

Marengo City Council  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
Marengo Council Chambers  
132 E. Prairie St.  
Marengo, IL 60152  
January 23, 2012

**CALL TO ORDER**

Alderman Mike Secor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**ROLL CALL**

Present this evening are Aldermen: Corey Brackmann, Michael Smith, Erik DeBoer, Mike Secor, Pat Signore, Todd Hall and Steve DiMaria. Also present is Attorney Ruth Schlossberg, Acting Chief of Police Joseph Hallman, Public Works/Building Commissioner Jayson Shull, City Administrator Gary Boden, and Asst City Administrator Joshua Blakemore. Absent this evening are Mayor Donald Lockhart and Alderman Carole Bartman.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None.

**APPROVAL OF PRO-TEM CHAIR**

Alderman Pat Signore made a motion, seconded by Alderman Steve DiMaria, to approve Mike Secor to serve as Mayor Pro-Tem for this evening's meeting, in the absence of Mayor Donald Lockhart. The motion passed with a voice vote.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Alderman Corey Brackmann made a motion, seconded by Erik DeBoer, to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes. The motion passed with an aye vote by Aldermen: Smith, Brackmann, DiMaria, DeBoer, Signore, Hall and Secor.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**a. List of Bills**

Alderman Todd Hall made a motion, seconded by Alderman Michael Smith, to approve the Consent Agenda item. The motion passed with an aye vote by Aldermen: Signore, Secor, Hall, Brackmann, DiMaria, DeBoer and Smith.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**a. Discussion and Selection of a Vendor for Municipal Electric Aggregation Project.**

Joshua Blakemore presented information to the Council on options for pursuing the Municipal Electric Aggregation Project. Two options were outlined. The first option would involve waiving the bid process and working with NIMEC. The second option would be to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with MCCG (to be approved at a later date) and work with IEC (Independent Energy Consultants) and the other municipalities in MCCG.

Alderman Michael Smith made a motion, seconded by Alderman Steve DiMaria, for the City of Marengo to go with Option 2 – to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with MCCG and work with IEC and other municipalities in an aggregated fashion. The motion passed with an aye vote by Aldermen: Smith, Brackmann, Signore, DiMaria, Hall, Secor and DeBoer.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**MAYOR'S STATEMENTS AND REPORTS**

None.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD AND STAFF REPORTS**

**Public Works / Building Commissioner, Jayson Shull.** Plow fleet had a couple of breakdowns, nothing major, and repairs are in process. Currently working on the budget. The storage area excavation is proceeding.

**Acting Chief of Police, Joseph Hallman.** Two reports were in the packet. Department did an Alcohol Counter Enforcement Effort last Thursday night. Of the 18 establishments in this jurisdiction, 3 failed. This will be dealt with after Mayor Lockhart returns.

**Assistant City Administrator, Joshua Blakemore.** The City has submitted preliminary applications for a Community Development Block Grant funding. Submitted the same project as last year, and working with the County Staff to try and receive the funding this year. If this specific project is not viable, two other back-up projects were submitted as well. Josh will keep the Council updated on the status. There is a sign-up sheet for the Marengo Expo.

**City Administrator, Gary Boden.** Report was given to Council. Spoke with McMahon & Associates on the status of the Wastewater Treatment Plant Project. Looking at options for possibly downsizing the project. Also discussed payment options that might be available for the residents of the City. First would be to stay with the current fee schedule, and the second would be to phase in a payment schedule as the work progresses.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Alderman Steve DiMaria made a motion, seconded by Alderman Todd Hall, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed with a voice vote by all Aldermen. The meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Constance J Boxleitner*  
City Clerk