

APPROVED
September 22, 2014

**City of Marengo
Regular Meeting Minutes
City Council Chambers
132 E Prairie Street
Marengo, IL 60152
September 8, 2014
7:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Lockhart led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present this evening are Mayor Donald Lockhart; Alderman Carole Bartman, Matt Keenum, Michael Smith, Nicole DeBoer, Dennis Hammortree, Gretchen Samuelson and Steve Mortensen. Also present are City Administrator Gary Boden, Asst. City Administrator Joshua Blakemore, Finance Director Jennifer Snelten, City Engineer Tim Hartnett, Chief of Police Joseph Hallman and City Attorney Carlos Arevalo. Alderman Todd Hall was absent.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A resident questioned why the City was hiring out road surfacing after the City had purchased equipment to do that type of work. City Administrator Boden explained that due to the scope of work to be done, it was decided that it would be better to hire the work out.

A resident requested information on a recapture agreement, to which Administrator Boden explained that this was being worked on and that hopefully the situation would be resolved soon.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: August 23, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes

Alderman Carole Bartman made a motion, seconded by Alderman Nicole DeBoer, to approve the minutes of the August 23, 2014 regular meeting. The Aldermen voted as follows:

Aye: Keenum, Mortensen, DeBoer, Bartman, Smith, Hammortree & Samuelson
Nay: 0
Abstain: 0

The motion passed.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. **List of Bills**
- b. **Zion Lutheran 5K Run/Walk Request**
- c. **Cancer Kids of Marengo 5K Run/Walk Request**
- d. **Settler's Day 2014 Banner and Step-In Sign Request**
- e. **Authorization to Submit Williams Brothers Construction Inc to IEPA for Loan Disbursement and to Authorize Payment upon Receipt of Said Disbursement**

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, and seconded by Alderman Steve Mortensen, to approve Consent Agenda items b, c, d & e. The aldermen voted as follows:

Aye: Bartman, Smith, Keenum, Mortensen, DeBoer, Samuelson & Hammortree
Nay: 0
Abstain: 0

The motion passed.

Alderman Carole Bartman made a motion, seconded by Alderman Michael Smith, to approve the list of bills (item a) with the exception of the invoice for Jack Doheny Companies, in the amount of \$5,000. The aldermen voted as follows:

Aye: Samuelson, Hammortree, Keenum, Mortensen, Bartman, DeBoer and Smith
Nay: 0
Abstain: 0

The motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

a. PUBLIC HEARING on Ordinance Proposing the Establishment of Special Service Area No 7 for a Turn Lane Within the City of Marengo

Attorney Arevalo provided documentation that the Notice of the Public Hearing was in the Northwest Herald on the 15th of August 2014.

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Steve Mortensen, to open the Public Hearing. The motion passed with a voice vote.

ROLL CALL

Present for the public hearing are Mayor Donald Lockhart, Aldermen: Nicole DeBoer, Michael Smith, Matt Keenum, Steve Mortensen, Gretchen Samuelson, Dennis Hammortree and Carole Bartman.

There were no public comments or questions on this issue.

MOTION TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Steve Mortensen, to close the public hearing. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

The motion passed.

b. 2014-2015 Employee Insurance Renewal

Finance Director Jennifer Snelten introduced Amanda Felinski and Mike Kozemzak, with InVision Benefits. They reviewed the renewal figures with the Council and answered questions.

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Michael Smith, to accept the insurance renewals as presented. The aldermen voted as follows:

Aye: DeBoer, Mortensen, Smith, Keenum, Hammortree, Samuelson & Bartman
Nay: 0
Abstain: 0

The motion passed.

c. Authorization to Accept Bid for 2014 Street Resurfacing Program

Alderman Carole Bartman made a motion, seconded by Alderman Matt Keenum, to accept the bid from Peter Baker & Sons for 2014 Road Resurfacing Project for scopes 1-3 and add approximate 5400 Sq.Ft.

for Jackson Street with an extra not to exceed \$10,000 for the 2014 Street Resurfacing Project. The aldermen voted as follows:

Aye: Mortensen, Samuelson, Bartman, DeBoer, Keenum & Smith
Nay: Hammortree
Abstain: 0

The motion passed.

d. Authorization to Execute Agreement with HR Green for Wastewater and Water Operator Services

This agreement will be for 2 individuals (from HR Green) with one operating for the water department and one operating for the wastewater department. They will both be holders of an Illinois EPA Class 1 Certificate as a Wastewater System Operator.

