

**Marengo City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
City Council Chambers
132 E. Prairie Street
Marengo, IL 60152
November 24, 2014
7:00 PM**

APPROVED
December 15, 2014

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Donald B. Lockhart called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Sgt. Richard Solarz led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present are Mayor Donald B. Lockhart, Aldermen Carole Bartman, Matt Keenum, Michael Smith (entered the meeting at 7:12 pm), Nicole DeBoer, Gretchen Samuelson, Todd Hall and Steve Mortensen. Also present are City Administrator Gary Boden, Sergeant Richard Solarz, Public Works Director Jayson Shull, City Attorney Carlos Arevalo, and Finance Director Jennifer Snelten. Alderman Dennis Hammortree was absent.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A resident spoke about the rezoning before the Council this evening and his concerns about the additional housing being proposed, and the additional traffic the rezoning would generate.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 27, 2014

Alderman Steve Mortensen made a motion, seconded by Alderman Gretchen Samuelson, to approve the minutes from the November 10, 2014 Regular Meeting, with the correction noted by the Clerk. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

The motion passed.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. **List of Bills**
- b. **Authorization to Execute Work Change Directives #11 & #23 from Williams Brothers Construction for Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion Project**
- c. **Proclamation Declaring Saturday, November 29, 2014 as Small Business Saturday to Encourage Our Citizens to Support Small Businesses and Merchants**

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

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

The motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Marengo Main Street Update and Request for Matching Funding

Marengo Main Street representative, Ellen Brunshon, addressed the Council, on the request for the final matching funds in the amount of \$5,937.66.

Alderman Steve Mortensen made a motion, seconded by Alderman Todd Hall, to approve the matching funding request, in the amount of \$5,937.66. The alderman voted as follows:

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

The motion passed.

b. Request for Referral to Planning & Zoning Commission for a Planned Unit Development – Brookside Meadows

City Administrator Boden explained the reason for this agenda item, and then turned the presentation over to Jim Condon (J. Condon & Associates). Mr. Condon represents CMJ Harmony LLC – Mike Grismer and Glen Volkening. The area was originally to be built with 126 lots, and is zoned R-1, on 78 acres, and they are proposing it to rezone 10.4 acres to R-5, with 16 duplex and 30 triplex units, at this time.

Alderman Carole Bartman made a motion, seconded by Alderman Michael Smith, to refer the Brookside Meadows Changes to the Planning & Zoning Commission. The motion passed with a voice vote by the Aldermen present.

c. Resolution Determining the Amount of Funds to be Levied for the 2014 Tax Year Through Real Estate Taxes

Finance Director Jennifer Snelten reviewed the proposed 2014 Tax Levy with the Council, and answered questions on the various items.

Alderman Matt Keenum made a motion, seconded by Alderman Nicole DeBoer, to adopt the resolution determining the amount of funds to be levied for the 2014 tax year. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

The motion passed.

d. Fiscal Year 2014/2015 2nd Quarter Budget Report

Finance Director Jennifer Snelten reviewed the 2nd Quarter Budget Report with the Council.

e. Ordinance Amending the Marengo Municipal Code to Require the Licensing of Massage Establishments

This item was tabled due to the need for further information, and will be revisited at the next meeting.

f. A Resolution Authorizing the City Clerk to make a Demand on Prairie Community Bank Pursuant to Letter of Credit # 121 (LOC #121- Deerpess Meadows underground and surface public improvements)

Alderman Michael Smith made a motion, seconded by Alderman Todd Hall, to authorize the City Clerk to make a demand on Prairie Community Bank pursuant to Letter of Credit #121. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

Abstain: 0

The motion passed.

- g. A Resolution Authorizing the City Clerk to make a Demand on PNC Bank, National Association Pursuant to Letter of Credit #12502476-00-000 (formerly MidAmerican Bank, FSB LOC#10075001 and EFS Bank, LOC #213) (LOC #12502476-00-000 & #10075001 & 213 – Deerpass Greens – Unit 6 subdivision – to cover public improvements)**

Alderman Steve Mortensen made a motion, seconded by Alderman Michael Smith, to authorize the City Clerk to make a demand on PNC Bank, National Association, Pursuant to Letter of Credit #12502476-00-000 (formerly MidAmerican Bank, FSB LOC#10075001 and EFS Bank, LOC#213).

The aldermen voted as follows:

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

The motion passed.

MAYOR’S STATEMENTS AND REPORTS

Mayor Lockhart thanked the Council members who were in attendance at the Veterans Day Program that has held at Marengo Community High School on the 11th of November.

DEPARTMENT HEAD AND STAFF REPORTS

Finance Director Jennifer Snelten had nothing further to report.

Public Works Director Jayson Shull had nothing further to report.

Sergeant Richard Solarz had nothing further to report.

City Engineer Tim Hartnett was not present, but had submitted a report on current projects review.

City Administrator Gary Boden reported that the City closed on the purchase of the Besinger property.

City Attorney Carlos Arevalo had no report.

REPORTS AND STATEMENTS FROM CITY COUNCIL

Alderman Keenum spoke on the possible expansion of gaming to include gas stations, and the response that he has received from citizens.

Administrator Boden advised that the Dec.15th meeting might include 2 annexation possibilities. These will require a Public Hearing on these. The proposal by 300 West LLC has possible approval from the IEPA.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Lockhart advised the Council that they would be going into Executive Session this evening for the purpose of Personnel. Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Steve Mortensen, to go into Executive Session for the purpose of Personnel. The alderman voted as follows:

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

The motion passed.

The Council recessed at 8:44 P.M.

The Council reconvened at 9:00 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Gretchen Samuelson, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed with a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.



Constance J. Boxleitner
City Clerk

These minutes were approved by City Council at the December 15, 2014 meeting.