

**City of Marengo
Regular Meeting Minutes**

City Council Chambers
132 E. Prairie Street
Marengo, IL 60152
April 25, 2011

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Donald Lockhart called the Regular Meeting of the Marengo City Council to order at 7:05 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Lockhart led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present at this meeting are Mayor Donald Lockhart, Aldermen: Carole Bartman, Corey Brackmann, Michael Smith, Mike Secor, Pat Signore, Todd Hall, and Steve DiMaria. Also present are City Attorney Carlos Arevalo, Acting Chief of Police Joseph Hallman, Superintendent of Public Works Jim Craney, Building Commissioner Jayson Shull, and Assistant to the City Administrator Joshua Blakemore. Absent this evening was Alderman Eric DeBoer.

PUBLICATION PARTICIPATION

None.

APPROVAL OF MINTUES

A correction was made to the minutes (on page 2). Alderman Mike Secor made a motion, seconded by Alderman Corey Brackmann to approve the minutes as corrected. The motion passed with an aye vote by Aldermen: Brackmann, DiMaria, Hall, Bartman, Smith, Secor and Signore.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. List of Bills
- b. 2011 Zoning Map Update
- c. Marengo Main Street Putt – Putt Days Request
- d. Marengo Main Street Matching Funds Request
- e. National Police Week Proclamation

Jayson Shull noted a correction on the 2011 Zoning Map.

Alderman Steve DiMaria made a motion, seconded by Alderman Michael Smith, to approve the consent agenda items (with correction on the zoning map). The motion passed with an aye vote by Aldermen: Bartman, Smith, Brackmann, DiMaria, Signore, Hall and Secor.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Resolution authorizing a signature for wastewater treatment plant loan.**

Tammy Scott, with McMahon Associates was present to answer questions on the loan application. There is a deadline that is coming up, and there is a need to apply for this loan at this time. The current interest rate on this loan is 1.25%. The interest rate for the same type of loan in 2012 is projected to be 2.5%. The aggregate principal amount (which can include construction period interest financed over the term of the loan) is not to exceed \$12,000,000.00.

Alderman Michael Smith made a motion, seconded by Alderman Steve DiMaria, authorizing the Mayor to sign for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Loan. The motion passed with an aye vote by Aldermen: Signore, Secor, Hall, Brackmann, DiMaria, Bartman and Smith.

b. Ordinance authorizing the City of Marengo to borrow funds from the Water Pollution Loan Program for the purpose of constructing a new municipal wastewater treatment plant.

Alderman Michael Smith made a motion, seconded by Alderman Todd Hall, authorizing the City of Marengo to borrow funds from the Water Pollution Control Loan Program for the Purposes of Constructing a New Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant. The motion passed with an aye vote by Aldermen: Smith, Brackmann, Signore, DiMaria, Bartman, Hall and Secor.

c. FY 2010/2011 Supplemental Appropriations Ordinance.

The Supplemental Appropriations Ordinance is required due to adjustments of various accounts. This document is required by the State.

Alderman Todd Hall made a motion, seconded by Alderman Carole Bartman, to approve the 2010/2011 Supplemental Appropriations Ordinance as presented. The motion passed with an aye vote by Aldermen: Hall, DiMaria, Smith, Brackmann, Secor and Bartman. Alderman Signore voted no.

OLD BUSINESS

a. Discussion regarding liquor license holder requests

Acting Chief Joseph Hallman presented the list of requests made by the liquor license holders. These were discussed, and suggestions were made.

b. Authorization to execute agreement for mowing & landscaping services

(Alderman Corey Brackmann recused himself from this part of the meeting – at 7:51 PM.)

Alderman Pat Signore made a motion, seconded by Alderman DiMaria, to accept the staff's recommendation to enter into a 2-year agreement for mowing and landscaping services with Lawncare by Walter, from Cherry Valley, for a cost of \$63,700 annually. The motion passed with an aye vote by Aldermen: DiMaria, Signore, Secor, Hall and Smith. Alderman Bartman voted no.

(Alderman Corey Brackmann returned to the meeting at 8:12 PM)

c. Discussion of FY 2011/2012 Budget

The Council has set the date of May 5th at 7 PM, to continue the discussion on the 2011/2012 Budget.

MAYOR'S STATEMENTS AND REPORTS

Mayor Lockhart had nothing to report this evening.

DEPARTMENT HEAD AND STAFF REPORTS

Jayson Shull, Building Commissioner. His report is the packet. He was questioned about an individual having the proper permit for a sign, and he will check into this.

Jim Craney, Superintendent of Public Works. Still waiting on the final part for the VFD, expecting it shortly. Worked with Jayson on the schedule for the Public Works Department.

Acting Chief Joseph Hallman. Report is in the packet. Talked briefly about a K-9 search that was conducted at both the middle school and the high school. The switch for the Dispatch Center should be completed by the 3rd of May. Alderman DiMaria commended Acting Chief Hallman for his work on getting this completed, and the scheduling changes that have been implemented to control costs for the Police Department. Acting Chief Hallman explained that the 3 Sergeants assisted him in the scheduling changes.

Josh Blakemore, Asst to the City Administrator. There was a meeting with staff, the City engineer, and attorney, Mike Grismer and Todd Volkening and their representatives last week. The discussion was on the annexation agreement. They are hoping to be put on the May 9th agenda for concept plan approval, and hopefully the annexation agreement.

