

**Marengo City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
Marengo Council Chambers
132 E. Prairie Street
Marengo, IL 60152
November 14, 2011**

CALL TO ORDER

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Alderman Mike Secor made a motion, seconded by Alderman Todd Hall, to approve the minutes of the October 17, 2011 Special Meeting. The motion passed with an aye vote by Aldermen: Brackmann, Hall, Bartman and Secor. Also voting yes on this motion is Mayor Lockhart. Alderman Erik DeBoer abstained.

Alderman Mike Secor made a motion, seconded by Alderman Todd Hall, to approve the minutes of the October 24, 2011 Regular Meeting. The motion passed with an aye vote by Aldermen: Bartman, Brackmann, DeBoer, Hall and Secor.

CONSENT AGENDA

a. List of Bills

Alderman Carole Bartman made a motion, seconded by Alderman Mike Secor, to approve the Consent Agenda item. The motion passed with an aye vote by Aldermen: Secor, Hall, Brackmann, Bartman and DeBoer.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Resolution Determining the Amount of Funds to be Levied for 2011 Tax Year.

Alderman Erik DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Carole Bartman, to adopt the resolution determining the amount of funds to be levied for the 2011 tax year. The motion passed with an aye vote by Aldermen: Bartman, Hall, Secor and DeBoer. Also voting yes on this motion is Mayor Lockhart. Voting no on this motion is Alderman Brackmann.

b. Ordinance Amending Section 33.06, Term, Prorating Fees, of the Marengo Municipal Code.

Alderman Mike Secor made a motion, seconded by Alderman Corey Brackmann, to amend the fee for licenses issued after the 1st of May, but before September 1st of any year, and the licensee shall pay the full amount; licenses issued after September 1st, but before January 1st of any year shall pay two-thirds (2/3) of the full amount; and licenses issued after January 1st, but before May 1st of any year shall pay one-third (1/3) of the full amount. This ordinance amendment will become effective at the beginning of the next fiscal year. The motion passed with an aye vote by Aldermen: Hall, DeBoer, Brackmann, Secor and Bartman.

c. Ordinance Authorizing a Referendum on the March 20, 2012 Ballot Regarding the Illinois Power Agency Act.

Alderman Mike Secor made a motion, seconded by Alderman Erik DeBoer, to adopt the ordinance authorizing a referendum on the March 20, 2012 ballot regarding the Illinois Power Agency Act. The motion passed with an aye vote by Aldermen: Secor, Bartman, DeBoer, Brackmann and Hall.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to discuss at this time.

MAYOR'S REPORT AND STATEMENT

Mayor Lockhart attended the Veterans Day Program that was held at Marengo Community High School and praised all the participants, and those that put the program together.

DEPARTMENT HEAD AND STAFF REPORTS

Acting Chief Joseph Hallman. Official report was in the board packet. The department is stepping up code enforcement.

Acting City Administrator, Joshua Blakemore. There is no further update on the Wastewater Treatment Plant yet. Should be going out for bids the end of December. The property at 180 8th Avenue will be vacant at the end of the month. Reviewed the progress with Charter on the new franchise agreement. Went over the Budget Trend Report, and discussed the Replacement Tax. The General Assembly approved withholding this money from the local municipalities. The budget is currently on track. Joshua recently attended the County D.O.T. meeting, as well as the toll-way meeting.

City Attorney, Carlos Arevalo. No report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Alderman Todd Hall made a motion, seconded by Alderman Carole Bartman, to go to Executive Session for the purpose of Personnel. The motion passed with an aye vote by Aldermen: Secor, DeBoer, Brackmann, Bartman and Hall. The Council entered into Executive Session at 7:31 pm.

(Alderman Michael Smith entered the meeting at 8:00 pm)

The Council returned from Executive Session at 9:01 pm.

OLD BUSINESS (continued)

Alderman Carole Bartman requested that the minutes reflect that an individual is being considered for appointment as City Administrator. Attorney Arevalo recommended addressing this when it is officially on the agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Todd Hall made a motion, seconded by Alderman Mike Secor, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed with a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Constance J. Boxleitner
City Clerk