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**Marengo City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
City Council Chambers
132 E Prairie Street
Marengo, IL 60152
April 28, 2014
7:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Donald B. Lockhart called the Regular City Council Meeting for April 28th, 2014 to order at 7:02 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Richard Young, a member of the Marine Corp League, led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

City Attorney, Carlos Arevalo, informed the public of a problem with the microphones, and because of this problem, the Public Hearings scheduled for this evening would be opened and continued to the May 12th Regular Council Meeting.

At this time, item 7C was moved forward in the meeting.

Public Hearing – Petition for the Proposed Amendment of an Annexation Agreement between GMT Holding LLC and the City of Marengo regarding 207 acres of vacant property at the Northeast corner of Meyer Road and Pleasant Grove Road, Marengo, IL

ROLL CALL

Present for the hearing are Aldermen Keenum, Mortensen, DeBoer, Hall, Bartman, Smith and Hammortree.

MOTION TO OPEN PUBLIC HEARING

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Todd Hall, to open the Public Hearing. The motion passed with a voice vote.

Attorney Arevalo stated that the notice for the hearing was published in the Northwest Herald on the 11th of April 2014.

MOTION TO CONTINUE PUBLIC HEARING TO MAY 12, 2014

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Todd Hall, to continue the Public Hearing to May 12th, 2014. The Aldermen voted as follows:

Ayes:	Hall, Keenum, Mortensen, Bartman, DeBoer and Smith
Nays:	Hammortree
Abstain:	0

The motion passed.

At this time, item 7dD was moved forward in the meeting

Public Hearing – Petition for the Proposed Amendment of an Annexation Agreement between Northstar Trust U/T/N 5140 and the City of Marengo regarding 102.75 acres of vacant property North of Pleasant Grove Rd, Marengo, IL

ROLL CALL

Present for this hearing are Aldermen Smith, Keenum, Mortensen, Bartman, Hall, Hammortree and DeBoer.

MOTION TO OPEN PUBLIC HEARING

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Todd Hall, to open the Public Hearing. The motion passed with a voice vote.

Attorney Arevalo stated that the notice of the public hearing was published in the Northwest Herald on the 11th of April 2014.

MOTION TO CONTINUE THE PUBLIC HEARING TO MAY 12, 2014

Alderman Steve Mortensen made a motion, seconded by Alderman Nicole DeBoer, to continue the Public Hearing to May 12, 2014. The Alderman voted as follows:

Ayes: Mortensen, Bartman, DeBoer, Keenum, Hall, Smith
Nays: Hammortree
Abstain: 0

The motion passed.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A resident of Marengo spoke on the bond proposal for work to be done on Sunset/Willow/Van Buren streets. He has resided on Willow for 25 years and is hopeful that work will finally be done in his area.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 14, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Todd Hall, to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2014 Regular Meeting. The alderman voted as follows:

Ayes: Hammortree, DeBoer, Mortensen, Keenum, Smith, Bartman and Hall
Nays: 0
Abstains: 0

The motion passed.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. **List of Bills**
- b. **American Legion Poppy Days Request**
- c. **Settlers' Days Spring Fling Request**
- d. **Proclamation Declaring the City of Marengo as a Purple Heart City**
- e. **Authorization to submit HR Green invoice to IEPA for Loan Disbursement and authorize payment upon receipt of said disbursement**

Alderman Michael Smith made a motion, seconded by Alderman Steve Mortensen, to approve the Consent Agenda items. The aldermen voted as follows:

Ayes: DeBoer, Bartman, Hall, Smith, Hammortree, Keenum and Mortensen
Nays: 0
Abstains: 0

The motion passed.

