

**APPROVED**  
10/24/2014

**Marengo City Council  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
City Council Chambers  
132 E. Prairie Street  
Marengo, IL 60152  
November 10, 2014  
7:00 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Alderman Gretchen Samuelson led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

Present are Mayor Donald B. Lockhart, Aldermen Matt Keenum, Michael Smith, Nicole DeBoer, Dennis Hammortree, Gretchen Samuelson, Todd Hall 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, City Attorney Carlos Arevalo, City Engineer Tim Hartnett and Finance Director Jennifer Snelten. Alderman Carole Bartman was absent.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Residents living on Railroad Street and Ann Street expressed their concerns on agenda item 7a - the possible re-opening of the Marengo Foundry. Included in those concerns are noise issues, air quality issues, safety concerns, and the deterioration of the building.

A resident questioned if a proposal between the City of Marengo and Arnolds Engineering would be presented this evening, and he was advised that it would not.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 27, 2014**

Alderman Gretchen Samuelson made a motion, seconded by Alderman Nicole DeBoer, to approve the minutes from the October 27, 2014 Regular Meeting. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

The motion passed.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. **List of Bills**
- b. **Authorization to Execute Work Change Directive #20 from Williams Brothers Construction for Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion Project**
- c. **Authorization to Submit HR Green and Williams Brothers Construction Inc Invoices to IEPA for Loan Disbursement and to Authorize Payment Upon Receipt**

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

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

The motion passed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**a. Presentation from Heartland Foundry Corp Regarding the Reopening of Marengo Foundry**

Asst. City Administrator Blakemore introduced Mr. David Janis, President of Heartland Foundry Corporation. Following Mr. Janis's presentation, questions were asked (by Alderman Samuelson) that had been compiled by the residents from the area near the foundry location. The list, and response is attached. (Attachment A)

**b. Discussion and Request for Direction on Shell Station Video Gaming Request**

Representatives from the owners of the Shell Station (Kathy Peugh, Malin Cremmens and Julie Dixon) spoke to the Council on the possible change in their location to include video gaming. There was no concise conclusion given by the Council on this possible change. City Administrator Boden will put together a possible ordinance, with options, for the Council to review at the next meeting.

**c. An Ordinance Ratifying the Establishment of Special Service Area No 7 for a Turn Lane Within the City of Marengo**

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Steve Mortensen, for an Ordinance Ratifying the Establishment of SSA (Special Service Area) #7, for a turn lane within the City of Marengo. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

The motion passed.

**d. Authorization to Execute Contract with HR Green for 2015 Water Main Extension Project**

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Gretchen Samuelson, to Call For The Question. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

The motion passed.

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Michael Smith, for authorization to execute a contract with HR Green for 2015 Water Main Extension Project. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

The motion passed.

**e. Update and Request for Direction on 2014 Tax Levy**

Finance Director Jennifer Snelten reviewed the information with the Council, and requested direction on the rate for the 2014 tax levy. The Council agreed that the City should go with a 5% rate, and to amend the amount currently budgeted for cemetery.

**MAYOR'S STATEMENTS AND REPORTS**

Mayor Lockhart spoke on the Veterans Day Program that is being held on Tuesday at Marengo Community High School, urging everyone to attend. The guest speaker for this project is Mike Matte, a graduate from MCHS.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD AND STAFF REPORTS**

**Assistant City Administrator Joshua Blakemore** spoke on the RFQ for well services. Seven packets had been picked up and the City will be conducting the interviews the end of November.

**Finance Director Jennifer Snelten** had nothing further to report, but did advise the Council that the October month end report and the semi-annual report would be included at the next meeting.

**Public Works Director Jayson Shull** stated that the City is ready for the winter – stocked up with road salt. Current report was in board packet. Road resurfacing project is done for this year. The jet-vac tutorial will be conducted in the next couple of weeks for the staff. At this time, there is only 1 employee trained in the use of the wing-plow truck.

**Chief of Police Joseph Hallman** had nothing to add to the report that had been included in the packet.

**City Engineer Tim Hartnett** had no report. He is working with Josh and Ed on putting together a monthly status report on all projects.

**City Administrator Gary Boden** updated the Council on the current status of the toll-way project. There will be a December 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of the PZC. There will be a discussion that evening for a possible annexation agreement between the City and the Harvey Meyers Trust.

**City Attorney Carlos Arevalo** had no formal report, but did note that he is working with the Administrator on various items.

**REPORTS AND STATEMENTS FROM CITY COUNCIL**

Alderman Hammortree apologized to the Council for his confusion on the water main project. He thought the item for discussion this evening was the full project, which would have included the possible lines for Railroad and Ritz Road.

Alderman Smith spoke on possible changes that are before the House (in the state government) on changes to Fire Protection Districts, and how those changes would affect Marengo.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Michael Smith, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed with a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 9:28 PM.

  
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Constance J. Bokfeither  
City Clerk

These minutes were approved by City Council at the November 24, 2014 meeting.