

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

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Donald B. Lockhart called the February 14, 2011 Regular Meeting of the City Council to order at 7:05 PM.

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 Carole Bartman, Corey Brackmann, Michael Smith, Eric DeBoer, Mike Secor, Pat Signore, Todd Hall and Steve DiMaria. Also present were City Attorney Carlos Arevalo, Deputy Chief of Police Joseph Hallman, Superintendent of Public Works Jim Craney, Building Commissioner Jayson Shull and Assistant to the City Administrator Joshua Blakemore. Absent were City Administrator Deborah Nier and Chief of Police Martin Podosek.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Alderman Carole Bartman made a motion, seconded by Alderman Todd Hall, to approve the minutes of the January 24, 2011 regular meeting. The motion passed with an aye vote by Aldermen: Corey Brackmann, Steve DiMaria, Eric DeBoer, Todd Hall, Carole Bartman, Michael Smith, Mike Secor, and Pat Signore.

CONSENT AGENDA

a. List of bills

Joshua Blakemore advised the Council on one addition and one subtraction to the list. The addition of the invoice from RadiCom, in the amount of \$47,476.38 for half of the down-payment for the equipment for the dispatch conversion process. The removal of the bill from McMahon Associates, on page 10, for wastewater treatment design, in the amount of \$20,000, as it should not have been on the list of bills at this time.

Alderman Michael Smith made a motion, seconded by Alderman Mike Secor, to approve the list of bills as amended. The motion passed with an aye vote by Aldermen: Carole Bartman, Michael Smith, Corey Brackmann, Steve DiMaria, Eric DeBoer, Pat Signore, Todd Hall and Mike Secor.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Authorization to Execute Agreement with Riley Township Road District to use \$4,875 in Motor Fuel Tax Funds for Resurfacing a Portion of Meyer Road.**

Alderman Steve DiMaria made a motion, seconded by Alderman Todd Hall, to approve a financial contribution to the Meyer Road re-surfacing project not to exceed \$4,875.00 in conjunction with the Township of Riley. The motion passed with an aye vote by Aldermen: Pat Signore, Mike Secor, Todd Hall, Corey Brackmann, Steve DiMaria, Carole Bartman, Eric DeBoer, and Michael Smith.

b. **Authorization to Purchase a Variable Frequency Drive for Well No. 7.** Numerous questions were asked about this purchase, and without all the information needed to make an informed decision, it was decided to table this until the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

MAYOR'S STATEMENTS AND REPORTS

Mayor Lockhart commended the City crews for their work on the snow removal during the storm. Employed the use of snowmobiles to assist with problems that arose, and made use of City Hall for emergency situations. Mr. Johnson, the owner of the Shell Station, donated the items that were purchased during this situation. The City thanks him for his generosity.

DEPARTMENT HEAD AND STAFF REPORTS

Jayson Shull, Building Commissioner. The Council has already received the monthly report. There will be a CDC meeting this Thursday.

Jim Craney, Superintendent of Public Works. Schedule is included with the Building Department report. There was one fire call during the storm, and so they plowed a path for the fire trucks to get through. Plows were standing by if the need arose for the Fire Department or the Rescue Squad.

Deputy Chief Joseph Hallman. Report was in board packet. Radio assessment has been completed for both public works and P.D. and what is narrow band-able and what is not. There is some equipment that will need to be disposed of. Modified licenses through the FCC for the narrow banding project. Locks have been added to the exterior doors of the Police Department to free up them being able to enter (with a prisoner, etc) without having to wait for the Lake In The Hills to "buzz" them in. Lobby phones have been ordered. Received all the Notary stamps. ADT is working on dismantling the alarms, so they will be going to a central station – and this should be completed by March 1st. All contracts have been approved through McHenry and the various agencies. Union Police Department is ready to go March 1st. Lake In The Hills has sent TC's over last week and this week to ride along and get a feeling for the City of Marengo.

Joshua Blakemore, Assistant to the City Administrator. Chamber Expo was last weekend, and was fairly well attended by the public. McHenry County Emergency Management Agency has been in contact, and there is the possibility of possible federal disaster funds being made available to the communities for the expense of snow removal from the last storm. Josh will be putting together a preliminary damage and cost assessment. Planning & Zoning Commission meeting is next week, the 22nd of February.

Carlos Arevalo, City Attorney. No report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Lockhart advised the Council that the Council would be going into Executive Session this evening for the purpose of Personnel, Collecting Bargaining and Litigation. Alderman Steve DiMaria made a motion, seconded by Alderman Pat Signore, to go to Executive Session at this time. The motion passed with an aye vote by Aldermen: Todd Hall, Eric DeBoer, Steve DiMaria, Michael Smith, Corey Brackmann, Mike Secor, Pat Signore, and Carole Bartman.

Meeting recessed at 7:55 pm.

Meeting reconvened at 9:28 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business to come before the City Council this evening. Alderman Todd Hall made a motion, seconded by Alderman Steve DiMaria, to adjourn. The motion passed with a voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 9:29 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Constance J. Boxleitner
City Clerk