

APPROVED
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**Marengo City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes**
City Council Chambers
132 E. Prairie Street
Marengo, IL 60152
March 10, 2014

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Donald B Lockhart called the Regular Meeting of the Marengo City Council to order at 7:01 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chief Joseph Hallman led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present for this meeting are Mayor Donald Lockhart, Aldermen: Carole Bartman, Nicole DeBoer, Todd Hall, Dennis Hammortree, Gretchen Samuelson and Steve Mortensen. Also in attendance are Assistant City Administrator Joshua Blakemore; Chief of Police Joseph Hallman; Public Works Director Jayson Shull; City Attorney Carlos Arevalo; Finance Director Jennifer Snelten and City Engineer Tim Hartnett.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Dave Diamond, Riley Township Highway Commissioner, 602 Bauman Street, spoke about a letter that he submitted to the City Administrator, Mayor and City Council regarding traffic and the design of connector roads between the proposed Pleasant Grove/Park Meadows Development and the Southridge Subdivision.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Alderman Steve Mortensen made a motion, seconded by Alderman Nicole DeBoer, to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2014 Regular Meeting. The motion passed with an aye vote by Aldermen: Samuelson, Mortensen, Bartman, Hall, Hammortree & DeBoer.

Alderman Gretchen Samuelson made a motion, seconded by Alderman Steve Mortensen, to approve the minutes of the February 24, 2014 Regular Meeting. The motion passed with an aye vote by Aldermen: Hall, DeBoer, Mortensen, Hammortree, Samuelson & Bartman.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. **List of Bills**
- b. **Ratification of Authorization to Submit HR Green Invoice to IEPA for Loan Disbursement and Authorize Payment Upon Receipt of Said Disbursement from February 24th Meeting**

Alderman Carole Bartman made a motion, seconded by Alderman Nicole DeBoer to approve the consent agenda as listed. The motion passed with an aye vote by Aldermen: Mortensen, DeBoer, Hall, Bartman, Hammortree and Samuelson.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Presentation by Marengo Radio Station Group**

Mr. Brian Kelly, Marengo Community Radio Board President, gave a presentation about Marengo Community Radio, which has a designated call & frequency of WXMR 94.3. Mr. Kelly also explained the stations financial need for donations including a request to the City for financial assistance. Alderman Bartman suggested revisiting this topic once the upcoming budget has been reviewed.

- b. **Ordinance Amending Chapter 33, Liquor Control and Liquor Licensing, Section 33.07 Classification, Fees, Daily Permit, of the Marengo Municipal Code, by Creating a BYOB permit for the City of Marengo**

Chief Hallman explained the details of the BYOB permit. Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Todd Hall to approve an Ordinance establishing a BYOB Class, with zero current licenses, and amending Chapter 33 of Liquor Control and Liquor Licensing. The motion passed with an aye vote by Aldermen: Samuelson, Hammortree, Hall, Mortensen, Bartman and DeBoer.

c. Ordinance Authorizing the Addition of a Fifteen (15) Minute Restricted Parking Area in the Central Business District- Stonebaker's

Chief Hallman explained the details of the fifteen (15) minute restricted parking area. Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Todd Hall to approve an Ordinance authorizing the addition of a fifteen (15) minute restricted parking area in the central business district – Stonebaker's. The motion passed with an aye vote by Aldermen: Mortensen, Samuelson, Hammortree, Bartman, DeBoer and Hall.

d. Concept Plan Review- Pleasant Grove Estates & Park Meadows

Mr. Jim Condon, with J. Condon & Associates gave a presentation outlining the history of the project and changes made to the Concept Plan that were requested by the Marengo Planning & Zoning Commission at the January 20, 2014 meeting and were then approved by the Commission at the February 25, 2014 meeting to be presented to Council. There was discussion about water/sewer connections and a bike path.

Mayor Lockhart directed the Aldermen to contact Administrator Boden within a few days after this meeting with any recommendations they may have regarding this development.

e. Ordinance Amending Chapter 25, Water & Wastewater Department, of the Marengo Municipal Code, Regarding Water and Sewer Rates

Assistant City Administrator Josh Blakemore explained the Ordinance, which consists of a two step rate increase; the first step being for the May 2014 billing cycle, and the second being for the August 2015 billing cycle. Alderman Carole Bartman made a motion, seconded by Alderman Nicole DeBoer to approve an Ordinance amending Chapter 25, Water & Wastewater Department, of the Marengo Municipal Code, regarding water and sewer rates as reflected in the draft ordinance as presented. The motion passed with aye vote by Aldermen: DeBoer, Mortensen, Bartman, Samuelson and Hall and a no vote by Alderman Hammortree.

DEPARTMENT HEAD AND STAFF REPORT

Public Works Director Jayson Shull gave an update on winter weather, status of the WWTP construction and the frozen water lines. Prospect Street Detour signs are up and construction starts March 24th.

Asst. City Administrator Joshua Blakemore gave an update on the budget 2014/15 budget process.

Finance Director Jennifer Snelten had no further report.

Chief of Police Joseph Hallman had no further report.

City Engineer Tim Hartnett gave an update on the Tollway meeting he attended with IDOT.

City Attorney Carlos Arevalo had no report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Lockhart advised the Council that they would be going into Executive Session for the purpose of Personnel.

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Steve Mortensen, to go to Executive Session for the purpose of Personnel. The motion passed with an aye vote by Aldermen: DeBoer, Bartman, Hall, Hammortree, Mortensen and Samuelson.

The meeting recessed at 8:26 PM

The meeting reconvened at 8:41 PM

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Todd Hall, to adjourn the Regular Meeting. The motion passed with a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Anna Leyrer

Deputy City Clerk