APPROVED
August 11, 2014

Marengo City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
City Council Chambers
132 E. Prairie St.
Marengo, IL 60152
July 28, 2014
7:01 PM

CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Donald B. Lockhart called the July 28, 2014 Regular City Council meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Mayor Lockhart 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 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 and Finance Director Jennifer Snelten. Alderman Michael Smith, Gretchen Samuelson and Steve Mortensen were absent.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
There was none this evening.

APPROVAL OF MINTUES: July 14, 2014 Regular Meeting
Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Todd Hall, to approve the minutes from the July 14, 2014 regular meeting. The Aldermen voted as follows:

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

The motion passed.

CONSENT AGENDA
a. List of Bills
b. Resolution to Temporarily Close State Route 23 for Settlers' Days
c. Authorization to Execute Settlement Agreement and Release with NiCor

Alderman Todd Hall made a motion, seconded by Alderman Nicole DeBoer, to approve the Consent Agenda items. The Aldermen voted as follows:

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

The motion passed

NEW BUSINESS
A. Marengo – Union Chamber of Commerce Donation Request

Lynn Grosse, Managing Director, made a request of the City to become a sponsor of the Marengo Music Festival, which will be held on August 23, 2014.

Alderman Carole Bartman made a motion, seconded by Alderman Nicole DeBoer, to donate up to $250 to the Marengo Music Festival event that is sponsored by the Marengo-Union Chamber of Commerce. The Aldermen voted as follows:

Ayes: Hammortree, Hall, Keenum, Bartman and DeBoer
Nays: 0
Abstain: 0
The motion passed.

B. PUBLIC HEARING - Ordinance making Appropriations for Fiscal Year 14/15 and Certification of Estimated Revenues

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 Hearing was called to order at 7:12 PM.

Finance Director Jennifer Snelten reviewed the information and answered questions from the Council. The notice of this public hearing was published in the Northwest Herald on July 18, 2014. There were no public comments.

Alderman Carole Bartman made a motion, seconded by Alderman Matt Keenum to close the Public Hearing. The motion passed with a voice vote.

The Public Hearing adjourned at 7:14 PM.

Alderman Carole Bartman made a motion, seconded by Alderman Nicole DeBoer, to approve the ordinance for the appropriations for corporate purposes for the Fiscal Year of May 1st 2014 to April 30th 2015. The Aldermen voted as follows:

Ayes: Hall, DeBoer, Keenum, Hammortree and Bartman
Nays: 0
Abstain: 0
The motion passed.

C. Authorization to Execute Agreement with HR Green for Wastewater Operator Services

Alderman Todd Hall made a motion, seconded by Alderman Nicole DeBoer, to authorize and execute an agreement with HR Green for Wastewater Operator Services through the month of August. The Aldermen voted as follows:

Ayes: Bartman, DeBoer, Keenum, Hall and Mayor Lockhart
Nays: Hammortree
Abstain: 0
The motion passed.

MAYOR'S STATEMENTS AND REPORTS

Mayor Lockhart had nothing to report this evening.

DEPARTMENT HEAD AND STAFF REPORTS

Asst. City Administrator Joshua Blakemore reported that they are finalizing the hire for the WWTP. In regards to the McRide program, Marengo township should approve the MOU this

evening. Riley Township has some additional questions on the MOU, and Steve Weskerna (from the Marengo Township) will discuss this with them. Tenants at 180 8th Avenue will be moving out at the end of July. Met with Arthur Gallagher recently, and the projection for the liability insurance renewal is a possible 5% increase over last year. Health Insurance costs are projected to go up about 2.5%.

Finance Director Jennifer Snelten updated the Council on the receipt of the Bond proceeds for the new well and waterline updates. The funds have been deposited with Castle Bank in a Money Market account with a current rate of .35%.

Public Works Director Jayson Shull advised that the new truck has been ordered for the water department. They should take delivery in about 3 months or so. Prospect Street work is almost done – waiting on IDOT to approve so the traffic signals can be activated.

Chief of Police Joseph Hallman had attended the Faith & Family Day function Saturday and it was very well attended. There were no police issues.

City Administrator Gary Boden spoke on the Rout 23/I90 interchange status, and also updated the Council on the Dollar General plans.

City Attorney Carlos Arevalo had no report.

City Clerk Boxleitner reminded the Council about the transponder update. City Administrator Boden stated that so far 1600 have either been done, or should be done by the end of July, and 500 should be done by the end of September.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

a. Semi-annual review of minutes of closed session as required by Section 2.06 of the Open Meetings Act

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Todd Hall, to go to Executive Session for the purpose of the semi-annual review of minutes of closed session as required by Section 2.06 of the Open Meetings Act. The Aldermen voted as follows:

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

The motion passed.

The regular meeting recessed at 7:47 pm.
The regular meeting reconvened at 7:54 pm.

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 7:55 pm.

Constance J Boxleitner
City Clerk

The City Council approved these minutes on Aug. 11, 2014, ~~2014~~.