

**Marengo City Council  
Regular Meeting Minutes**  
Marengo Council Chambers  
132 E. Prairie Street  
Marengo, IL 60152  
December 12, 2011

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Donald Lockhart called the Regular Meeting of the Marengo City Council to order at 8:00 pm.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Donald Lockhart led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

Present at this meeting are Mayor Donald B Lockhart, Aldermen: Carole Bartman, Corey Brackmann, Michael Smith, Erik DeBoer, Mike Secor, Pat Signore and Steve DiMaria. Absent is Alderman Todd Hall.

**PUBLIC HEARING – TAX LEVY**

Alderman Pat Signore made a motion, seconded by Alderman Mike Secor, to open the Public Hearing on the Tax Levy. The motion passed with an aye vote by Aldermen: DeBoer, Smith, Brackmann, DiMaria, Signore, Secor and Bartman.

The Public Hearing on the Tax Levy opened at 8:02 pm. Acting City Administrator advised that the notice for the hearing was published in the Northwest Herald as required by statute. A copy of that notice will be included with the minutes for the meeting.

There were no public comments on the tax levy.

Alderman Steve DiMaria made a motion, seconded by Alderman Mike Secor, to close the public hearing. The motion passed with an aye vote by Aldermen: Signore, DiMaria, Smith, Secor, Bartman, DeBoer, and Brackmann. The public hearing adjourned at 8:03 pm.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mr. Beto, 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Marengo. Complimented the Acting Police Chief, and questioned why the City Council was dragging their feet for so long on this issue. He also questioned why the City was going outside the community in their search for a City Administrator, and why the search was taking so long to complete.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Alderman Mike Secor made a motion, seconded by Alderman Michael Smith, to approve the minutes of the November 3, 2011 Special Meeting. The motion passed with an aye vote by Aldermen: Brackmann, DiMaria, DeBoer, Bartman, Smith, Secor and Signore.

Alderman Steve DiMaria made a motion, seconded by Alderman Mike Secor, to approve the minutes of the November 4, 2011 Special Meeting. The motion passed with an aye vote by Aldermen: Bartman, Smith, Brackmann, DiMaria, DeBoer, Signore and Secor.

Alderman Michael Smith made a motion, seconded by Alderman Mike Secor, to approve the November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes. The motion passed with an aye vote by Aldermen: Signore, Secor, Brackmann, DiMaria, Bartman, DeBoer and Smith.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. **List of bills**
- b. **Ordinance Establishing City Council Meeting Dates for 2012**
- c. **Ordinance Declaring Certain Municipal Property as Surplus**
- d. **National Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month Proclamation**

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

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. **Annual Police Pension Report for 2011**  
Two representatives from the Marengo Police Department (Officer Andrew Kjellgren, and Officer Jerry Rzotkiewicz) reviewed the pension report with the Council. It was requested by the Council to report back in March to update the City on how the funding is progressing.
- b. **Tax Levy Ordinance for the City of Marengo for the 2011/2012 Fiscal Year.**  
Alderman Carole Bartman made a motion, seconded by Alderman Mike Secor, to adopt the Tax Levy Ordinance for the City of Marengo for the 2011/2012 Fiscal Year. The motion passed with an aye vote by Aldermen: DeBoer, DiMaria, Smith, Secor, Signore and Bartman. Voting no on this motion was Alderman Corey Brackmann.
- c. **Ordinance Abating the Tax Levied for the year 2011 to pay principal and interest on the \$3,075,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds Series 2003 and the \$2,740,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds Series 2005 for the City of Marengo.**  
Alderman Steve DiMaria made a motion, seconded by Alderman Mike Secor, to approve the ordinance abating the tax levied for the year 2011 to pay principal and interest on the \$3,075,000 General Obligation Refunding bonds series 2003 and the \$2,740,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds series 2005 for the City of Marengo. The motion passed with an aye vote by Aldermen: DiMaria, Signore, Secor, Bartman, DeBoer, Brackmann and Smith.
- d. **Ordinance Abating the Tax Hereto Levied for the year 2011 to pay the principal of and interest on \$1,500,000 taxable General Obligation Bonds, Series 2010, of the City of Marengo.**  
Alderman Michael Smith made a motion, seconded by Alderman Steve DiMaria, to approve the ordinance abating the tax hereto levied for the year 2011 to pay the

principal of and interest on \$1,500,000 taxable General Obligation bonds, Series 2010, of the City of Marengo. The motion passed with an aye vote by Aldermen: Secor, DeBoer, DiMaria, Brackmann, Smith, Bartman and Signore.

