

**MARENGO CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
Marengo Council Chambers  
132 E. Prairie St.  
Marengo, IL 60152  
January 10, 2011**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Donald B. Lockhart called the January 10, 2011 Regular Meeting of the City Council to order at 7:03 P.M.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Lockhart led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

Present for this meeting were Mayor Donald B. Lockhart, Aldermen Corey Brackmann, Michael Smith, Erik DeBoer, Mike Secor, Todd Hall, and Steve DiMaria. Also present were City Administrator Deborah Nier, City Attorney Carlos Arevalo, Deputy Chief Joseph Hallman, Superintendent of Public Works Jim Craney, Building Commissioner Jayson Shull, Assistant City Administrator Joshua Blakemore, and EDC coordinator Dane Checolinski. Absent this evening were: Aldermen: Carole Bartman and Pat Signore, Chief of Police Martin Podosek, and City Engineer David Johanson.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Alderman Michael Smith made a motion, seconded by Mike Secor, to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2010 regular meeting. The motion passed with an aye vote by Aldermen: Brackmann, DiMaria, DeBoer, Hall, Smith and Secor.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. **List of Bills**
- b. **Ordinance Declaring Certain City Property as Surplus**
- c. **Commission Appointments – Marengo Fire & Police Commission (Dennis Starnes), Economic Development Commission (Vernon Seelhoff).**

Alderman Erik DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Todd Hall, to approve the consent agenda items. The motion passed with an aye vote by Aldermen: Smith, Brackmann, DiMaria, DeBoer, Hall and Secor.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- a. **Gus Macker 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament Request**

Bill Huskey, with the Marengo-Union Sports Facility Corporation, spoke on the request for this tournament. Location of the tournament will be in the area surrounding the high school, with an expectation of 200 teams in attendance. The event will be held rain or shine – June 23 through June 26, 2011.

Alderman Steve DiMaria made a motion, seconded by Alderman Michael Smith, to approve the request for the Gus Macker 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament. The motion passed with an aye vote by Aldermen: Secor, Hall, Brackmann, DiMaria, DeBoer and Smith.

b. **Ordinance Amending Chapter 29, Storm-water Management, of the Marengo Municipal Code.**

Alderman Michael Smith made a motion, seconded by Alderman Mike Secor, to approve the Ordinance Amending Chapter 29, Storm-water Management, of the Marengo Municipal Code. The motion passed with an aye vote by Aldermen: Smith, Brackmann, DiMaria, Hall, Secor and DeBoer.

c. **Resolution Adopting the McHenry County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan for the City of Marengo.**

Alderman Steve DiMaria, made a motion, seconded by Alderman Mike Secor, to adopt the McHenry County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan. The motion passed with an aye vote by Aldermen: Hall, DeBoer, DiMaria, Smith, Brackmann and Secor.

**OLD BUSINESS**

a. **Fire and ice Water/Sewer Fee Reduction Request.**

Alderman Steve DiMaria made a motion, seconded by Alderman Corey Brackmann, to waive the balance of the connection fees of \$1,045, but excluding any consideration of waiving water bills in the future. The motion passed with an aye vote by Aldermen: DiMaria, DeBoer, Brackmann, Smith, and Mayor Lockhart. Voting no on this motion are Aldermen Secor and Hall.

**MAYOR'S STATEMENTS AND REPORTS**

None.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD AND STAFF REPORTS**

**Jayson Shull, Building Commissioner.** Questions were asked about Settler's Cove retention pond status, and Shell station update. The CDC has had to cancel their Thursday meeting, so there will not be a meeting in January.

**Jim Craney, Superintendent of Public Works.** Reviewed the schedule on the Building Department report. Shaft break occurred, but we are compliant at this point. Request made to apply salt when ice hazard occurs, and this will be done. There was a problem on West Street with a sewer line that was discovered that runs north/south. The Department was unaware that it was there.

**Joshua Blakemore, Asst to the City Administrator.** No report this evening.

**Dane Checolinski, E.D.C. Coordinator.** Has attended all the District's meetings and they have all passed the BIPIM ordinances for Joe's Place, Karsten, and EPS Materials. He has talked to the County and they are aware that these documents will be coming to them shortly.

**Deputy Chief Joseph Hallman.** Report previously given to Council members. Equipment from Radicom has not been ordered yet due to the costs involved in the purchase. This purchase will require going out for bid.

**Deborah Nier, City Administrator.** Block Grant application information was updated. Thursday she and David Johanson will be giving a report to the County C.D.B.G. Commission on this application. The City has been placed on the contingency list at this time. The Marengo-Union Chamber of Commerce will be having their State of the Community meeting on Wednesday at 8:00 A.M. It will be at Donley's Wild West Steakhouse. Any of the Council members wishing to attend should let her know as soon as possible.

**Carlos Arevalo, City Attorney.** No report.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Lockhart advised that the Council would be going into Executive Session for the purpose of Personnel – at the request of Deputy Chief Hallman. Alderman Mike Secor made a motion, seconded by Alderman Todd Hall, to go into Executive Session for the purpose of Personnel. The motion passed with an aye vote by Aldermen Secor, DeBoer, DiMaria, Brackmann, Smith and Hall.

The meeting recessed at 7:52 P.M.

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The meeting reconvened at 8:06 P.M.

Deputy Chief Joseph Hallman addressed the Council at this time about the need for a records clerk position being posted for the Police Department. This position will take over the tasks of the T.C.'s when the Dispatch Center is turned over to Lake in the Hills. The City Council suggested that the Police Department look into making this 2 part time positions.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There was no further business to come before the Council this evening. Alderman Michael Smith made a motion, seconded by Alderman Todd Hall, to adjourn. The motion passed with a voice vote by all Aldermen present.

Meeting adjourned at 8:19 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

*Constance J. Boxleitner*  
City Clerk