

City of Marengo
Regular City Council Meeting

City Council Chambers
132 E. Prairie Street
Marengo, IL 60152
June 13, 2011

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Donald Lockhart called the Regular Meeting of the City Council to order at 7:00 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Lockhart led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present at this meeting are Mayor Donald Lockhart, Aldermen: Carole Bartman, Corey Brackmann, Mike Secor, Pat Signore, Todd Hall and Steve DiMaria. Also present are acting City Attorney Kelly Cahill (filling in this evening for Carlos Arevalo), Acting Chief of Police Joseph Hallman, Public Works / Building Commissioner Jayson Shull, Assistant City Administrator Joshua Blakemore and City Engineer David Johanson. Absent this evening are Aldermen: Michael Smith and Erik DeBoer.

Mayor Lockhart announced that item 7C (Discussion and update on Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion) is being removed this evening from the agenda.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Beto, 503 5th Avenue, Marengo, praised the City Council, and offered a vote of confidence on behalf of his wife and himself. He is a proud residence of the City. He asked for information on how much money has been spent, out of pocket as taxpayers, for the issue of the wastewater treatment plant expansion project.

Alderman Michael Smith entered the meeting at 7:04 PM.

Tammy Privett, 533 E. Washington Street, Marengo, spoke briefly on the nursing home proposed height and the possible flooding issue.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Alderman Corey Brackmann made a motion, seconded by Alderman Mike Secor to approve the minutes of the May 23, 2011 Regular Meeting. The motion passed with an aye vote by Aldermen: Brackmann, DiMaria, Bartman, Secor and Signore. Alderman Michael Smith abstained.

Alderman Steve DiMaria made a motion, seconded by Alderman Mike Secor, to approve the May 19th, 2011 Committee of the Whole Meeting minutes. The motion passed with an aye vote by Aldermen: Bartman, Brackmann, DiMaria, Signore, Hall and Secor. Alderman Michael Smith abstained.

CONSENT AGENDA

a. **List of bills.**

Alderman Mike Secor made a motion, seconded by Alderman Todd Hall, to approve the Consent Agenda item. The motion passed with an aye vote by Aldermen: Signore, Secor, Hall, Brackmann, DiMaria, Bartman and Smith.

NEW BUSINESS

a. **An Ordinance Setting the Prevailing Wage for the City of Marengo.**

Alderman Carole Bartman made a motion, seconded by Alderman Michael Smith, to establish the prevailing wage rates for the City of Marengo. The motion passed with an aye vote by Aldermen: Smith, Brackmann, DiMaria, Bartman and Hall. Alderman Pat Signore voted no. Alderman Mike Secor abstained.

b. **Marengo Main Street - Community Garage Sale Request.**

Alderman Mike Secor made a motion, seconded by Alderman Todd Hall, to approve the request by Marengo Main Street, for the Community Garage Sale. The motion passed with an aye vote by Aldermen: Hall, DiMaria, Smith, Brackmann, Secor, Signore and Bartman.

OLD BUSINESS

a. **An Ordinance Amending a Special Use Permit for Property Commonly Known as 546 E. Grant Highway and rezone a portion of the property to R-5 Multiple Family Residential (Florence Nursing Home)**

Mayor Lockhart advised the council that this item was removed from the agenda.

b. **An Ordinance Authorizing Execution of Annexation Agreement between the City of Marengo and North Star Trust for 102.75 Acres of property located on the North side of Pleasant Grove Road, West of Illinois Route 23.**

Joseph Gottemoller, attorney for owners of the properties being considered for annexation, etc., answered various questions and concerns expressed by the Council members.

Alderman Pat Signore requested that all annexation agreements be presented to the Council complete, with all attachments and documents included, prior to their being presented for approval.

