

APPROVED
January 12, 2015

**Marengo City Council
Special Meeting Minutes
City Council Chambers
132 E. Prairie St.
Marengo, IL 60152
December 15, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Lockhart led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present are Mayor Donald Lockhart, Aldermen Carole Bartman, Matt Keenum, Michael Smith, Nicole DeBoer, Dennis Hammortree and Todd Hall. 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. Aldermen Gretchen Samuelson and Steve Mortensen were absent.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was none this evening.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: November 24, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes

Alderman Todd Hall made a motion, seconded by Alderman Nicole DeBoer, to approve the minutes from the November 24, 2014 Regular Meeting. The Aldermen voted as follows:

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

The motion passed.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. List of bills
- b. Proclamation – National Drunk and Drugged Driving (3D) Prevention Month for December 2014
- c. Ordinance Amending the Marengo Municipal Code Regarding Meeting Time of the City Council and Establishing the Regular Meeting Dates of the City Council for 2015
- d. Ordinance Amending Section 33.07-B, Number of Licenses – Decreasing the Number of Class B Liquor Licenses
- e. Ordinance Abating the Tax Levied for Tax Year 2014 to Pay the Principal and Interest on the \$2,740,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) Series 2005 and the \$1,500,000 Taxable General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) Series 2010 and the \$4,975,000 General

- Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) Series 2014 for the City of Marengo, McHenry County, IL**
- f. Ordinance Authorizing the Abatement of 2014 City of Marengo Taxes on Certain Property Annexed to the City of Marengo Pursuant to 35 ILCS 200/18-184 – Western Parcels Annexed in 2007**
 - g. Authorization to Submit HR Green and Williams Brothers Construction Inc Invoices to IEPA for Loan Disbursement and Authorize Payment Upon Receipt of Said Disbursement**
 - h. Authorization to Execute Work Change Directives #3, #25 & #26 from Williams Brothers Construction for Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion Project**
 - i. Ordinance Abating a Property Tax for Certain Property that is Subject to an Economic Incentive Agreement with the City of Marengo – EPS Materials**
 - j. Ordinance Abating a Property Tax for Certain Property that is Subject to an Economic Incentive Agreement with the City of Marengo – Karsten’s Service**
 - k. Ordinance Abating a Property Tax for Certain Property that is Subject to an Economic Incentive Agreement with the City of Marengo – GSYA Inc, Joe’s Place**
 - l. Ordinance Abating a Property Tax for Certain Property that is Subject to an Economic Agreement with the City of Marengo – K&E Development, LLC – Swedish American Medical**

(Item E – please refer to the actual documentation- was corrected to include the following wording: An abatement in its entirety, if necessary, should also be applied to the 2003 Series Bonds, which were refinanced and paid off by the Series 2014 Bonds.

Alderman Todd Hall made a motion, seconded by Alderman Michael Smith, to approve the consent agenda items presented with the change to item 6-E as presented by Attorney Arevalo and as noted above. The Aldermen voted as follows:

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

The motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Annual Police Pension Report for 2014.**

Patrol Officer Kjellgren reviewed the report with the Council.

Alderman Michael Smith made a motion, seconded by Alderman Todd Hall, to accept the Annual Police Pension Report for 2014. The Aldermen voted as follows:

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

The motion passed.

b. Update on the West Side Water Well Development and Issues Related to the 300 West / Arnold Engineering Groundwater / Soils Contamination Remediation Efforts.

Ed Coggin, formerly with HR Green, presented current information on the recent data from the ISWS (Illinois State Water Survey). They are recommending that a hold be put on the situation until further information can be gathered, and Administrator Boden concurs.

c. Public Hearing -Annexation Agreement between the City of Marengo and Eugene, Bertha & Kathleen Meyer and Rosebud Limited Partnership

A roll call for this Public Hearing shows Mayor Donald Lockhart, Aldermen Todd Hall, Nicole DeBoer, Michael Smith, Matt Keenum, Dennis Hammortree, and Carole Bartman all in attendance. Alderman Steve Mortensen and Gretchen Samuelson were absent. The Public Hearing convened at 7:43 PM.

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Todd Hall, to open the Public Hearing. The motion passed with a voice vote.

The public notice of the Public Hearing was published in the Northwest Herald on Nov. 29th 2014, and the certified copy of that notice is on file in the Clerk's office. There were also notices sent to both Townships on the annexation hearing.

Persons speaking on this hearing:

Attorney Jay Filler, representing a resident, asked for clarification on the annexation location and the possibility of the City eventually forcing adjacent property owners to become part of the City. *Administrator Boden explained that there are no plans to annex property in other than the three properties that are under discussion this evening, and there are no plans to force any property owner to be annexed into the City.*

Sean Storti, 8612 Wildrose Lane, Marengo, expressed his concern about a possible by-pass along Coral Road and Pleasant Grove Road, and his desire to not be annexed into the City. *Administrator Boden answered his concerns.*

Dave Diamond, 602 Bauman, Marengo, expressed his opinion on the annexation of these properties, and questioned why the landowners only want to annex their land into the City and not their homes. He also questioned why the City needs these properties annexed into the City, and how does it benefit the City. *Administrator Boden referred to the Comprehensive Plan and that this matter is addressed in that plan.*

Karen Schnable, 21451 Norway Ct., Marengo, expressed her confusion on the annexation of farmland, and not the homes.