Richard Young, representing the Marine Corp League, presented the City of Marengo with a Purple Heart Banner. There are currently only 2 municipalities in the State of Illinois with these banners.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Presentation to 2014 Vehicle Sticker Design Contest Winner

Danielle Fleshood was presented with a plaque a cash award for being the winner of the 2014 Vehicle Sticker Design Contest.

b. Consideration and Action on an Ordinance authorizing the Issuance of Waterworks and Sewage Revenue Bonds of the City, in an Aggregate Principal Amount not to exceed \$4,975,000 or in lieu thereof, General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) in an Aggregate Principal Amount not to exceed \$4,975,000 for the purposes of paying the costs of improving the waterworks and sewage system of the City and for refunding outstanding bonds of the City

City Engineer Hartnett spoke on the costs involved in the water line work on Sunset, Willow and Van Buren Streets, as well as the proposed new well to be built on the West side of town. Dave Phillips, with Speer Financial, reviewed the information that was put together for the proposed bond and answered questions from the Council members. The bond would be issued in the amount of \$4,850,000 – with fees of roughly \$80,000.

Alderman Todd Hall made a motion, seconded by Alderman Nicole DeBoer, for an ordinance authorizing the issuance of Waterworks and Sewerage Revenue Bonds of the City of Marengo, McHenry County, IL, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$4,975,000, or in lieu thereof, General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$4,975,000 for the purposes of paying the costs of improving the waterworks and sewerage system of the City and for refunding certain outstanding alternate bonds of the City. The aldermen voted as follows:

Ayes:	Smith, Hall, Keenum, Mortensen and DeBoer
Nays:	Bartman and Hammortree
Abstain:	0

The motion passed.

Alderman Todd Hall exited the meeting at 7:55 PM.

c. Public Hearing - Petition for the Proposed Amendment of an Annexation Agreement between GMT Holding LLC and the City of Marengo regarding 207 acres of vacant property at the Northeast corner of Meyer Road and Pleasant Grove Road, Marengo, Illinois

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d. Public Hearing – Petition for the Proposed Amendment of an Annexation Agreement between Northstar Trust U/T/N 5140 and the City of Marengo regarding 102.75 acres of vacant property north of Pleasant Grove Road, Marengo, Illinois

This agenda item was moved forward in the meeting. Please see information above.

e. Authorization to Execute Extension of Agreement with HR Green for Wastewater Operator Services

City Administrator Boden is requesting a 30-day extension of the agreement with HR Green for Wastewater Operator Services, to run through the end of May, at a projected additional cost of \$8,525.

Alderman Steve Mortensen made a motion, seconded by Alderman Michael Smith, for authorization to executive an extension of the agreement with HR Green for Wastewater Operator Services to the end of May. The aldermen voted as follows:

Ayes: Mortensen, Smith, Bartman, DeBoer and Keenum
Nays: Hammortree
Abstains: 0

The motion passed.

f. An Ordinance Approving the Supplemental Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2013/14

Asst. City Administrator Blakemore explained the Supplemental Appropriations document, applicable to fiscal Year 2013/14.

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Steve Mortensen, for an ordinance approving the Supplemental Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2013/14. The aldermen voted as follows:

Ayes: Hammortree, Keenum, Smith, Bartman, Mortensen and DeBoer.
Nays: 0
Abstains: 0

The motion passed.

MAYOR'S STATEMENTS AND REPORTS

Mayor Lockhart had no report.

DEPARTMENT HEAD AND STAFF REPORTS

Asst. City Administrator Joshua Blakemore stated that the end of year revenue is winding down. The final copies of the Budget for 2014/15 should be ready in May.

Public Works Director Jayson Shull updated the Council on the waterline flushing which should start on the 19th of May. The salt storage cover should be done next week. Plow purchase package information is in the works, and should have more information soon. Valve projects are underway, and brush pick-up is scheduled for next week.

Chief of Police Joseph Hallman had no formal report, but noted that the "Drug Take Back" brought in about 40 pounds.

City Engineer Tim Hartnett spoke on the email (a copy of which was given to the Council) received from Jeff Pisha, with HR Green, regarding the formal approval by CMAP on the traffic volume numbers for the I-90 project.

City Administrator Gary Boden had no report.

City Attorney Carlos Arevalo had no report.

REPORTS AND STATEMENTS FROM CITY COUNCIL

There were none 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 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Constance J Boxleitner
City Clerk