

**MARENGO CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
Marengo Council Chambers  
132 E. Prairie St.  
Marengo, IL 60152  
November 8, 2010**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Donald B. Lockhart called the November 8, 2010 Regular Meeting of the City Council to order at 7:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Lockhart led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

This was removed from the agenda.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**a. List of Bills**

Questions on different items on the list of bills were asked, and they were explained.

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

**a. Marengo Union Sports Facility Corporation Presentation**

Mike Fisher spoke to the City Council about the proposed sports facility. A drawing of the area was handed out. Aldermen asked questions on the project, and were answered. This project is still in the planning stages, so a formal request or presentation was not made to the Council.

**b. Authorization to Execute Agreement with SEC Group, an HR Green Company, for Well House Improvements**

Jayson Shull discussed the need to add an 8' x 10' addition to Well House #6, and Well House #7 requires an interior block wall within the existing floor plan for the separation of chemicals. There are 5 different chemicals injected into the water for treatment, and the chlorine should be separated from the rest for safety purposes. The agreement with SEC Group will authorize them to design and administer the project.

Alderman Michael Smith made a motion, seconded by Alderman Mike Secor, to enter into an agreement for project #86100200.01 with SEC, Inc. to design and administer approval for the water system chemical room separations as presented in the attached scope of services agreement for time (75 hours) and materials not to exceed \$10,500. The motion passed with an aye vote by Aldermen: Bartman, Smith, Brackmann, DiMaria, DeBoer, Signore, Hall and Secor.

**c. Boundary Agreement with the Village of Hampshire**

Deborah Nier, City Administrator, reviewed the information that had been discussed at the last Council meeting. David Johanson, Deborah Nier, and Mayor Lockhart answered the questions posed by the Aldermen.

Alderman Steve DiMaria made a motion, seconded by Alderman Todd Hall, to accept the Boundary Agreement between the City of Marengo and the Village of Hampshire. The motion passed with an aye vote by Aldermen: Signore, Secor, Hall, DiMaria, Bartman, DeBoer and Smith. Alderman Corey Brackmann voted no on this motion.

Alderman Michael Smith requested that Staff be given direction to “strike up talks with Genoa” to determine where our Southern border is. Alderman Todd Hall requested the same from Huntley.

**d. Ordinance Reaffirming Tax Increment Financing Interested Parties Registries and Rules for Such Registries**

The next step in the TIF implementation process that is required by State Statute is setting up rules and guidelines for “interested parties” for each of the TIF Districts. This will be a registry and will allow all parties interested in the TIF implementation process to be added to the registry. This registry will be used by the City to inform any “interested parties” of any actions that occur during the implementation process.

Alderman Carole Bartman made a motion, seconded by Alderman Mike Secor, to reaffirm Ordinance 07-5-4. The motion passed with an aye vote by Aldermen: Smith, Brackmann, Signore, DiMaria, Bartman, Hall, Secor and DeBoer.

**e. 2010/2011 Budget Report**

Deborah Nier, City Administrator, reviewed the report for month ending October 2010. The City is 6 months through the fiscal year. The budget is holding it's own at this time. The Departments are doing an excellent job of maintaining their expenditures.

Aldermen Pat Signore made the request that when it was time to work on the budget for next year, that it be a project for the Committee of the Whole, and not just the Finance Committee.

With the information that would be gathered at the time the budget was set up, hopefully fewer questions would come about later on.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**MAYOR'S STATEMENT AND REPORT**

Mayor Lockhart will be attending the Veterans Day Program at the high school this week.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD AND STAFF REPORTS**

**Jayson Shull – Building Commissioner.**

51 warning violations were handed out on motor homes following a zoning sweep that was done. 50 complied right away – 1 citation was issued, and then they complied, so the fine was waived. They also enforced signs on streets and banners. Building Commissioner Shull is working with the County on the adoption of the McHenry County Hazard Mitigation Plan. CDC meeting will be on Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall. Alderman DiMaria inquired about the new IEPA grants that might be available for the work on Telegraph Street. The City Engineer stated that the City was not in an area that was eligible for those grants.

**Jim Craney – Superintendent of Public Works.**

The crew is still playing “catch up.” He walked Ann Street with NiCor, and they agreed to not dig up the street. The paving on Prairie Street, is coming along. Flags will be put up for Veterans Day. Christmas Decorations will be put up after Thanksgiving. Brush pick up is a little behind, but will continue to do their best to get the projects done. Alderman DiMaria asked about the sidewalk in front of Dollar General. Jim will put together the cost of having the City crew do the work and having the project outsourced.

**Joshua Blakemore – Assistant City Administrator**

The City has received a response from Charter – they have sent an agreement to pay \$160,000 – the City would have to pay Azavar a recovery fee of 50% plus any attorney fees incurred. The tenants have moved into the rental property on 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Josh will work with Anna to get the Amtrak Petition operational for signatures on the website, and make sure that it is displayed at City Hall as well.

**Martin Podosek - Chief of Police**

Chief Podosek answered questions from Aldermen Signore on the Dispatch Center and where that stands at this time. Alderman DiMaria asked if a contingency plan was being worked on, in case there is a loss of employees prior to the transition to Lake in the Hills starting. Chief Podosek said that such a plan was already in place.

**David Johanson, City Engineer**

No formal report. A Settler's Cove question was posed and a partial explanation was given on what was found in their survey of that project. There is a meeting scheduled on Friday to go over their findings with the City Staff.

**Deborah Nier – City Administrator**

Deborah will be meeting on Tuesday with the Community Development Block Grant Committee. They will be discussing the application for sidewalks and sewer lining. The City was advised that both are creditable projects, but the one with the most merit is the sewer line. So we are going to proceed with a Block Grant application for that.

**Carlos Arevalo – City Attorney**

No Report.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Lockhart advised the Council that there would be no Executive Session this evening.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There was no further business to come before the City Council this evening. Alderman Todd Hall made a motion, seconded by Alderman Erik DeBoer, to adjourn. The motion passed with a voice vote by all present.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Constance J. Boxleitner*  
Clerk  
City of Marengo