

**APPROVED**  
February 9, 2015

**Marengo City Council  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
City Council Chambers  
132 E. Prairie St.  
Marengo, IL 60152  
January 26, 2015**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Scouts from Boy Scout Troop 530 led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

Present are Mayor Donald B. Lockhart, Aldermen Matt Keenum, Michael Smith (entered the meeting at 7:05 pm), Nicole DeBoer, Dennis Hammortree, Todd Hall and Steve Mortensen. Also present are City Administrator Gary Boden, Assistant City Administrator Joshua Blakemore, Chief of Police Joseph Hallman, Public Works Director Jayson Shull, City Attorney Carlos Arevalo and Finance Director Jennifer Snelten. Aldermen Carole Bartman and Gretchen Samuelson were absent.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 12, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes**

Alderman Steve Mortensen made a motion, seconded by Alderman Todd Hall, to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2015 meeting. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

The motion passed.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- a. **List of Bills**
- b. **Authorization to Executive Work Change Directives #27, #28 & #29, from Williams Brothers Construction For Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion Project**

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

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

The motion passed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- a. **Public Hearing – Annexation Agreement between the City of Marengo & Eugene, Bertha & Kathleen Meyer and Rosebud Ltd. Partnership**

The Public Hearing reconvened at 7:05 PM. A roll call of Council Members showed that Aldermen Dennis Hammortree, Todd Hall, Matt Keenum, Steve Mortensen, Nicole DeBoer and Michael Smith were present. Aldermen Gretchen Samuelson and Carole Bartman were absent.

City Administrator Boden recommended the continuation of the public hearing on the possible annexation agreement on the Meyer family partnership, and suggested continuing this item to May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015, due to the lack of information available at this time.

Alderman Matt Keenum recommended that the actual vote, on the part of the City Council, be done at the meeting following the public hearing, to allow the Council time to review the information received.

Alderman Matt Keenum made a motion, seconded by Alderman Nicole DeBoer to continue the public hearing on the annexation agreement between the City of Marengo & Eugene, Bertha & Kathleen Meyer and Rosebud Ltd partnership, to Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

The motion passed.

**b. Public Hearing – Annexation Agreement between the City of Marengo & Harvey Meyers**

The Public Hearing reconvened at 7:25 PM. Roll call of Council showed that Aldermen Todd Hall, Nicole DeBoer, Steve Mortensen, Michael Smith, Matt Keenum and Dennis Hammortree were present. Aldermen Gretchen Samuelson and Carole Bartman were absent.

City Administrator Boden spoke about the desire of the Harvey Meyers Trust wanting to have this item pulled at this time. If the trust wants to pursue this at a later date, they will contact the City and request a new Public Hearing.

Alderman Steve Mortensen made a motion, seconded by Alderman Nicole DeBoer, to close the public hearing on the annexation agreement between the City of Marengo & Harvey Meyers. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

The motion passed.

The Public Hearing on the annexation agreement between the City of Marengo & the Harvey Meyers Trust request closed at 7:32 PM.

**c. Update and Request for Direction on Joining McRide Program with McHenry County**

Assistant City Administrator Blakemore spoke about the possibility of joining the MCRide Program through PACE. There are a couple of options available for the City to look at (1) a point-to-point system similar to what Marengo currently has, and (2) a fixed route system. Scott Hennings, with the McHenry County Department of Transportation answered questions from the

Council on the expanded service that is being considered. The Council recommended going with a fixed route schedule to start with.

**d. Resolution Adopting a Credit Card Policy for the City of Marengo**

Alderman Todd Hall made a motion, seconded by Alderman Nicole DeBoer, for a resolution adopting a Credit Card Policy for the City of Marengo. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

The motion passed.

**MAYOR'S STATEMENTS AND REPORTS**

Mayor Lockhart stated "I assume you all, on the City Council, received a letter from Alderman Hammortree dated January 15, 2015. In addition to the letter, I also heard about what was said at the meeting from the (City) staff and from members of the public. I was not here for that meeting, and I did not witness it. I am not going to seek any action at this time. However, I am going to ask that all of you make an effort to behave professionally during these meetings. Please make sure that you take the time to review Section 2.12 of the City Code. Your behavior at these meetings reflects (either) good or bad on the City Council and the business of our great city. Let's make an effort to have it reflect to good. I understand that emotions sometimes gets the best of us, but let's work on being courteous and respectful to all the members of the Council. I am sure that you can all remember your parents, your teacher or your Sunday school teacher telling you to treat others the way you want to be treated. I am hoping that all of you will take this to heart, and I don't want the City Council to have to deal with censure, fine or expel any member from any meeting for this kind of behavior."

**DEPARTMENT HEAD AND STAFF REPORTS**

**Asst. City Administrator Joshua Blakemore** had nothing further to report this evening.

**Finance Director Jennifer Snelten** spoke on the Financial Reports, for the month ending in December.

**Public Works Director Jayson Shull** updated the Council on (1) the 2 water main breaks that had recently occurred, (2) the Wastewater Treatment Plant Project (which is currently on target for completion in March) and (3) the possibility of a ribbon cutting in May or June once that project is completed. There has been no further update on the LED lighting project.

**Chief of Police Joseph Hallman** submitted a written report, and had nothing further to add this evening.

**City Engineer Tim Hartnett** had no report, but at this time turned the meeting over to Ed Coggin who updated the Council members on recent information that was received on the 300 West LLC plume situation. Further information, as it is received, will be given to the Council for their review.

**City Administrator Gary Boden** reported that a Statement of Support has been received from Northern Illinois University, and resolutions of support from Coral Township and Marengo

Township. The budget is coming along, and should be presented to the Council for review in February and March.

City Attorney Carlos Arevalo had no report.

**REPORTS AND STATEMENTS FROM CITY COUNCIL**

None.

**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 Steve Mortensen, to go into Executive Session for the purpose of the semi-annual review of the closed session minutes as required by Section 2.06 of the Open Meetings Act. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

The motion passed.

*The meeting recessed at 8:54 PM.*

*The meeting reconvened at 9:06 PM.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

Alderman Michael Smith made a motion, seconded by Alderman Nicole DeBoer, to adjourn. The motion passed with a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 9:06 PM.

  
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Constance J. Boxleitner  
City Clerk

These minutes were approved by the City Council on February 9, 2015.