- e. **Ordinance Abating the 2010 City of Marengo Taxes on certain property annexed to the City of Marengo pursuant to 35 ILCS 200/18-184 – Western parcels annexed in 2007.**

Alderman Mike Secor made a motion, seconded by Alderman Michael Smith, to approve the ordinance abating the 2010 City of Marengo Taxes on certain property annexed to the City of Marengo pursuant to 35 ILCS 200/18-184 – Western Parcels annexed in 2007. The motion passed with an aye vote by Alderman: DeBoer, Bartman, Smith, Secor, Brackmann, DiMaria, and Signore.

- f. **Ordinance establishing a property tax abatement for certain property that is subject of an Economic Incentive Agreement – GSYA, Inc and RET-EXH, Inc – Joe’s Place.**

**\*\* Alderman Pat Signore recused himself from the meeting at 8:24 pm. \*\***

Alderman Steve DiMaria made a motion, seconded by Alderman Michael Smith, to approve the ordinance establishing a property tax abatement for certain property that is subject of an Economic Incentive Agreement – GSYA, Inc and RET-EXH, Inc. – Joe’s Place. The motion passed with an aye vote by Aldermen: Smith, Bartman, Brackmann, DiMaria, DeBoer and Secor.

- g. **Ordinance establishing a property tax abatement for certain property that is subject of an Economic Incentive Agreement – Karsten’s Service, Inc – Timothy and Penny Karsten.**

Alderman Steve DiMaria made a motion, seconded by Alderman Erik DeBoer, to approve the ordinance establishing a property tax abatement for certain property that is subject of an Economic Incentive Agreement – Karsten’s Service, Inc. – Timothy and Penny Karsten. The motion passed with an aye vote by Aldermen: DiMaria, Secor, Smith, Bartman, DeBoer and Brackmann.

- h. **Ordinance establishing a property tax abatement for certain property that is subject of an Economic Incentive Agreement – EPS Materials.**

**\*\* Alderman Pat Signore re-entered the meeting at 8:28 pm. \*\***

Alderman Steve DiMaria made a motion, seconded by Alderman Mike Secor, to approve the ordinance establishing a property tax abatement for certain property that is subject of an Economic Incentive Agreement – EPS Materials. The motion passed with an aye vote by Alderman: Secor, Brackmann, Smith, Bartman, DiMaria, Signore and DeBoer.

- i. **Ordinance establishing a property tax abatement for certain property that is subject of an Economic Incentive Agreement – K & E Development, LLC and Swedish American Hospital.**

Alderman Steve DiMaria made a motion, seconded by Alderman Mike Secor, to approve the ordinance establishing a property tax abatement for certain property that is subject of an Economic Incentive Agreement – K & E Development LLC, and Swedish American Hospital. The motion passed with an aye vote by Aldermen: Signore, DeBoer, Secor, Brackmann, Bartman, Smith and DiMaria.

**j. Ordinance establishing a property tax abatement for certain property that is subject of an Economic Incentive Agreement – Glo-Bowl Fun Center.**

Alderman Steve DiMaria made a motion, seconded by Alderman Michael Smith, to approve the ordinance establishing a property tax abatement for certain property that is subject of an Economic Incentive Agreement – Glo-Bowl Fun Center. The motion passed with an aye vote by Aldermen: Secor, Bartman, DeBoer, Brackmann, Smith, Signore and DiMaria.

**k. Ordinance Levying taxes for Special Service Area Number 2 for the 2011 Tax Year - Parkrise Unit 5.**

**\*\* Alderman Pat Signore recused himself from the meeting at 8:30 pm. \*\***

Alderman Steve DiMaria made a motion, seconded by Alderman Michael Smith, to approve the ordinance levying taxes for Special Service Area Number 2 for the 2011 Tax Year – Parkrise Unit 5. The motion passed with an aye vote by Aldermen: Smith, DiMaria, Bartman, Secor, Brackmann and DeBoer.

