

Marengo City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
Marengo Council Chambers
132 E. Prairie Street
Marengo, IL 60152
February 28, 2011

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Donald B. Lockhart called the February 28, 2011 Regular Meeting of the City Council to order at 9:36 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Lockhart led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present for this meeting were Mayor Donald B. Lockhart, Aldermen Carole Bartman, Michael Smith, Eric DeBoer, Mike Secor, Todd Hall and Steve DiMaria. Also present were City Attorney Carlos Arevalo, City Administrator Deborah Nier, Deputy Chief of Police Joseph Hallman, Superintendent of Public Works Jim Craney, Building Commissioner Jayson Shull, Assistant to the City Administrator Joshua Blakemore, City Engineer David Johanson, and EDC Coordinator, Timothy Neubeck Jr. Absent this evening are Aldermen: Corey Brackmann and Pat Signore.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None,

CONSENT AGENDA

a. List of Bills

Questions were asked on the Mini-Mobile unit, signs purchased, and heater for building, and were answered by Deputy Chief Hallman and Jim Craney. Roofing inspection manuals were purchased, and will be paid for by Harris Bank credit card..

Alderman Mike Secor made a motion, seconded by Alderman Eric DeBoer, to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed with an aye vote by Aldermen: DiMaria, DeBoer, Hall, Bartman, Smith and Secor.

NEW BUSINESS

a. 100 W. Washington Street – Harris Bank – Sign Request.

Jayson Shull reviewed the documentation presented by Harris Bank for this sign, and advised that it has been approved by the Historical Society. This is just for the approval of the projecting sign.

Alderman Steve DiMaria made a motion, seconded by Alderman Eric DeBoer, to approve an ordinance granting exception to Section 16.06 (11) of the Marengo Municipal Code allowing the installation of a new projecting sign at 100 W. Washington as submitted on the revised

renderings dated 1-27-2011. The motion passed with an aye vote by Aldermen: Bartman, Smith, DiMaria, DeBoer, Hall and Secor.

b. 111 North State Street – Bankord Chiropractic – Sign Request

Bankord Chiropractic is requesting to reuse the existing projecting sign on the building – updating the insert to show their name in place of U.S. Auto Parts.

Alderman Eric DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Michael Smith, to approve an ordinance granting exception to Section 16.06 (11) of the Marengo Municipal Code allowing the modification of a legal-non-conforming, projecting sign at 111 N State Street as submitted in application dated 2-17-2011. The motion passed with an aye vote by Aldermen: Secor, Hall, DiMaria, Bartman, DeBoer and Smith.

c. Authorization to allow McHenry County Convention & Visitors Bureau to represent the City of Marengo regarding tourism promotion.

The City of Marengo previously used the Elgin Area and Visitors Bureau. McHenry County now this, and Deborah Nier is recommending we go with them. There is no cost to the City of Marengo to be a part of the McHenry County Convention & Visitors Bureau. Alderman Smith requested information on tracking for Marengo, and was advised that they would provide that information.

Alderman Mike Secor made a motion, seconded by Alderman Todd Hall, authorization to allow McHenry County Convention & Visitors Bureau to represent the City of Marengo regarding tourism promotions. The motion passed with an aye vote by Aldermen: Smith, Bartman, Hall, Secor and DeBoer. Alderman Steve DiMaria abstained.

OLD BUSINESS

a. Authorization to purchase a variable frequency drive for Well No. 7.

Ed Nadeau spoke about the need for this unit. The breakdown on the cost is roughly \$16,000 for the variable frequency drive, and a projected cost of \$2,000 to \$4,000 for the electrician. This is subject to any problems that might arise at the time of installation. There will be a 2-year warranty on the motor.

Alderman Steve DiMaria made a motion, seconded by Alderman Mike Secor, authorizing the purchase of the variable frequency drive for Well No.7, with a cost not to exceed \$30,000 – including installation. The motion passed with an aye vote by Aldermen: Hall, DeBoer, DiMaria, Smith, Secor and Bartman.

MAYOR'S STATEMENTS AND REPORTS

Mayor Lockhart met today with Larry Long, and he wanted the City of Marengo to know that the contact that he had with the Fire Department and the City, he had no problems working with Jayson Shull. He said it was the smoothest transaction he has ever had.

DEPARTMENT HEAD AND STAFF REPORTS

Joshua Blakemore, Assistant to the City Administrator. Received initial census bureau report showing the City has increased by 11. Last census showed 7,637 residents. New census

shows 7,648. Information also provided showed that the City currently has 261 vacant housing units.

Jayson Shull, Building Commissioner. No formal report for the Council. He is currently cross/training with Maryanne. PZC meeting next month will include information from the Florence Nursing Home for an addition they are pursuing.

Jim Craney, Superintendent of Public Works. The City will be getting the pump back tomorrow. Sewer and water work will be starting on Riley/Georgeann.

Deputy Chief Joseph Hallman. Report was given to Council. M-4 was in accident, and further information on that vehicle (repairable or not) is not available at this time. Alderman DiMaria expressed concern for the mileage on some of the units, and there being no budgeting plans to replace. This will be explored further during budget meetings.

David Johanson, City Engineer. No report.

Deborah Nier, City Administrator. The budget is right around the corner. The City only needs 6 more responses (on the drainage ditch grant application for the County) to be able to submit the required documentation for the grant. The City has been given until the 11th of March to get the documentation completed and turned in. Mayor Lockhart requested the assistance of the Aldermen in Ward 3 for this.

Carlos Arevalo, City Attorney. No report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Lockhart advised the Council that there would not be an Executive Session this evening.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Constance J Boxleitner
City Clerk