

**Marengo City Council  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
City Council Chambers  
132 E. Prairie St.  
Marengo, IL 60152  
July 14, 2014  
7:00 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Donald B. Lockhart called the July 14, 2014 Regular City Council meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

City Administrator Gary Boden 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, and Todd Hall. Also present are City Administrator Gary Boden, Asst. City Administrator Joshua Blakemore, Chief of Police Joseph Hallman, City Attorney Carlos Arevalo, Public Works Director Jayson Shull, City Engineer Tim Hartnett and Finance Director Jennifer Snelten. Alderman Steve Mortensen was absent this evening.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There was none this evening.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: June 23, 2014 Regular Meeting**

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Todd Hall, to approve the June 23, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes. The aldermen voted as follows:

Aye: Keenum, DeBoer, Hall, Bartman, Smith, Hammortree and Samuelson  
Nay: 0  
Abstain: 0

The motion passed.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. **List of Bills**
- b. **Settlers' Days Request**
- c. **Calvin Spencer Park Use Request**
- d. **Ordinance Declaring Certain Municipal Property as Surplus**
- e. **Authorization to submit Williams Brothers Construction Inc, and HR Green, invoices, to IEPA for Loan Disbursement and authorize payment upon receipt of said disbursement**

Alderman Todd Hall made a motion, seconded by Alderman Carole Bartman, to approve the Consent Agenda items as presented. The aldermen voted as follows:

Aye: Bartman, Smith, Keenum, DeBoer, Samuelson, Hall and Hammortree  
Nay: 0

Abstain: 0  
The motion passed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**a. Authorization to Execute Work Change Directive #019 from Williams Brothers Construction for Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion Project**

Ed Coggin, from HR Green, discussed this work change directive (#019), and the additional cost involved in this change specifically. This specific change involves a modification to the original contract, and his recommendation was to accumulate these change orders and submit them when that amount is around \$100,000. The Council agreed with his recommendation.

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Todd Hall, for authorization to execute Work Change Directive #019 from Williams Brothers Construction for Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion Project. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

The motion passed.

**b. Authorization to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with McHenry County, Marengo Township and Riley Township Regarding Dial-a-Ride Service Expansion**

Alderman Carole Bartman made a motion, seconded by Alderman Michael Smith, for authorization to executive a Memorandum of Understanding with McHenry County, Marengo Township and Riley Township regarding Dial-a-Ride Service Expansion. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

The motion passed.

**c. Discussion regarding Chronic Nuisance Ordinance**

Alderman Gretchen Samuelson, along with Public Works Director Jayson Shull, discussed the pros and cons on an ordinance of this type. The Council discussed this, and the recommendation was to have the staff get together and look at the possible need, and to also contact other municipalities that have a Chronic Nuisance Ordinance in force and get their feedback. Once this information has been reviewed, they will report back to the Council.

**d. Discussion regarding Updating the City Ward Map**

Mayor Lockhart requested that the City Administrator look at the possibility of updating the City Ward Map. The last time it was amended, in 1999, there were 5,439 residents. The City has grown to 7,520 in 2010. The breakdown of registered voters in 2013 is:

Ward 1 - 1392  
Ward 2 - 1234  
Ward 3 - 822

Ward 4 - 1406

If a ward were amended, any seated Alderman would retain that position until the end of their regular term. City Administrator Boden recommended adjusting the map to better equal the wards. Alderman Hammortree asked that his location remain in Ward 4. The staff will look into this further and get back to the Council with their recommendation.

**MAYOR'S STATEMENTS AND REPORTS**

Mayor Lockhart attended the Centegra Hospital Beam Raising Event last Saturday in Huntley. He congratulated Attorney Arevalo on his being the President of the McHenry County Bar Association.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD AND STAFF REPORTS**

**Asst. City Administrator Joshua Blakemore** updated the Council on the settlement following the review by Azavar with NiCor, and was happy to report that the amount recovered is roughly \$4,000, half of which will be turned over to Azavar, per the contingency agreement.

**Finance Director Jennifer Snelten** had nothing further to report. Alderman Bartman recommended that Jennifer (who is also the head of HR), and one other supervisor, look into attending a seminar that is being held in Rockford, and is on HR issues. Jennifer will check into this.

**Public Works Director Jayson Shull** met recently with Morton Arboretum and discussed the possibility of receiving grant money, from the IDR, to assist with the replanting of trees because of the Emerald Ash Bore tree removal project. The Prospect Street project should be done by the 25<sup>th</sup> of July.

**Chief of Police Joseph Hallman** was happy to report that the range qualifications were completed today and everyone passed.

**City Engineer Tim Hartnett** discussed the recent meeting between IDOT, the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority and the City of Marengo. Things are progressing well at this time. The minutes from that meeting were reviewed and the preliminary drawings were looked at.

**City Administrator Gary Boden** updated the Council on the status of the possible almost final agreement for a Special Service Area, involving the new location for Dollar General, and the property adjacent to Dollar General. This should be ready to present to the Council at the next meeting.

**City Attorney Carlos Arevalo** had nothing to report.

**City Clerk Connie Boxleitner** asked that all Aldermen review the Executive Session minutes at their earliest convenience.

**REPORTS AND STATEMENTS FROM CITY COUNCIL**

Alderman Hammortree questioned if the City Administrator's annual review has been done for this year, and Mayor Lockhart said he would check and let the Council know.

**ADJOURMENT**

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 8:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Constance J. Boxleitner*  
City Clerk