

APPROVED
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**Marengo City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
City Council Chambers
132 E Prairie St
Marengo, IL 60152
May 27, 2014
7:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Donald B. Lockhart called the May 27, 2014 Regular City Council Meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pastor Ayers led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Todd Hall, to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2014 Regular Meeting. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

The motion passed.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. **List of Bills**
- b. **Marengo Main Street Matching Funding Request**
- c. **Marengo Main Street Faith & Family Day Request**
- d. **Marengo Main Street Bags n' Bikes Request**
- e. **Authorization to submit Williams Brothers Construction inc Invoice to IEPA for Loan Disbursement and to Authorize Payment Upon Receipt of Said Disbursement**

Alderman Nicole DeBoer requested that item "B" be broken out, discussed and voted on separately. The Council agreed to this request.

Alderman Gretchen Samuelson made a motion, seconded by Alderman Todd Hall, to approve Consent Agenda items A, C, D & E. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

The motion passed.

The Council postponed item "B" at this time, and asked for specific information on the request that is being made.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Public Hearing – Concerning the intent of the City Council to sell \$4,975,000 General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) for Waterworks and Sewage System Improvements and to Refund Outstanding Alternate Bonds**

CALL TO ORDER

The Public Hearing was called to order at 7:17 PM.

City Administrator Boden reviewed with the Council the breakdown on the total for the bonds, and answered questions from the Council on the various aspects of the work to be performed. A portion of the funds will be used for construction of a new water well on the west-side of town, replacement of transite water main on West Van Buren, Willow and Sunset on the north-west side of town, and other smaller projects (such as water main up-sizing and water connections throughout the City) are planned upon the availability of left over proceeds after the two primary projects are finished. The balance of the funds (\$1,975,000) includes placement costs and refinancing of the last 5 years of a Series 2003 debt that currently has a scheduled principal and interest balance of \$2,144,300.

Alderman Keenum questioned where the funds would come from if the project ran over projected costs, and was advised that rates would then need to be increased to cover the additional costs.

MOTION TO OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING

Alderman Carole Bartman made a motion, seconded by Alderman Gretchen Samuelson, to open the Public Hearing. The motion passed with a voice vote.

COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL

Alderman Carole Bartman commented on the funds to pay back the bonds do come from the water and sewer fund, but because these will be general obligation bonds, then funds could also be taken from the general funds of the City.

Alderman Nicole DeBoer questioned if the rating is correct, and was told that they had discussed this with Speer Financial and Standard and Poor's, and all have agreed that it is correct.

Alderman Keenum questioned the ownership of the water main, as it sits on Park District land, and we would then receive an easement from the Park District, and Administrator Boden stated that the City would ask for an easement.

Alderman Gretchen Samuelson asked for the projected timeline of the various projects, and was told that once the sale of the bonds were approved by the Council, they would immediately go to bid for the transite line replacement and try and complete that project this year. The other projects would be done after that.

Attorney Arevalo asked if the Clerk's office had received any phone calls, or written comments, concerning the public hearing. City Clerk Boxleitner stated that the Clerk's office had not received any phone calls or written comments on the public hearing.

Attorney Arevalo then asked City Administrator Boden if his office had received any phone calls, or written comments, concerning the public hearing and he stated that his office had not received any phone calls, or written comments, on this public hearing.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Attorney Arevalo asked for any comments from the public. The City has not received any oral or written comments on this matter.

Attorney Arevalo stated that the Notice of the Public Hearing was published in the Northwest Herald on May 20th 2014. A copy of that notice is on file in the City Clerk's Office.

MOTION TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Todd Hall, to close the Public Hearing. The alderman voted as follows:

Ayes: Samuelson, Hall, Hammortree, Bartman, DeBoer and Keenum
Nays: 0
Abstain: 0
The motion passed.

The Public Hearing closed at 7:25 PM.

b. Authorization to Execute Work Change Directives #12, #16 & #17

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Todd Hall, for authorization to Execute Work Change Directives #12, #16 & #17. The aldermen voted as follows:

Ayes: Keenum, Samuelson, Bartman, Hall, Hammortree and DeBoer
Nays: 0
Abstain: 0
The motion passed.

c. Authorization to Extend Agreement with HR Green for Wastewater Operator Services for One Month – through June 2014.

Alderman Todd Hall made a motion, seconded by Alderman Nicole DeBoer, for authorization to extend the agreement with HR Green for Wastewater Operator Services for one month, through June 2014. The aldermen voted as follows:

Ayes: Hall, DeBoer, Keenum, Samuelson and Bartman
Nays: Hammortree
Abstain: 0
The motion passed.

MAYOR'S STATEMENTS AND REPORTS

Mayor Lockhart attended, and spoke at, the Memorial Day Ceremony on the 26th of May. It was very well attended. Mike Bigalke was the guest speaker this year and he has compiled a list of all the veterans that are buried in the Marengo City Cemetery.

DEPARTMENT HEAD & STAFF REPORTS

Asst. City Administrator Joshua Blakemore updated the council on the Prospect Street project and the storm sewer work that is being done along Route 20. The flushing of the water mains is going smoothly. The Utility Tax Audit, being done by Azavar Group, for both NiCor and ComEd should be completed sometime in July. He will let the Council know when that is done. Alderman Keenum requested that the City check Washington Street for really bad pothole problems.

Chief of Police Joseph Hallman had included his report in the board packet. There were no questions on that report.

City Engineer Ed Coggin had nothing further to report.

City Administrator Gary Boden had nothing further to report.

City Attorney Carlos Arevalo had nothing to report.

REPORTS AND STATEMENTS FROM CITY COUNCIL

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Todd Hall, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed with a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Constance J Boxleitner
City Clerk