

APPROVED

January 26, 2015

**Marengo City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
City Council Chambers
132 E. Prairie St.
Marengo, IL 60152
January 12, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER

City Clerk Connie Boxleitner called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

She then led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Steve Mortensen, to appoint Alderman Todd Hall as Mayor Pro Tem. The motion passed with a voice vote.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were 9 residents of the City of Marengo who spoke this evening about the possible ordinance change to the Liquor License Ordinance, under discussion this evening by the City Council. All of these persons were against this change, and urged the Council to vote against this change.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: December 15, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes

Alderman Steve Mortensen made a motion, seconded by Alderman Nicole DeBoer, to approve the minutes for the December 15, 2014 meeting. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

The motion passed.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. **List of Bills**
- b. **Authorization to Submit Williams Bros. Const. Inc. to IEPA for Loan Disbursement and to Authorize Payment upon Receipt of said Disbursement**
- c. **A Resolution authorizing the City Clerk to Make a Demand on PNC Bank, National Association Pursuant to Letter of Credit 12502476-00-000 (Formerly Mid-American Bank, FSB LOC#10075001 and EFS Bank LOC #213)**



Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Michael Smith, to approve the Consent Agenda Items. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

The motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. **An Ordinance Amending Chapter 33, Liquor Control and Liquor Licensing, of the Marengo Municipal Code, Adding a G-1 Liquor License Allowing the Consumption of Alcohol at Establishments Currently Holding a Class G License**

Alderman Matt Keenum made a motion, seconded by Alderman Gretchen Samuelson, to deny adding a G-1 Liquor License allowing the consumption of alcohol at establishments currently holding a Class G License. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

The motion passed.

- b. **An Ordinance Amending the Marengo Municipal Code to Require Licensing of Massage Establishments in the City**

Chief Joe Hallman requested that this item be pulled from the agenda this evening and be brought back to the Council at the next meeting, on the 26th of January. The Council agreed.

- c. **Update and Request for Direction on Reforestation and Emerald Ash Borer Mitigation Plan**

Public Works Director Jayson Shull reviewed information on a possible plan to allow for reforestation to replace the trees in the City that were infected with the Emerald Ash Borer. The City Council recommended he continue with this possible plan and provide more information as it becomes available.

MAYOR'S STATEMENTS AND REPORTS

None.

DEPARTMENT HEAD AND STAFF REPORTS

Director of Public Works Jayson Shull reported that the salt status is good. Expenditures are reeling in, and those are getting under control. There have been no major water main breaks due to the cold weather.

Asst. City Administrator Joshua Blakemore reported that the budget was reviewed at the last staff meeting. The City does not expect any increase in tax revenues for the coming year. The tax decrease is in effect, income tax wise, but the City should not see a big decrease, as the percentage was adjusted by the State. Dial-A-Ride is still under discussion with the County on the possibility of including Marengo in the McRide program.

Chief of Police Joseph Hallman introduced Michael Schreve, the newest intern with the Police. Mr. Schreve is attending Rock Valley College. The newest member of the police force is attending the academy and is doing quite well.

City Engineer Tim Hartnett reviewed the report that he put together, and spoke on the Brookside Meadows punch list, and the status of the project.

City Administrator Gary Boden spoke briefly about the possibility of the Brackmann's sale of Brookside Meadows, and the original interested party has dropped out, but there is a possibility of another entity looking to purchase that property as a short sale option. The City has received a request to go to Labor negotiations, from the FOP, and are expecting to receive a like request from the teamsters union for the public works employees. The Cemetery board has expressed concerns about the budget cut that was recommended by the Council. There has been continued conversation with Ed Coggin on the water plume problem at Arnold's, and there is a strong possibility that the report recently received has incorrect data that was used, and the IEPA has agreed to review the information submitted and there is a strong possibility that the original report is correct, and that is good for the location of the possible new well. Administrator Boden is putting together a consulting contract, in the amount of \$5,000 with Westin Solutions, which is the company that Ed Coggin is currently working at, to assist in working with the various parties involved in the water solution for everyone.

City Engineer Hartnett stated for the record: "I will go on record to say that I don't think that either Ed, or our company, would have done or said anything different with the data that was before us and all of our heavy involvement at the McHenry County level with the Groundwater Task Force. We brought that to their attention, we went and met with the County and said – Do you realize that this study that you commissioned, which they told us was well over six (6) figures, has either a slight flaw or needs clarification. So, we are working with them, keeping them in the loop, because technically these 15 residents that are out there (affected) are in the County. They are reaching out to McHenry County for help. So Joanne Colletti and her team are aware of what is going on out there and we are keeping them in the loop so our partnership with them can stay strong, and they can help us and guide us".

City Attorney Carlos Arevalo had no report this evening.

City Clerk Connie Boxleitner thanked the Police Department for asking her to participate in administering the swearing in of the new officer. She asked the aldermen to please stop into the Clerk's Office in the next two weeks to review the minutes from the Executive Session for the last 6 months of last year, so they can be presented to the Council at the January 26th meeting. An email will be sent to all of the aldermen reminding them to do this.

REPORTS AND STATEMENTS FROM CITY COUNCIL

Alderman Samuelson expressed concern about the LED light program that was being pursued, and the strong probability that we would not meet the deadline. Public Works Director Shull is checking this out and will update the Council on his findings.

Administrator Boden, on behalf of Megan Lopez, asked the aldermen if they would be interested in receiving their board packets via email. He asked everyone to please get back to City hall with a response.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Matt Keenum, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed with a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:42 PM



Constance J. Boxleitner
City Clerk

The minutes of this meeting were approved by City Council on January 26, 2015.