

APPROVED
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**Marengo City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
City Council Chambers
132 E Prairie Street
Marengo, IL 60152
February 10, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Donald B. Lockhart called the Regular Meeting of the Marengo City Council to order at 7:00 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Carlos Arevalo, City Attorney, led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present this evening are Mayor Donald Lockhart, Aldermen: Carole Bartman, Matt Keenum, Nicole DeBoer, Dennis Hammortree, Gretchen Samuelson, Michael Smith, and Steve Mortensen (entered the meeting at 7:05 PM). Also present are City Administrator Gary Boden, Asst. City Administrator Joshua Blakemore, Finance Director Jennifer Snelten, Public Works Director Jayson Shull, Chief of Police Joseph Hallman, City Engineer Tim Hartnett and City Attorney Carlos Arevalo. Absent this evening is Alderman Todd Hall.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Gretchen Samuelson, to approve the minutes of the January 27, 2014 Regular Meeting. The motion passed with an aye vote by Aldermen: Keenum, DeBoer, Smith, Hammortree and Samuelson. Alderman Carole Bartman abstained.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Alderman Gretchen Samuelson made a motion, seconded by Alderman Michael Smith, to approve the Consent Agenda items with the addition of a metal desk being added to the surplus items list, and to pull the billing from HR Green pending further review. The motion passed with an aye vote by Aldermen: Bartman, Smith, Keenum, Mortensen, DeBoer, Samuelson and Hammortree.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Report on meeting with Illinois Toll-way**

Tim Hartnett reviewed the information that was given to the Council on the recent meeting that was held with both the Illinois Toll-Way and IDOT. There is a follow-up meeting to be held in March.

- b. **Review of Fiscal Year 2014/2015 Revenue Projections**

Joshua Blakemore and Jennifer Snelten updated the Council on the General Fund Revenues (to date), the Water & Sewer Fund Revenues, and the IEPA Debt Fund – WWTP Expansion. City Administrator Boden talked about the EAV – Total Collected and Total GF Collected.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

MAYOR'S STATEMENTS AND REPORTS

Mayor Lockhart had nothing to report this evening. He did commend the streets department employees for the work that they have done in plowing the streets, and for their dedication in working the hours that were needed.

DEPARTMENT HEAD AND STAFF REPORTS

Asst. City Administrator Joshua Blakemore had nothing further to report.

Finance Director Jennifer Snelten had nothing further to report.

Public Works Director Jayson Shull had provided a written report to the Council, but added information on overtime (which has skyrocketed). There are 7 water services that are frozen at this time, and several sewer lines are frozen as well. The City is okay on salt at this time. Due to the recent weather conditions, general services are behind. City Administrator Boden advised that the overtime would be paid out of contingency funds

Chief of Police Joseph Hallman had nothing to report.

City Engineer Tim Hartnett had nothing to report.

City Administrator Gary Boden handed out a memo to the Council and asked them to review it. He will be attending a conference. Alderman Keenum asked if it would be in the City's best interest to look at preparing documentation on medical marijuana. Administrator Boden advised that the City is checking into that.

City Attorney Carlos Arevalo had nothing to report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a. **Personnel**
- b. **Semi Annual Review of Minutes of Closed Session as Required by Section 2.06 of the Open Meetings Act**

Alderman Steve Mortensen made a motion, seconded by Alderman Nicole DeBoer, to go to Executive Session for the purposes of Personnel and a semi-annual review of Closed Session Minutes. The motion passed with an aye vote by Aldermen: Samuelson, Hammortree, Keenum, Mortensen, Bartman, DeBoer and Smith.

*The Regular Meeting recessed at 8:15 PM
The Regular Meeting reconvened at 8:45PM*

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Steve Mortensen, to adjourn the Regular Meeting. The motion passed with a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Constance J Boxleitner
City Clerk