

MARENGO CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
Marengo Council Chambers
132 E. Prairie Street
Marengo, IL 60152
October 10, 2011

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Donald B Lockhart called the October 10, 2011 Regular Council Meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Lockhart led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present at this evening are Mayor Donald Lockhart, Aldermen: Carole Bartman, Corey Brackmann, Michael Smith, Mike Secor and Steve DiMaria. Also present are City Attorney Carlos Arevalo, Acting Chief of Police Joseph Hallman, and Acting City Administrator Joshua Blakemore. Absent this evening are Aldermen: Erik DeBoer, Pat Signore and Todd Hall.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Alderman Michael Smith made a motion, seconded by Alderman Mike Secor, to approve the September 26, 2011 Regular Meeting minutes as presented. The motion passed with an aye vote by Aldermen: Brackmann, DiMaria, Bartman, Smith and Secor.

Alderman Steve DiMaria made a motion, seconded by Alderman Mike Secor, to approve the September 26, 2011 Public Hearing Minutes for SSA #5. The motion passed with an aye vote by Aldermen: Bartman, Smith, Brackmann, DiMaria and Secor.

Alderman Mike Secor made a motion, seconded by Alderman Steve DiMaria, to approve the September 26, 2011 Public Hearing Minutes for SSA #6. The motion passed with an aye vote by Aldermen: Secor, Brackmann, DiMaria, Bartman and Smith.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. **List of Bills**
- b. **Ordinance Declaring Certain Municipal Property as Surplus**
- c. **Lions Club Candy Day Request**

Alderman Steve DiMaria made a motion, seconded by Alderman Mike Secor, to approve the Consent Agenda Items. The motion passed with an aye vote by Aldermen: Smith, Brackmann, DiMaria, Bartman and Secor.

NEW BUSINESS

Authorization to Accept 2011/2012 Casualty/Liability Insurance renewal

Arthur J Gallagher Risk Management account representative, Liz Schloot reviewed the renewal information with the Council. There were questions asked about increasing coverage, and it was decided to hold this over to the next meeting until the information was reviewed.

Ordinance Amending Section 4.10 of the Marengo Municipal Code Establishing a Non-Refundable Application Fee for Police Commission Applicant Packets

Acting Chief of Police Joseph Hallman reviewed the proposed amendment. This will help to offset the cost of the packets. This amendment is in line with what other communities are doing. Alderman Steve DiMaria made a motion, seconded by Alderman Michael Smith, for an Ordinance Amending Section 4.10 of the Marengo Municipal Code establishing a non-refundable application packet fee. The motion passed with an aye vote by Aldermen: DiMaria, Secor, Bartman, Brackmann and Smith.

Update on Wastewater Treatment Plant Project

Tim Bronn, with McMahon & Associates, reviewed information from the previous bid process, and recommended that the City request a re-bid on the project. A conference call was done last week, that included the IEPA Director, the Director of the Division of Water, the Director of the Finance group, and Representative Jack Franks. They discussed the situation on the original bid. It was confirmed that the interest rates are set in Springfield and not by the Federal Government. In order to re-bid this project, Mr. Bronn stated that the City will need to (1) submit a revised basis of design (2) submit a new WPCPS1 form that must accompany all wastewater projects (3) and modify the plans and specifications to remove items and change the contract.

Mayor Lockhart reminded the Council that the items that are being discussed to remove from the original bid, are going to have to be done – and down the road it is going to cost as lot more.

Alderman Carole Bartman made a motion, seconded by Alderman Steve DiMaria, authorizing McMahon & Associates to do what is necessary to re-bid the project. The motion passed with an aye vote by Aldermen: Bartman, Smith, Secor, Brackmann, and DiMaria.

Resolution Creating a Capital Equipment and Projects Fund

Acting City Administrator Joshua Blakemore reviewed the information from the previous meeting on establishing a Capital Equipment and Projects Fund.

Alderman Carole Bartman made a motion, seconded by Alderman Michael Smith, accepting the resolution as presented, for the purpose of establishing the Capital Equipment and Projects Fund. The motion passed with an aye vote by Aldermen: Smith, Bartman, Brackmann, DiMaria and Secor.

Acting City Administrator Blakemore clarified the monies to be transferred to this fund, for a total of \$115,687.84 from the 3 itemized accounts.

Alderman Carole Bartman made a motion, seconded by Alderman Michael Smith, to transfer \$115,687.84 from the 3 itemized accounts – which represents excess interest – into the new Capital Equipment and Projects Fund. Also transfer \$51,375 of development fees into that account. The motion passed with an aye vote by Aldermen: Smith, Bartman, Brackmann, DiMaria and Secor.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

MAYOR'S STATEMENT AND REPORT

Mayor Lockhart advised the Council that Sally Millermon's father has passed away.

DEPARTMENT HEAD AND STAFF REPORTS

Acting Deputy Chief Joseph Hallman. Preliminary report was in board packet. Handed out a report on Settlers' Days expenses. The department is waiting on the McCog auction check. The police cruisers are on their way to Joliet and we should be taking delivery in the next couple of weeks. The K-9 program is being re-phased, and further updates will be provided to the Council when they are available.

Acting City Administrator Joshua Blakemore. Updated the Council on paving projects on Prospect (North of Route 176 in the Circle Street area), also on 4th and 5th Avenues. Work on Forest Street was done, and this has helped with the condition of that street.

Mayor Lockhart received a complaint from IDOT that a survey of traffic on Route 23 (downtown) showed that 66.5% of the vehicles speed in that area. The average speed was 27 mph in a 20 mph zone. The police department will be actively enforcing the speed limit in that area.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Lockhart advised the Council that there would not be a need for Executive Session this evening.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Steve DiMaria made a motion, seconded by Alderman Mike Secor, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed with a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Constance J. Boxleitner
City Clerk