Alderman Steve Mortensen made a motion, seconded by Alderman Nicole DeBoer, to accept Scope of Services contract dated September 2, 2014 from HR Green for Water and Wastewater Operator Services for a one-year period at a cost not to exceed \$25,600. The aldermen voted as follows:

Aye: DeBoer, Mortensen, Keenum, Smith, Bartman and Samuelson
Nay: Hammortree
Abstain: 0

The motion passed.

e. Request for Direction and Authorization to Proceed with Lakeshore Lighting for Energy Efficient Lighting Upgrades to City Facilities

Nick Betzold and Derek LaManna presented information to the Council about grant money that is available through ICEF and DCEO, which would allow the City (at a final cost of \$8 approximately) to upgrade the lighting to LED. The total cost of the project would be \$198,573. No work would be started, or parts ordered, until approval has been received from both ICEF and DCEO.

Alderman Michael Smith made a motion, seconded by Alderman Nicole DeBoer for authorization to proceed with Lakeshore Lighting for Energy Efficient Lighting Upgrades to City Facilities contingent upon receiving the grants from ICEF & DCEO, and final administrative approval. The aldermen voted as follows:

Aye: DeBoer, Bartman, Smith, Hammortree, Keenum & Mortensen
Nay: Samuelson
Abstain: 0

The motion passed.

f. An Ordinance Describing and Establishing Ward Boundaries and Amending Section 2.01 (B) of the Marengo Municipal Code

Alderman Michael Smith made a motion, seconded by Alderman Steve Mortensen, for an ordinance describing and establishing ward boundaries and to amend Section 2.01 (B) of the Marengo Municipal Code. The aldermen voted as follows:

Aye: Smith, Bartman, Keenum, Mortensen, DeBoer and Samuelson
Nay: Hammortree
Abstain: 0

The motion passed.

g. Request for Direction Regarding Procedures to Gain Compliance on Transponder Installation

Administrator Boden updated the Council on the current number of residences (692) not in compliance with the update on the transponder installation. It was recommended by the Council that Mayor Lockhart send a letter from the City advising those property owners of their need to comply with this project, and what the options of the City will be if they fail to do so.

MAYOR'S STATEMENTS AND REPORTS

Mayor Lockhart noted that a former police officer in the City, Joe Woodruff, has passed away. He also reported that a current employee, Les Garman, is seriously ill following a stroke.

DEPARTMENT HEAD AND STAFF REPORTS

Asst. City Administrator Joshua Blakemore reported that effective today; Erik Evertsen is the foreman at the water treatment plant.

Finance Director Jennifer Snelten had nothing further to report.

Chief of Police Joseph Hallman was asked what the compliance percentage was on the City Stickers, and reported that 99% renewed.

City Engineer Tim Hartnett reported that on Sept. 16, the McHenry County Transportation Committee is presenting a resolution to the County, and for approval on the I-90 interchange. Packet contained information on the next steps that will be required on this project. HR Green will be meeting with the Transportation Committee on the 17th of September with this additional information. Tim also clarified to the Council that he was in attendance at the meeting that was between the Brackmann's and the City and explained the calculations that were being discussed during that meeting, relating to the recapture agreement.

City Administrator Gary Boden updated the Council on the Arnold's Engineering (300 West LLC) situation and spoke about the new possible solution being discussed. The new solution involves the building of a water main and laying of water lines for homes in that area – with the cost of the project being paid in full by 300 West LLC. There is also the possibility of their property being annexed into the City. There is a meeting scheduled for Wednesday on this.

City Attorney Carlos Arevalo had nothing to report.

REPORTS AND STATEMENTS FROM CITY COUNCIL

Alderman Hammortree asked a question of the City Administrator, Mayor and Council about whether the person asked should answer the question with the truth or a lie. City Attorney Arevalo responded that when a question is asked, they have to tell the truth.

Mayor Lockhart spoke about contacting persons, on possible litigation with the City, that Council members should not contact those individuals, as that leaves the Council open to possible litigation. Attorney Arevalo recommended that all conversations be referred to somebody that can answer questions and concerns, so that the City has a point of contact. This would avoid any possible controversy.

Alderman Smith thanked the City for their work on the LED lighting. It was previously discussed several years ago.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Matt Keenum, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed with a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 9:26 PM.



Constance J. Boxleitner
City Clerk

These minutes were approved on September 22, 2014 by the City Council.