

**Marengo City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
City Council Chambers
132 E. Prairie Street
Marengo, IL 60152
January 13, 2014
7:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Donald B Lockhart called the January 13, 2014 Regular city Council meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Donald B Lockhart led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Todd Hall, to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2013 Regular Meeting. The motion passed with an aye vote by Aldermen: Keenum, Mortensen, DeBoer, Hall, Smith, Hammortree and Samuelson.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. **List of Bills**
- b. **Ordinance Declaring Certain Municipal Property as Surplus**

Alderman Todd Hall made a motion, seconded by Alderman Nicole DeBoer, to approve the consent agenda items. The motion passed with an aye vote by Aldermen: Smith, Keenum, Mortensen, DeBoer, Samuelson, Hall and Hammortree.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business this evening.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business this evening.

MAYOR'S STATEMENTS AND REPORTS

Mayor Lockhart had no report this evening.

DEPARTMENT HEAD AND STAFF REPORTS

Assistant City Administrator Joshua Blakemore reported that they have received the billing from Pace, but not the figures yet on total rider-ship for that billing. The timeline for the transponder update is progressing well, with a projected start date of February 24th. The City will be making use of 4 Gateways to be sure that the town is covered well.

Public Works Director Jayson Shull spoke on the weather concerns recently and advised that the potholes will be tackled soon. The City has lost an employee, as he is pursuing employment elsewhere. They are working on streamlining of service requests to speed up the process. Questioned on what alternate options might be available and used for any future weather problems.

Chief of Police Joseph Hallman submitted a formal report, and there were no questions from the Council.

City Administrator Gary Boden spoke briefly on the Grismer & Volkening proposal documents that were handed out this evening. The proposal will be brought before the PZC at the meeting on the 20th of January.

City Attorney Carlos Arevalo had no report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Lockhart advised the Council that they would be going into Executive Session for the purpose of Personnel.

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Todd Hall, to go to Executive Session. The motion passed with an aye vote by Aldermen: Samuelson, Hammortree, Hall, Keenum, Mortensen, DeBoer and Smith.

The Regular Meeting recessed at 7:25 PM.

The Regular Meeting reconvened at 7:54 PM.

The Council discussed options that might be available for future snowfalls, on eliminating the piles of snow around town.

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 8:02 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Constance J Boxleitner
City Clerk