

APPROVED

March 9, 2015

**Marengo City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
City Council Chambers
132 E. Prairie St.
Marengo, IL 60152
February 23, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Donald B. Lockhart called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Lockhart led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present are Mayor Donald Lockhart, Aldermen Carole Bartman, Matt Keenum, Michael Smith, Nicole DeBoer, Dennis Hammortree, Gretchen Samuelson and Todd Hall. Also present are City Administrator Gary Boden, Assistant City Administrator Joshua Blakemore, Chief of Police Joseph Hallman, Public Works Director Jayson Shull, City Attorney Carlos Arevalo, City Engineer Tim Hartnett and Finance Director Jennifer Snelten. Alderman Steve Mortensen was absent.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mary Donner, representing Pace Bus spoke briefly to the Council about the new MCRide, and introduced Scott Hennings, representing DOT. This new schedule will go into effect on March 2, 2015.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Feb 9, 2015 Regular Meeting minutes and
Feb 12, 2015 Special Meeting minutes**

Alderman Todd Hall made a motion, seconded by Alderman Michael Smith, to approve the minutes.

The aldermen voted as follows:

Ayes: Keenum, DeBoer, Hall, Smith, Hammortree and Samuelson
Nays: 0
Abstain: Bartman

The motion passed.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. List of Bills
- b. Authorization to Submit Williams Brothers Construction Inc to IEPA for Loan Disbursement and Authorization for Payment upon Receipt of said Disbursement
- c. Authorization to Execute Work Change Directives #30 & #32 from Williams Brothers Construction Inc for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion Project

Alderman Gretchen Samuelson made a motion, seconded by Alderman Todd Hall, to approve the consent agenda items with the correction noted on the Williams Brothers Construction document dated February 9, 2015, to read "for the work performed as of January 31, 2015." The aldermen voted as follows:

Ayes: Bartman, Smith, Keenum, DeBoer, Samuelson and Hall
Nays: Hammortree
Abstain: 0

The motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Marengo Middle and High School Boosters 5K Color Run Request

Kenda Martin, representing the Middle and High School Booster Clubs, spoke to the Council about the possibility of having a 5K Community Color Run, and proposed shutting down Prospect Street at the intersection of Prospect Street and Washington Street for the beginning of the run.

Alderman Gretchen Samuelson made a motion, seconded by Alderman Michael Smith, to approve the 5K Color Run Event. The aldermen voted as follows:

Ayes:	Samuelson, Hammortree, Hall, Keenum, Bartman and Smith
Nays:	0
Abstain:	DeBoer

The motion passed.

b. Marengo Main Street – Presentation on Upcoming Events and Update on Funding
Ellen Brunschoen, representing Marengo Main Street spoke to the Council about upcoming events and expressed the hope that the Council will once again support them with a \$15,000 match in 2015.

c. Authorization to Waive Formal Bid Process and Renew Contract with Lawncare by Walter for 2015 Mowing, Weeding and Fertilizing Services
City Administrator Boden recommended pulling this item from the agenda at this time. There has been conversation with the Park District to possibly combine the mowing of City property and Park District property, and exploring that possibility. The Council agreed that we should explore this option. Alderman Keenum asked if the possibility of also mowing the city cemetery could also be considered when getting this bid. City staff will speak with the Park District and the Cemetery Board on this.

d. An Ordinance Amending Chapter 17, Purchasing Standards and Procedures, of the Marengo Municipal Code
City Attorney Arevalo reviewed this possible amendment to Chapter 17, and after discussion, it was decided by the Council that the department heads meet with staff to go over the proposed changes to get feedback from them. Attorney Arevalo recommended that an internal procedure policy be developed and maintained that would be separate from the actual code.

e. FY 2014/2015 – 3rd Quarter Budget Report
Finance Director Snelten went over the 3rd Quarter Budget Report, and answered questions from the Council. There was discussion on a possible shortage of funds necessary to start making payments on the WWTP Expansion Fund, and presented 2 options to the Council to consider.

f. FY 2015/2016 Budget – Review of General Fund Revenue Projections
Assistant City Administrator Blakemore reviewed information presented and also talked about the proposed possible reduction in revenue from the State under the LGDF (Local Government Distributive Fund) and indicated this is a 50% reduction. Alderman Smith asked if the City has looked at cutting 5% across the board to be proactive in the event that this reduction happens. Assistant Administrator Blakemore said that they were looking at options and this had been discussed.

MAYOR'S STATEMENTS AND REPORTS

Mayor Lockhart had no report this evening.

DEPARTMENT HEAD AND STAFF REPORTS

Assistant City Administrator Joshua Blakemore recapped the budget draft for the 2015/2016 general fund revenue. The storage tank on Greenlee has a cell tower on it that is leased. A brokerage firm has bought out that lease, and they are exploring options on what to do with the tower.

Finance Director Jennifer Snelten had nothing further this evening.

Public Works Director Jayson Shull was asked to check on the shoveling of sidewalks on Taylor Street, following the recent snow, and concern about children walking to and from school, trying to negotiate the area. There are also large piles of snow that appear to be blocking line of vision at some intersections. Jayson will check both of these out. The streetlight at Prospect and Route 176 appears to have burned out. There is also a light out in the parking lot behind the old library.

Chief of Police Joseph Hallman had nothing further this evening.

City Engineer Tim Hartnett advised the Council that they would be meeting at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, March 4, 2015 with the McHenry County DOT, to get a consensus from them to move the City's request for the funding of the Phase 1 Tollway Project to the County Board.

City Administrator Gary Boden reported that on Wednesday (and continuing to the end of the week), he would be attending the Illinois City Manager's Conference in Normal, Illinois. Topic of discussion at this conference will be the State budget.

City Attorney Carlos Arevalo had no formal report, but added that the LOC (in the amount of \$196,000) for the Besinger property has been taken care of, and that the LOC through PNC Bank is being processed.

REPORTS AND STATEMENTS FROM CITY COUNCIL

There were none this evening.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Lockhart advised the Council that they would be going into Executive Session this evening for the purpose of Collective Bargaining.

Alderman Gretchen Samuelson made a motion, seconded by Alderman Nicole DeBoer to go to Executive Session for the purpose of Collective Bargaining. The aldermen voted as follows:

Ayes:	Samuelson, Hammortree, Bartman, DeBoer, Keenum, Hall and Smith
Nays:	0
Abstain:	0

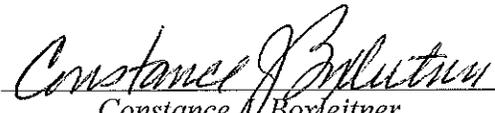
The motion passed.

The meeting recessed at 8:56 PM

The meeting reconvened at 9:14 PM

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Todd Hall, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed with a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM.



Constance J. Boxleitner
City Clerk

The February 23, 2015 meeting minutes were approved by the City Council on March 9, 2015.