

**MARENGO CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Marengo Council Chambers  
132 E. Prairie Street  
Marengo, IL 60152  
November 28, 2011

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Donald B. Lockhart called the Regular Meeting of the Marengo City Council to order at 7:01 pm.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Lockhart led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance. All present then observed a moment of silence in honor of former EDC member David Ross, who passed away recently.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

David Allgood, 20411 Telegraph Street, Marengo. Mr. Allgood spoke on the problem that he has experienced with break-ins at his home. He also discussed the vehicle that is parked on his property, and the signage that has now been defaced by unknown individuals. Also discussed was the speed limit on Route 176, and his willingness to work with the City on trying to get it reduced. City Attorney Arevalo was asked to draft a petition to address this issue with the State of Illinois.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Alderman Carole Bartman made a motion, seconded by Alderman Mike Secor, to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2011 Regular Meeting. The motion passed with an aye vote by Aldermen: Brackmann, Hall, Bartman, Smith, Secor and Signore. Alderman DiMaria abstained.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. **List of Bills**
- b. **Marengo Main Street Holiday Parade Request**

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

- a. **Marengo Main Street Update/Matching Funding Request.**

Bob Levin, Board President of Marengo Main Street, addressed the Council on the Matching Funding Request. Marengo Main Street has accumulated \$8,550.59 in funds this year from their various programs.

Alderman Carole Bartman made a motion, seconded by Alderman Corey Brackmann, authorizing payment of \$8,500 to Marengo Main Street. The motion passed with an aye vote by Aldermen: Secor, Hall, Brackmann, DiMaria, Bartman and Smith. Voting no is Alderman Pat Signore.

- b. **An Ordinance Providing for the Submission to the Electors of the City of Marengo, the Question of Whether the City Should have the Authority under Public Act 96-0176 to Arrange for the Supply of Electricity for its Residential and Small Commercial Retail Customers who have not opted out of such a program.**

Alderman Todd Hall made a motion, seconded by Alderman Michael Smith, to authorize an Ordinance providing for the submission to the electors of the City of Marengo, the question of whether the City should have the Authority under Public Act 96-0176 to arrange for the supply of electricity for its residential and small commercial retail customers who have not opted out of such a program. The motion passed with an aye vote by Aldermen: Smith, Brackmann, Signore, DiMaria, Bartman, Hall and Secor.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

#### **MAYOR'S STATEMENTS AND REPORTS**

None.

#### **DEPARTMENT HEAD AND STAFF REPORTS**

**Jayson Shull, Public Works/Building Commissioner.** They are ready for the winter. Water department worked on South Street. Fall projects are proceeding well, with about 90% completed. There is work being done on Route 20 – gas line leak – between Maple and Locust.

**Joseph Hall, Acting Chief of Police.** Report in packet on the records clerk position. Discussed option of possibly employing a full-time person for the job. Council members recommended looking at possibly adding another part-time person. He will put together cost options for the next Council meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> of December.

**Joshua Blakemore, Acting City Administrator.** Discussed the option of switching banks on some of the City accounts to take advantage of better interest rates. It was suggested that information be compiled and presented at the next meeting for the Council review and recommendations. Charter Communications is “dragging their heels” on the new contract – and Josh will continue to push them to get it done. Discussed current information from Pace – Dial-A-Ride. Also provided updated information on the Wastewater Treatment Plant project, and his recent discussion with Tim Bronn.

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

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Donald Lockhart advised the Council that they would be going into Executive Session for the purpose of Personnel, Probable Litigation, and Approval of Executive Session Minutes.

Alderman Mike Secor made a motion, seconded by Alderman Todd Hall, to go to Executive Session. The motion passed with an aye vote by Aldermen: Hall, DiMaria, Smith, Brackmann, Secor, Signore, and Bartman.

*The meeting recessed at 8:13 pm.*

*The meeting reconvened at 9:13 pm.*

**OLD BUSINESS**

- a. **Authorization to Execute Settlement Agreement with GSYA Inc.**

This item was pulled from the agenda this evening.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Alderman Michael Smith made a motion, seconded by Alderman Mike Secor, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed with a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Constance J. Boxleitner*  
City Clerk