

**Marengo City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
City Council Chambers
132 E. Prairie Street
Marengo, IL 60152
March 24, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Donald B. Lockhart called the March 24, 2014 Regular City Council Meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Gene Boxleitner, a local veteran, led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present this evening are Mayor Donald Lockhart, Aldermen: Carole Bartman, Matt Keenum, Michael Smith, Nicole DeBoer, Dennis Hammortree, Gretchen Samuelson, Todd Hall, and Steve Mortensen. Also present are City Administrator Gary Boden, Assistant City Administrator Joshua Blakemore, Chief of Police Joseph Hallman, Finance Director Jennifer Snelten, Public Works Director Jayson Shull, City Attorney Carlos Arevalo and City Engineer Tim Hartnett.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

APPROVAL OF MINTUES – March 10, 2014 Regular Meeting

Alderman Steve Mortensen made a motion, seconded by Alderman Nicole DeBoer, to approve the minutes of the **March 10, 2014 Regular Meeting**. The motion passed with an aye vote by Aldermen: Mortensen, DeBoer, Hall, Bartman, Smith, Hammortree and Samuelson. Alderman Keenum abstained, as he had not attended that meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. **List of Bills**
- b. **ALS Foundation Tag Drive Request**
- c. **Approval of 2014 Zoning Map Update**

Mayor Lockhart requested that the Consent Agenda list be voted on separately.

Alderman Carole Bartman made a motion, seconded by Alderman Todd Hall, to approve Item A – List of Bills. The motion passed with an aye vote by Aldermen: Bartman, Smith, Keenum, Mortensen, DeBoer, Samuelson, Hall and Hammortree.

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Todd Hall, to approve Item B – ALS Foundation Tag Drive. The motion passed with an aye vote by Aldermen: Samuelson, Hammortree, Hall, Keenum, Mortensen, Bartman, DeBoer and Smith.

Alderman Michael Smith made a motion, seconded by Alderman Nicole DeBoer, to approve Item C – Approval of 2014 Zoning Map Update, with direction being given to the Clerk to publish a notice that the Zoning Map Update is available at City Hall for review. The motion passed with

an aye vote by Aldermen: Smith, Keenum, Samuelson, Mortensen, Bartman, Hall, Hammortree and DeBoer.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Ordinance Amending Chapter 33,07-B, Number of BYOB Permits Issued.

Alderman Gretchen Samuelson excused herself from the room, for this portion of the meeting. She exited the meeting at 7:07 P.M.

Chief of Police Joseph Hallman added information on the business that is currently requesting this special permit – Stonebakers Pizza. Mr. DeRose is making an in-house requirement that alcohol will only be allowed when purchased from Sam’s.

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Matt Keenum, to approve the Ordinance Amending Chapter 33,07-B, Number of BYOB Permits Issued. The motion passed with an aye vote by Aldermen: Hall, DeBoer, Mortensen, Smith, Keenum, Hammortree and Bartman.

Alderman Samuelson returned to the meeting at 7:10 P.M.

b. Ordinance Amending Chapter 43, Offenses Against Public Peace, Safety and Morals, of the Marengo Municipal Code regarding Section 43.05 – Weapons – to Comply with Illinois State Statute.

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Todd Hall, to approve the Ordinance Amending Chapter 43, Offenses Against Public Peace, Safety and Morals, of the Marengo Municipal Code regarding Section 43.05 – Weapons – to comply with Illinois State Statute, and with the wording amended to read “City Law Enforcement Officer”. The motion passed with an aye vote by Aldermen: Mortensen, Samuelson, Hammortree, Bartman, DeBoer, Keenum, Hall and Smith.

c. Authorization to Execute Change Order #2 with Williams Brothers Construction Inc for Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion

The requested change order – for a 90-day extension – is due to the severe cold temperatures that the City experienced, leading the contractor to be unable to perform any digging or trenching due to the frost conditions.

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Steve Mortensen, for authorization to Execute Change Order #2 with Williams Brothers Construction Inc for Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion, due to weather conditions. The motion passed with an aye vote by Aldermen: Hammortree, DeBoer, Mortensen, Keenum, Smith, Bartman, Samuelson and Hall.

d. Review of Draft FY 2014/2015 Water & Sewer Fund Budget

Asst City Administrator Joshua Blakemore led the review and discussion on the proposed 2014/2015 Water & Sewer Fund Budget. Items that were discussed by the Council included payroll increases, professional services, utilities, new equipment, equipment sinking fund, capital construction fund and the WWTP expansion fund.

MAYOR'S STATEMENTS AND REPORTS

Mayor Lockhart had nothing to report this evening.

DEPARTMENT HEAD AND STAFF REPORTS

Assistant City Administrator Joshua Blakemore reported that he is working with Dial-A-Ride on updating the service, to an expanded area and hopes to have more information soon. The work on Prospect Street is being delayed for a couple of days, due to the weather. The City received 7 bids for auditing services, and he will bring the information to the April meeting for the Council to make a determination on which service to use.

Finance Director Jennifer Snelten answered questions on the month end and budget trend reports.

Public Works Director Jayson Shull spoke about moving the sign at the Middle School to save on costs for the Prospect Street project. The street crew is starting street sweeping and should be done by the end of the week. There is a revision on his report regarding signs and repairs.

Chief of Police Joseph Hallman added to his formal report with the information that there was an underage compliance check executed recently, with 5 establishments being visited, and all of them passed.

City Engineer Tim Hartnett had nothing to report at this time. He will be bringing a status report to the meeting in April.

City Administrator Gary Boden attended a DOT meeting at the Belvidere Oasis and spoke about the most recent information on the interchange possibility.

City Attorney Carlos Arevalo had nothing to report.

REPORTS AND STATEMENTS FROM CITY COUNCIL

There were no reports of statements from the City Council this evening.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Steve Mortensen, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed with a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:43 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Constance J. Boxleitner
City Clerk