

**Marengo City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
City Council Chambers
132 E Prairie Street
Marengo, IL 60152
June 23, 2014
7:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Donald B. Lockhart called the Regular City Council Meeting for June 23rd 2014 to order at 7:01 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Alderman Carole Bartman led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present this evening are Mayor Donald B. Lockhart; Aldermen Carole Bartman, Matt Keenum, Michael Smith, Nicole DeBoer, Dennis Hammortree, Gretchen Samuelson, Todd Hall and Steve Mortensen (entered the meeting at 7:15 pm). Also present are City Administrator Gary Boden, Asst. City Admin, Joshua Blakemore, Finance Director Jennifer Snelten, Chief of Police Joseph Hallman, Public Works Director Jayson Shull, City Attorney Carlos Arevalo and City Engineer Ed Coggin.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION – PURPLE HEART PLAQUE

Eagle Scout Jacob Olbrich, along with Sgt Richard W Young, of the Marine Corps League, presented a Purple Heart Plaque to the City of Marengo. This is the second plaque to be presented to a City in McHenry County. The plaque is from the Military Order of the Purple Heart.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 9, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Michael Smith, to approve the regular meeting minutes of the June 9, 2014 meeting, with a correction to information on page 2 of the minutes. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

The motion passed.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. **List of Bills**
- b. **Authorization to Execute Work Change Directive #018 from Williams Brothers Const. For Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion Project**

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Todd Hall, to approve the consent agenda items. The aldermen voted as follows:

Ayes: Bartman, Smith, Keenum, Mortensen, DeBoer, Samuelson, Hall & Hammortree
Nays: 0
Abstains: 0

The motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Marengo Main Street Funding Request

Adam Johnson, representing Marengo Main Street, spoke about the matching funds request being made. The request this evening is in the amount of \$9,062.34.

Alderman Gretchen Samuelson made a motion, seconded by Alderman Matt Keenum, to approve the request for matching funds, from Marengo Main Street, in the amount of \$9,062.34.

The aldermen voted as follows:

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

The motion passed.

b. Authorization to Execute Contract with HR Green for Water Main Replacement Engineering

Ed Coggin, with HR Green, spoke on this proposed contract, for the work being done on Willow, Sunset and West Van Buren streets, for the replacement of water pipes in that area. The projected cost is \$727,000.

Alderman Gretchen Samuelson made a motion, seconded by Alderman Nicole DeBoer, for authorization to execute a contract with HR Green for water main replacement engineering. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

The motion passed.

c. Authorization to Waive Formal Bid Process and Accept Bid for Police Department Radio Equipment Project as per FY 2014/15 Budget

Alderman Carole Bartman made a motion, seconded by Alderman Steve Mortensen, to waive the formal bidding process for the police department radio upgrade project and accept the submitted quote from Comelac East, at an amount not to exceed \$14,194. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

The motion passed.

d. Authorization to Accept Proposal for Ash Tree Removal Program

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Todd Hall, for authorization to accept the proposal from JW Hellyer & Sons, in the amount of \$13,980 (base bid) for Ash Tree removal. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

The motion passed.

e. Authorization to Execute Intergovernmental Agreement with Marengo and Riley Townships, Regarding Pace Dial-A-Ride

Alderman Carole Bartman made a motion, seconded by Alderman Gretchen Samuelson, for authorization to execute an intergovernmental agreement with Marengo Township and Riley Township, regarding Pace Dial-A-Ride. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

The motion passed.

MAYOR'S STATEMENTS AND REPORTS

Mayor Lockhart wished everyone a Happy 4th of July Holiday.

DEPARTMENT HEAD AND STAFF REPORTS

Assistant City Administrator Joshua Blakemore reported that the employee for the Wastewater department is back to work with no restrictions. The City is now proceeding to advertise to add a third employee (entry level) for that department.

Finance Director Jennifer Snelten updated the Council on a status of the Marengo Police Pension Fund. Transfers of funds has now been completed, with the exception of \$270,000 budgeted to be transferred from the WWTP Expansion Fund to the water/sewer fund, due to funding restrictions.

Public Works Director Jayson Shull reported that there was a small problem (water main issue) on the Prospect Street Project, but this has been solved, and the project should be done by the middle of July. Road patching (from the winter water main breaks) has been done. Pothole repairs are being taken care of as they occur.

Chief of Police Joseph Hallman reported that the Hot Rod Tour went okay, with few problems being reported. Police Commission forwarded background information on 2 final applicants. The abandoned vehicle project is going well.

City Engineer Ed Coggin spoke on the current status of the wastewater treatment plant, with is on schedule at this time.

City Administrator Gary Boden advised the Council that the next meeting with the toll way will be on the 2nd of July. The projection is for 30% for local matching funds. The exact costs are not known at this time. More information on this will be discussed at the July meeting. Information that has been received when he attended the Illinois City Management Conference, and also from the legislative meeting that was part of MCCOG (last week), there is an expectation that there will be an attempt to get the local distributive government funding reallocated. A panel of attorneys and pension actuaries discussed the pension fund issue (police pension fund). Marengo is currently at 45%. The next scheduled meeting for the Council is not until the 14th of July.

City Attorney Carlos Arevalo had no report.

Alderman Bartman asked that the City look at the possibility of having a continuous sidewalk on the North side of Route 20 in the areas that do not have sidewalks currently, to the new public library, for safety purposes. The City will check into that possibility and report back.

City Clerk Connie Boxleitner advised the Council that the semi-annual review of the Executive Session minutes would be done on the 28th of July. She requested that all Aldermen please stop by the Clerk's office to review those minutes prior to that meeting.

REPORTS AND STATEMENTS FROM CITY COUNCIL

None.

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 8:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Constance J. Boxleitner
City Clerk