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Todd Hall, to continue this hearing to the 26th of January, 2015 City Council Meeting at 7:00 PM. The Aldermen voted as follows:

Ayes: Hall, Smith, Bartman, DeBoer, and Keenum
Nays: Hammortree

Abstain: 0
The motion passed.

This Public Hearing recessed at 8:11 PM.

d. Public Hearing – Annexation Agreement between the City of Marengo and Harvey Meyers.

A roll call for this Public Hearing shows Mayor Donald Lockhart, Aldermen Todd Hall, Nicole DeBoer, Michael Smith, Matt Keenum, Dennis Hammortree, and Carole Bartman all in attendance. Alderman Steve Mortensen and Gretchen Samuelson were absent. The Public Hearing convened at 8:12 PM.

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Todd Hall, to open the Public Hearing. The motion passed with a voice vote.

The public notice of the Public Hearing was published in the Northwest Herald on the 29th of November 2014, and a certified copy of that notice is on file in the Clerk's office. The notice of this hearing was sent to Marengo Township, as this property is located in that township only.

Attorney Arevalo stated that the comments that were made during the prior Public Hearing will be incorporated into this Public Hearing, so there will not be a need to repeat those previous statements, comments and questions. At this time, he asked if there were any further comments or questions.

Administrator Boden stated that this annexation is comprised of two tracts with the first tract being the property that is tangent to West Grant Highway – about a half mile West of Meyer Road – and is actually three different parcels and extends from Grant Highway down to the Marengo / Riley Township line. This is just shy of 51 acres of land. The other is about 23 acres, and is located between Grant Highway North to the railroad tracks, and to the West of Ritz Road. These annexations were filed with the understanding of the annexation fee waiver likewise.

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Todd Hall, to continue this Public Hearing to the 26th of January 2015 at 7:00 PM. The Aldermen voted as follows:

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

The motion passed.

The Public Hearing recessed at 8:20 PM.

e. Tax Levy Ordinance for the City of Marengo for the 2014/2015 Fiscal Year.

Finance Director Jennifer Snelten reviewed the Tax Levy Ordinance information and answered questions from the Council.

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Carole Bartman, to approve the Tax Levy Ordinance for the City of Marengo for the 2014/2015 Fiscal Year. The Aldermen voted as follows:

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

The motion passed.

f. Ordinance Levying Taxes for Special Service Area #2 for the 2014 Tax Year – Parkrise Unit 5

Alderman Matt Keenum made a motion, seconded by Alderman Michael Smith, for an ordinance levying taxes for Special Service Area (SSA) #2 for the 2014 Tax Year – Parkrise Unit 5. The Aldermen voted as follows:

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

The motion passed.

g. Authorization to Execute Agreement with Pace for Dial-A-Ride Services

Alderman Carole Bartman made a motion, seconded by Alderman Michael Smith, to Execute an Agreement with Pace for Dial-A-Ride Services. The Aldermen voted as follows:

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

The motion passed.

MAYOR'S STATEMENTS AND REPORTS

Mayor Lockhart wished Assistant City Administrator Joshua Blakemore a Happy Birthday, and everyone a Happy Holiday Season.

DEPARTMENT HEAD AND STAFF REPORTS

Asst. City Administrator Joshua Blakemore had nothing further to add this evening. The transponder project is also complete, there are 30 residences still not done. These properties are being surcharged for not complying.

Finance Director Jennifer Snelten had nothing further to add this evening. She will put together information on the engineering services/costs for the projects, as per the request of Alderman Smith, and will bring that information to the next meeting.

Public Works Director Jayson Shull added information to his report, advising the Council that there should be a savings of \$8,000 at the Wastewater Plant Project. The Meso Mixing Pump is in good condition, and should get the City a \$6,000 credit.

Chief of Police Joseph Hallman reported that 5 children participated with the Shop –With- A-Cop last week.

City Engineer Tim Hartnett had no formal report this evening. He will have a formal report by the end of the year for the Council to review on current projects.

City Administrator Gary Boden advised that City Hall will be closed on the 24th and 25th of December, as well as January 1, 2015. The next regular meeting will be on January 12, 2015. He requested that the Council bring the green documents with them on the 26th, to keep copying costs down.

City Attorney Carlos Arevalo, had no formal report, but did update the Council on the L.O.C.s discussed at the last meeting. The one for Prairie Community has been presented, and the one for PNC in Pittsburgh had actually been extended through December 2015. That resolution will be brought back to the Council with the correct date shown.

REPORTS AND STATEMENTS FROM CITY COUNCIL

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Todd Hall, to adjourn. The motion passed with a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:39 PM



Constance J Bokleitner
City Clerk

These minutes were approved by City Council on JAN 12, 2015