

**Marengo City Council  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
City Council Chambers  
132 E Prairie St  
Marengo, IL 60152  
June 9, 2014  
7:00 PM**

**APPROVED**  
6/23/14

**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**

Alderman Nicole DeBoer led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

Present this evening are Mayor Donald Lockhart, Aldermen Carole Bartman, Matt Keenum, Michael Smith (entered the meeting at 7:10 PM), Nicole DeBoer, Todd Hall and Steve Mortensen. Also present are City Administrator Gary Boden, Asst. City Administrator Joshua Blakemore, Public Works Director Jayson Shull, Chief of Police Joseph Hallman, City Engineer Ed Coggin, and City Attorney Carlos Arevalo. Absent this evening are Aldermen Dennis Hammortree and Gretchen Samuelson, and Finance Director Jennifer Snelten.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** May 27, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Todd Hall, to approve the minutes of the May 27, 2014 regular meeting. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

The motion passed.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. **List of Bills**
- b. **Calvin Spencer Use Request**
- c. **Ordinance Declaring Certain Municipal Property as Surplus**
- d. **Ordinance Establishing Prevailing Wage Rates for the City of Marengo**
- e. **Authorization to Submit Williams Brothers Construction Inc invoice to IEPA for Loan Disbursement and to Authorize Payment Upon Receipt of Said Disbursement**

Alderman Todd Hall made a motion, seconded by Alderman Steve Mortensen, to approve the consent agenda items, with an amendment to the Calvin Spencer Use Request for only the July date, until further information is received. The aldermen voted as follows:

Ayes: Bartman, Keenum, Mortensen, DeBoer and Hall

Nays: 0  
Abstain: 0

The motion passed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- a. **Consideration and Action on an Ordinance Authorizing and Providing for the Issue of Approximately \$4,875,000 General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2014 of the City, for the Purpose of Financing Improvements to the Waterworks and Sewage System of the City, and Refunding Outstanding Alternate Bonds of the City, and for the Levy of a Direct Annual Tax Sufficient to Pay the Principal and Interest on Said Bonds.**

Speer Financial Representative, Dave Phillips, updated the Council on the bidding process for the 2014 Bond, in the amount of \$4,975,000, and reported that Robert W Baird & Co, Inc. was the lowest bidder. He reviewed the debt service payment schedule and answered questions.

Alderman Todd Hall made a motion, seconded by Alderman Nicole DeBoer, for an ordinance authorizing and providing for the issue of approximately \$4,975,000 General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2014 of the City, for the purpose of financing improvements to the waterworks and sewage system of the City, and refunding outstanding alternate bonds of the City, and for the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest of said bonds, to be awarded to Robert W Baird & Co., Inc. The amount to be refunded is \$1,735,000.00. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

The motion passed.

- b. **Update on 2014 Ash Tree Removal / Replacement Program**

Public Works Director Jayson Shull provided a list of properties that are infected with the Emerald Ash Bore at more than 50% infection. There are 98 trees on the list provided. There will be a RFP for the removal of these trees, and he will update the Council accordingly. There are 17 trees currently in inventory for planting/replacement purposes.

**MAYOR'S STATEMENTS AND REPORTS**

Mayor Lockhart wished everyone a Happy Father's Day. He attended the graduation at the high school and noted that Alderman Hammortree's daughter graduated with honors. Mayor Lockhart's granddaughter also graduated and will be attending college in the fall. Congratulations to all the graduates.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD AND STAFF REPORTS**

**Asst. City Administrator Joshua Blakemore** advised the Council that the information from Marengo Main Street, on the matching funds request made at the last meeting, should be presented at our next meeting in June.

**Public Works Director Jayson Shull** noted a correction on his formal report, they are down to 1 laborer in the water/sewer plant.

**Chief of Police Joseph Hallman** had submitted a formal report in the board packet, but updated the Council on the radio project upgrade, noting that there is a range of \$50,000 between the various quotes. The old repeater is probably the reason for the differences. On the Hot Rod Power Tour, he is try to make contact with the group, and will do the best they can because of schedules for that day. Also mentioned the abandoned vehicles ordinance, and the push to get those vehicles removed.

**City Engineer Ed Coggin** updated the Council on the Prospect Street Project (a lot of the underground work has been completed) as well as the Wastewater Treatment Plant Project (which is currently on schedule).

**City Administrator Gary Boden spoke on** legislation on disbursement funds, and that there is a 60 day time frame now required for the State to get the funds disbursed, so past concerns about timing and how the money is disbursed has been addressed and approved. That means that the cash flow problems of the past should be eradicated. Also, the information on the Grismer/Volkening project was clarified on the actual cost on the waiver of fees that were commented on in the paper recently. This subdivision contribution to the water capital funds will be \$2,000,000 (for a total of 853 units) at full build out. The waiver of fees amount is about \$300,000 (for the 86 units involved). This amount is **not** paid to developers; it is a waiver of fees. Those fees would only have been collected at the time that a water main would have been developed. If the City would have developed that water main, the actual cost would be in the range of \$660,000, so in actual fact, the exchange for the purchase of the easement is saving the City and its water capital improvement fund an amount of about \$360,000.

**City Attorney Carlos Arevalo** had no report.

Alderman Michael Smith asked Administrator Boden why the BP station is significantly higher than any other station in town, and Administrator Boden replied that the City has no understanding as to why they are so much higher. Alderman Smith also questioned the status of the Dunkin Donuts project, and was told that that project was on hold. Alderman Carole Bartman asked about the status of the Taco Bell location, and was told that it was a dead deal at this time.

#### **REPORTS AND STATEMENTS FROM CITY COUNCIL**

None.

#### **ADJOURMENT**

Alderman Todd Hall made a motion, seconded by Alderman Nicole DeBoer, to adjourn the June 9, 2014 regular meeting. The motion passed with a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:44 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Constance J. Boxleitner*  
City Clerk