Alderman Pat Signore made a motion, seconded by Alderman Mike Secor, authorizing the execution of an annexation agreement between the City of Marengo and North Star Trust for 102.75 acres of property located on the North side of Pleasant Grove Road, West of Illinois Route 23. The motion passed with an aye vote by Aldermen: DiMaria, Signore, Secor, Bartman, Brackmann, Hall and Smith.

c. **An Ordinance annexing approximately 102.75 acres owned by North Star Trust to the City of Marengo.**

Alderman Mike Secor made a motion, seconded by Alderman Todd Hall, to approve an ordinance annexing approximately 102.75 acres, owned by North Star Trust, to the City of Marengo. The motion passed with an aye vote by Aldermen: Secor, DiMaria, Brackmann, Smith, Bartman, Signore and Hall.

d. **An Ordinance zoning 102.75 acres located on Pleasant Grove Road, West of Illinois Route 23, to R-1 Single Family District.**

Alderman Steve DiMaria made a motion, seconded by Alderman Pat Signore, to approve an ordinance zoning 102.75 acres located on Pleasant Grove Road, West of Illinois Route 23, to R-1 Single Family District. The motion passed with an aye vote by Aldermen: Bartman, Hall, Smith, Secor, Brackmann, DiMaria and Signore.

e. **An Ordinance Authorizing Execution of a First Amendment to an Annexation Agreement by and between the City of Marengo and Marengo Development, LLC, for property commonly known as Seven Oaks.**

Alderman Steve DiMaria made a motion, seconded by Alderman Pat Signore, to accept an Ordinance authorizing execution of a First Amendment to an Annexation Agreement by and between the City of Marengo and Marengo Development LLC, for property commonly known as Seven Oaks, with the changes discussed this evening. The motion passed with an aye vote by Aldermen: Smith, Bartman, Hall, Brackmann, DiMaria, Signore and Secor.

f. **An Ordinance rezoning certain property from R-1 Single Family District to R-5 Multiple Family District (Pleasant Grove Estates).**

Alderman Pat Signore made a motion, seconded by Alderman Mike Secor, to approve an Ordinance rezoning certain property from R-1 Single Family District to R-5 Multiple Family District (Pleasant Grove Estates). The motion passed with an aye vote by Aldermen: Hall, DiMaria, Secor, Smith, Signore, Bartman and Brackmann.

Alderman Pat Signore "I would like to thank the developers for working with the entities and the school districts in bringing us something that we can vote on – that we didn't have to go to war on."

Mayor Lockhart recessed the meeting at 8:18 AM. The meeting reconvened at 8:22 PM.

MAYOR'S STATEMENTS AND REPORTS

Mayor Lockhart congratulated the Lady Indians Softball team on their winning the State 3A Championship game this past weekend.

DEPARTMENT HEAD AND STAFF REPORTS

Jayson Shull, Public Works /Building Commissioner. Report in board packet. Mayor Lockhart requested that Jayson express appreciation to the company that took down the tree, and did an excellent job. Alderman DiMaria offered thanks to Jayson for the work that is being proposed for the Indian Trails pond. Ditch mowing concerns. Riley Drive water main project is going well, and should be completed in about 3 weeks. Handed out the proposed sign ordinance, which contains various formatting changes, for the City Council to review.

Joe Hallman, Acting Chief of Police. Report in board packet. Discussed the K-9 report. Detective Solarz has been recommended, by the Ad Hoc Committee for the Chief's Association, to elevate him to Commander in Charge of the Major Investigation Team of McHenry County. He would be in charge of leading 17 jurisdictions should there be a major investigation.

David Johanson, City Engineer. No formal report. A letter was sent to IDOT on the Prospect Street Project, and they have received confirmation that they are willing to participate on the Prospect Street Project for \$284,000. Formal agreements will be presented to the board shortly.

Joshua Blakemore, Assistant City Administrator. He will have completed copies of the annexation agreements, with all the proper attachments, for the Council. He has bound copies of the budget for all the Council members, and asked that everyone review the information and get back to him with questions so they can be addressed at the next meeting. The web site has been on hold at this time (on the City's part), but they are in regular contact with the company and it should be up and running shortly.

Alderman Carole Bartman spoke on the Ad Hoc Search committee. They will be having their first meeting on Friday, to meet with the two search firms. Mayor Lockhart formally appointed Aldermen Steve DiMaria, Carole Bartman, and Pat Signore for this committee.

Kelly Cahill, Acting City Attorney. No Report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Lockhart advised the Council that there would be no need to go into Executive Session this evening.

ADJOURNMENT.

Alderman Steve DiMaria made a motion, seconded by Alderman Todd Hall, to adjourn the Regular Meeting. The motion passed with a voice vote. Meeting officially adjourned at 8:41 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Constance J. Boxleitner
City Clerk