anyone to attend and see the great inter-action between the Officer and the students and the things they are being taught and the awareness being made about substance abuse.

**Carlos Arevalo – City Attorney.** No report.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There is no need to have an Executive Session this evening.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There was no further business to come before the Council. Alderman Steve DiMaria made a motion, seconded by Alderman Todd Hall, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed with an aye voice vote by all aldermen present.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Constance J Boxleitner  
City Clerk