APPROVED
8/25/2014

City of Marengo
Regular Meeting Minutes
City Council Chambers
132 E Prairie Street
Marengo, IL 60152
August 11, 2014
7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Donald B. Lockhart called the meeting to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
George Bauman led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL
Present are Mayor Donald Lockhart; Aldermen Carole Bartman, Matt Keenum, Gretchen Samuelson, Todd Hall and Steve Mortensen. Also present are City Administrator Gary Boden, Asst. City Administrator Joshua Blakemore, Chief of Police Joseph Hallman, City Attorney Carlos Arevalo, and City Engineer Tim Hartnett. Aldermen Michael Smith, Nicole DeBoer and Dennis Hammortree were absent.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
There was none this evening.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - July 28, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes
Alderman Matt Keenum made a motion, seconded by Alderman Carole Bartman, to approve the minutes of the July 28, 2014 Regular Meeting, with various corrections. The aldermen voted as follows:

Ayes:	Keenum, Mortensen, Hall, Bartman and Mayor Lockhart
Nays:	0
Abstain:	Samuelson

The motion passed.

CONSENT AGENDA
- **a. List of bills**
- **b. Authorization to Submit Williams Brothers Construction Inc invoice to IEPA for Loan Disbursement and to Authorize Payment upon Receipt of Said Disbursement**

Alderman Gretchen Samuelson made a motion, seconded by Alderman Todd Hall, to approve the Consent Agenda. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

The motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS
A. Update and Request for Funds from Marengo Radio Station Group
Brian Kelly, President of the Marengo Community Radio Group, asking to receive the pledged amount from the City of Marengo. The amount that is in the budget is $3,900.

Alderman Gretchen Samuelson made a motion, seconded by Alderman Matt Keenum, to award the budgeted amount of $3,900.00 to the Marengo Radio Station as a donation from the City of Marengo. The aldermen voted as follows:

Ayes: Samuelson, Hall, Keenum, Mortensen and Bartman
Nays: 0
Abstain: 0
The motion passed.

B. Annual Cemetery Report

George Bauman reviewed the annual report (which included a 5-year summary) with the Council and answered questions.

Alderman Steve Mortensen made a motion, seconded by Alderman Gretchen Samuelson, to accept the Annual Cemetery Report. The aldermen voted as follows:

Ayes: Keenum, Samuelson, Mortensen, Bartman and Hall
Nays: 0
Abstain: 0
The motion passed.

C. Ordinance Proposing the Establishment of Special Service Area (SSA) # 7, for a Turn Lane Within the City of Marengo

City Administrator Boden explained the need for the establishment of the SSA, which would be in front of the new Dollar General location. Once this ordinance is in place, there will be a Public Hearing on the issue, and the projected date for the hearing is the 8th of September 2014 at 7:00 pm. This would be held during the next regular meeting of the Council.

Alderman Steve Mortensen made a motion, seconded by Alderman Todd Hall, for an ordinance establishing Special Service Area #7, for a turn lane within the City of Marengo. The aldermen voted as follows:

Ayes: Hall, Mortensen, Keenum, Samuelson and Bartman
Nays: 0
Abstain: 0
The motion passed.

D. Authorization to Waive Formal Bid Requirement and Accept Proposal for Salt Brine Anti-Icing Equipment

Public Works Director Shull, reviewed the information provided to the Council, and answered questions from the Council. This equipment is specialized in nature, and as such there are few companies that are able to supply it.

Alderman Gretchen Samuelson made a motion, seconded by Alderman Todd Hall, for authorization to waive the bid process for purchasing anti-icing equipment, and to accept the contents of quote #1012 from Process Integration LLC in the amount of $44,804.50 for the purchase of liquid anti-icing systems. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

E. Update on Ward Map Redistricting

City Administrator Boden updated the Council on the status of the update to the ward map-redistricting project. There are 2 possible options at this time, and the Aldermen were asked to view those options after the meeting and give their feedback.

MAYOR'S STATEMENTS AND REPORTS

Mayor Lockhart has been in touch with Mrs. Nichols on the water drainage issue, and she indicates that the problem appears to be solved.

DEPARTMENT HEAD & STAFF REPORTS

Asst. City Administrator Joshua Blakemore reported that the signal on Prospect and Route 20 is on and appears to be working properly. The new employee for the wastewater treatment plant will be starting on August 25th. This puts the City at full staff for the wastewater treatment plant. With the rollout of the next newsletter, work has started on a City Facebook page.

Public Works Director Jayson Shull updated the Council on the status of the removal of the trees. A total of 80 trees have been taken down. The cleanup from the removal was aided with the McHenry County Department of Corrections supplying the labor. Pothole repairs are being taken care of. There is work that needs to be done on the street behind the post office, to repair pavement problems. Alderman Bartman questioned if there is a recapture on the sewer lines on Route 20 by Dollar General, and Administrator Boden indicated that there is an agreement, and explained the particulars to the Council.

Chief of Police Joseph Hallman reported that they have a list of 10 candidates, at this time, for a new officer, and are working their way through that list. He will report back to the Council on the progress at the next meeting.

City Engineer Tim Hartnett had no formal report this evening, but did state that the WWTP project is on schedule. *Alderman Bartman* asked if HR Green had looked into the possibility of receiving any grant money for getting a bike path from the downtown area out to the new public library. Tim stated that information on this was given to the City Administrator, but did advise that the City did not qualify for any grant money, as they did not have the necessary money match at this time. A Phase 1 study would need to be done before the City could apply for any grant money. *Alderman Samuelson* asked about the status of the water lines for Van Buren/Sunset and Willow. Tim advised that early plans for this project are in process, and they should be going out for bids in September. They will be asking for bids for 2 start times for the project – one in late fall and the other in early spring.

City Administrator Gary Boden attended the planning committee meeting in Crystal Lake, for the Village of Oakwood Hills regarding a possible power plant there, and spoke about the meeting. The City received a request from persons on the possibility of establishing a medical marijuana production facility. They would not be a distribution center. The Council asked that the individuals attend a Council meeting so questions could be asked of them.

City Attorney Carlos Arevalo had no report.

REPORTS AND STATEMENTS FROM CITY COUNCIL

Alderman Hall requested that the review be changed to the 22nd of September, as he would be out of town on the original date. It was agreed that the change in date would be acceptable at this time.

Alderman Samuelson asked if it would be possible to get the speed limit reduced on Route 176, and Tim said that decision would have to be made by IDOT.

Alderman Bartman questioned if there could be a streetlight at the intersection of Prospect and 176, and Public Works Director Shull said he would check into it.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Steve Mortensen made a motion, seconded by Alderman Todd Hall, to adjourn. The motion passed with a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:36 PM.

Constance J Boxleitner
City Clerk

The City Council approved these minutes on August 25, 2014.