**l. Authorization to execute agreement with Pace for Dial-a-Ride Services.**

**\*\* Alderman Pat Signore re-entered the meeting at 8:32 pm. \*\***

Alderman Corey Brackmann made a motion, seconded by Alderman Mike Secor, authorizing the City to execute an agreement with Pace for Dial-A-Ride Services. The motion passed with an aye vote by Aldermen: Smith, Bartman, Brackmann, DiMaria, DeBoer, and Secor. Alderman Pat Signore voted no.

**m. Ordinance extending Charter Franchise Agreement.**

Alderman Pat Signore made a motion, seconded by Alderman Steve DiMaria, to approve the ordinance extending the current Charter Franchise Agreement for another 90 days. The motion passed with an aye vote by Aldermen: DiMaria, Secor, Smith, Signore, Bartman, DeBoer, and Brackmann.

**n. Motion approving the release of the following executive session minutes: February 22, 2010, April 12, 2010, September 13, 2010, November 22, 2010, January 10, 2011, January 24, 2011 and February 14, 2011.**

Alderman Carole Bartman made a motion, seconded by Alderman Mike Secor, to approve the release of the February 22, 2010, April 12, 2010, September 13, 2010, November 22, 2010, January 10, 2011, January 24, 2011 and February 14, 2011 Executive Session Minutes. The motion passed with an aye vote by Aldermen: Secor, Brackmann, Smith, Bartman, DiMaria, Signore and DeBoer.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Alderman Signore handed out information on the ordinance that was adopted in 2006 regarding the matching funding that is being done with Marengo Main Street, and requested that this be reviewed and discussed at another meeting.

**MAYOR'S STATEMENTS AND REPORTS**

Mayor Lockhart wished everyone a Happy Holiday, and reminded everyone that our next meeting will be on January 9, 2012.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD AND STAFF REPORTS**

**Jayson Shull - Public Works / Building Commissioner.**

Report was in packet. He is working on plans for next year, and the challenges that they anticipate. The various departments are holding their own at this time.

**Tim Neubeck – EDC Coordinator.**

Advised the Council that he will be leaving Marengo EDC at the end of the month, as he has taken a position elsewhere. Mayor Lockhart wished him well in his new endeavor.

**Acting Chief of Police Joseph Hallman.**

Report was in packet. Updated the Council on the K-9 status (Officer Riley has completed his training), and the Records Clerk positions.

**Acting City Administrator Joshua Blakemore.**

Administrator Blakemore thanked Tim Neubeck for the 10 months that he has been with the City, and wished him well. The electrical question for the residents has been filed with the County. Petitions to reduce the speed limit on Route 176 are ready to be handed out and signed. Mr. Allgood will participate with the City on getting these completed.

**Attorney Carlos Arevalo.**

No report.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Lockhart advised the City Council that they would be going into Executive Session for the purpose of personnel, pending and probable litigation, and approval of Executive Session Minutes.

Alderman Mike Secor made a motion, seconded by Alderman Michael Smith, to go into Executive Session for the purpose of personnel, pending and probable litigation and the approval of Executive Session Minutes. The motion passed with an aye vote by Aldermen: Signore, DeBoer, Secor, Brackmann, Bartman, Smith and DiMaria.

*The meeting recessed at 9:18 pm.*

Mayor Lockhart reconvened the Regular Meeting of the City Council following Executive Session, at 10:06 pm.

**\*\* Alderman Pat Signore recused himself from the meeting at 10:07 pm. \*\***

**OLD BUSINESS.**

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

Alderman Michael Smith made a motion, seconded by Alderman Mike Secor, authorizing City Attorney Carlos Arevalo to proceed with the settlement offer to GSYA, Inc., and to also authorize Mayor Lockhart to sign the documents. The motion passed with an aye vote by Aldermen: Secor, Bartman, DeBoer, Brackmann, Smith, and DiMaria.

**\*\* Alderman Pat Signore re-entered the meeting at 10:09 pm. \*\***

Alderman Signore requested clarification from Attorney Arevalo on the proper procedure for items being added to the agenda.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Alderman Steve DiMaria made a motion, seconded by Alderman Erik DeBoer, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed with a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 10:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Constance J. Boxleitner*  
City Clerk