

APPROVED
9/8/2014

**City of Marengo
Regular Meeting Minutes
City Council Chambers
132 E Prairie Street
Marengo, IL 60152
August 25, 2014
7:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Josh Blakemore led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present this evening are Mayor Donald Lockhart; Aldermen Carole Bartman, Matt Keenum, Michael Smith, Nicole DeBoer, Dennis Hammortree, 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, City Engineer Tim Hartnett and Finance Director Jennifer Snelten. Anna Leyrer, Deputy Clerk, filled in for the City Clerk.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Alderman Steve Mortensen made a motion, seconded by Alderman Todd Hall, to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2014 Regular Meeting, with corrections. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

The motion passed.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. **List of Bills**
- b. **Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive Request**
- c. **Authorization to Submit HR Green invoice to IEPA for Loan Disbursement and Authorize Payment Upon Receipt of Said Disbursement**

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Todd Hall, to approve the consent agenda items as presented:

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

The motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Consideration and Action Pursuant to Section 17.07 of the Marengo Municipal Code for a Waiver of the Formal Bidding Process and Authorization to Proceed with the Purchase of a 1996 Vactor 2115 PD Sewer Cleaner Jet/Vac Conditioned, Upon an Adoption of an Ordinance for Financing**

Public Works Director Shull presented information to the Council on this unit, and answered questions.

Alderman Todd Hall made a motion, seconded by Alderman Nicole DeBoer, to waive the formal bid process and authorize the financing of \$100,000 to purchase a 1996 Vactor 2115 PD Sewer Cleaner Jet/Vac from Jack Doheny Companies. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

The motion passed.

- b. **Action on Ordinance Authorization the Execution of a Promissory Note for \$80,000 at an annual interest rate of 3.50% over Four (4) Years to Finance the Purchase of a 1996 Vactor 2115 PD Sewer Cleaner Jet/Vac**

Alderman Michael Smith made a motion, seconded by Alderman Todd Hall, for an ordinance authorizing the execution of a promissory note for \$80,000 at an annual interest rate of 3.50% over four (4) years to finance the purchase of a 1996 Vactor 2115 PD Cleaner Jet/Vac. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

The motion passed.

- c. **Discussion and Request for Direction on Ward Map Redistricting**

Administrator Boden reviewed the two options that have been put together on the redistricting of the wards. Once the redistricting is agreed upon by the Council, and is completed, this information will be available on the City website for all the citizens to view. He explained about "open seats" and how that would be handled for representation of the voters in each ward. Alderman Keenum requested that when this is presented to be put to a vote, that it include a legal opinion from our attorney to confirm his opinion in the discussion in regards to all Council members remaining at large for the balance of their original term.

Alderman Carole Bartman made a motion, seconded by Alderman Matt Keenum, that staff and legal council prepare the necessary documentation in order to revise the City of Marengo Wards to comply with Option 1 as presented. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

The motion passed.

d. Financial Year 2014/2015 1st Quarter Budget Report

Finance Director Snelten reviewed the report with the Council members, and answered questions. One item that was not included in the original report – reimbursement has been received from our insurance company for the lightning damage claim to well #7.

MAYOR'S STATEMENTS AND REPORTS

Mayor Lockhart had no report this evening.

DEPARTMENT HEAD AND STAFF REPORTS

Asst. City Administrator Joshua Blakemore had no report this evening.

Finance Director Jennifer Snelten updated the Council on the insurance renewals. There will be a formal presentation at the next meeting. At this time, there will be a 2.56% increase in the medical, dental should have an increase of 2%, and life & vision will have no increase. This is good news.

Public Works Director Jayson Shull reported that the new employee started today as a full time employee. Storm sewer repairs are being done. Dollar General project is progressing. Alderman DeBoer questioned what the street sweeping schedule is, and Jayson explained that there is no set schedule during the summer – it is done as the needs arise. Normal schedule is in the spring and in the fall. Mayor Lockhart asked that trees along the parade route (Settler's Days) be checked to make sure that there are no problems along that route. Jayson will check that out. Alderman Samuelson asked about a missing street sign on North Locust. Jayson will look into replacement of that sign.

Chief of Police Joseph Hallman submitted a written report to the Council. Requested direction from the Council on how to proceed with the offer to exit their postage machine contract with Neopost (machine has not been used in about a year), with a settlement agreement of \$1000 and to continue combining the postage of the Police Department and City Hall on one meter. The Council agreed that this was acceptable, and to include it on the next agenda to be formally handled.

City Engineer Tim Hartnett updated the Council on the I-90 / IDOT project, and explained about a resolution that is being requested. He updates IDOT on a quarterly basis.

City Administrator Gary Boden stated that during their regular meeting tomorrow night, the City of Harvard is going to pass a resolution in support of the interchange. Contact has also been done in lining up support with various representatives from around the County and State. The marijuana plant is no longer being pursued, as they have decided to go elsewhere. They need a site with no house within a one (1) mile radius. Alderman Smith questioned what dialogue had occurred between McHenry County Economic Development and Marengo Economic Development, with the feasibility of the toll-way interchange in 2016? Gary explained that Pam Cumpata, the Director of the MCED, has been involved in the talks with the various possible entities. Alderman Bartman asked for an update on the recapture agreement with Dollar General and their hooking onto the sewer hook-up done by Brackmann Construction. Gary explained that there was a meeting between Carlos, Tim and himself on this issue, and money that may be due the Brackmann's, and Carlos will be in contact with the Brackmann's tomorrow to discuss

this issue, and get it settled. Alderman Keenum expressed that future recap agreements should be more explicit.

City Attorney Carlos Arevalo verified that the resolution is on the agenda with the City of Harvard tomorrow evening.

REPORTS AND STATEMENTS FROM CITY COUNCIL

Alderman Hammortree questioned if he could drop off the evaluation this week, as he was on vacation last week, and was advised that it would not be a problem.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

a. **Personnel**

Mayor Lockhart stated that the Council would be going into Executive Session for the purpose of Personnel.

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Steve Mortensen, to go to Executive Session for the purpose of Personnel. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

The motion passed.

*The Council recessed at 9:05 PM
The Council reconvened at 9:47 PM*

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Carole Bartman, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed with a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 9:47 PM.



Constance J. Boxleitner

The City Council approved these minutes on September 8, 2014