City of Marengo
City Council Meeting Minutes

City Council Chambers
132 E. Prairie Street
Marengo, IL 60152
June 27, 2011

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Donald 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 this evening are Mayor Donald Lockhart, Aldermen: Carole Bartman, Corey Brackmann, Michael Smith, Mike Secor, Pat Signore, and Steve DiMaria. Also present are City Attorney Carlos Arevalo, Acting Chief of Police Joseph Hallman, and Public Works/Building Commissioner Jayson Shull. Absent this evening are Aldermen: Erik DeBoer and Todd Hall.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Kelly Dillon, 1124 Center Drive, Marengo. Ms. Dillon spoke on the projected increase in costs for the sewer/water, and requested that the Council look at (1) bill per use option, and (2) extending the length of the loan being applied for. Mayor Lockhart advised that the Council would be meeting in the near future to discuss how the various options for the fee schedule. Alderman Pat Signore responded to her concerns, as did Alderman Mike Secor.

Cindy Gilmore, 845 Village Circle, Marengo. Ms. Gilmore asked for assistance on correspondence that she had sent to the City about a week ago, on a parking problem that has occurred at her residence. She has a handicapped child, and was given permission 2 years ago, by the homeowners association, and the City of Marengo, to park across the sidewalk for easy access of her vehicle overnight for specific hours. She has now been informed by a member of the association that she is in violation of City ordinance. Dennis Moehling, who is on the board for the association, stated that documentation from the association board would be given to the City Council, and this will be brought up at the July 11th Regular City Council meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Alderman Pat Signore requested that the minutes be amended to include the request made for completed copies of all annexation agreements when they are presented to the Council for approval. Alderman Michael Smith made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Alderman Mike Secor, to approve the minutes with the addition of the above statement included. The motion passed with an aye vote by Aldermen: Brackmann, DiMaria, Bartman, Smith, Secor and Signore.

CONSENT AGENDA

a. **List of Bills**
b. **Resolution to Temporarily Close Route 23 for Settlers' Days.**

Alderman Pat Signore made a motion, seconded by Alderman Mike Secor, to approve the consent agenda items. The motion passed with an aye vote by Aldermen: Bartman, Smith, Brackmann, DiMaria, Signore and Secor.

NEW BUSINESS

a. **Authorization to advertise and Solicit Bids for Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion Project.**

Bid packets are ready and will be advertised before July 15th. Tim Bronn, of McMahon Associates answered questions on the bid process. He recommended that the rate structure that the City will use should be completed by the time the bids are opened. The Council will hold a meeting on July 27th (Wednesday) at 7 PM to work on the rate structure. Mr. Bronn was asked to bring figures on residential versus commercial meters to that meeting.

Alderman Pat Signore made a motion, seconded by Alderman Mike Secor, authorizing McMahon & Associates to advertise for bids. The motion passed with an aye vote by Aldermen: Signore, Secor, Brackmann, DiMaria, Bartman and Smith.

b. **Discussion of Intergovernmental Agreement with Marengo & Riley Townships Regarding Pace dial-A-Ride Services.**

Joshua Blakemore updated the Council on this item, and the need for a new agreement with the townships. The townships are looking to amend their payment structure from a flat fee to a pay as used one. The two townships have paid $11,371 more than has been spend on this service. It has been recommended by the Council that an amount be held in escrow as a cushion – equal to 1 (one) month's payment.

c. **Resolution to Allow for Increase of Service Credit for IMRF Employees with Military Service.**

Alderman Pat Signore made a motion, seconded by Alderman Steve DiMaria, to repeal the Resolution. The motion passed with an aye vote by Aldermen: Smith, Brackmann, Signore, DiMaria, Bartman and Secor.

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Lockhart discussed the water main repair project on Riley, Georgeann, Mary and Randall streets. There is a need to amend the contract for this project to include paving the entire street. The current project only covers paving the areas of the street that were under repair for the water main. The projected cost of the additional paving is $38,728.40. Joshua Blakemore advised the Council that the State of Illinois (IDOT) has funding for municipalities (from MFT) that would provide $33,000 additional funds for this project. This would leave $5,728.40 owed by the City.

Alderman Steve DiMaria made a motion, seconded by Alderman Pat Signore, authorizing the Mayor to amend the contract for the water main work being done to include paving the entire area, with a cost not to exceed $45,000. The motion passed with an aye vote by Aldermen: DiMaria, Smith, Brackmann, Secor, Signore and Bartman.

This item will be brought back to the Council at the next meeting for ratification.

MAYOR'S STATEMENTS AND REPORTS

Mayor Lockhart attended the 2011 Gus Macker Tournament and was pleased with the turnout. Commended Corey Brackmann, as co-chairman of the event. The Marengo Putt-Putt was also this weekend, and it was well attended, too.

DEPARTMENT HEAD AND STAFF REPORTS

Jayson Shull, Public Works / Building Commissioner.

Report in packet. He is currently familiarizing himself with the various staff and their procedures. Alderman Signore noted that Maryanne had been out a couple of Saturday's ago, and was checking projects to make sure that the proper permits were obtained.

Sgt. Rodney Riley, Marengo Police Department.

Report in packet. Gus Macker had very few problems during the event.

Mayor Lockhart added information about the engine in M-3, and advised the Council about the repairs that are necessary to get the vehicle back into service.

Joshua Blakemore, Assistant City Administrator.
They (Jenny and Josh) are keeping a close watch on the cash flow, and noted that property tax payments are slowly coming in. Copies of the Grismer agreement are not ready for the Council yet, as their attorney is in the process of getting all the necessary signatures. Azavar contact was made recently, on the situation with Charter. Karen Cook will be out for 6 to 8 weeks. Anna will be picking up some of her duties during this time.

Amanda Seago, Marengo Main Street Executive Director.
Marengo Putt-Putt was a success, and she thanked the City Council for the approval of this event. About 300 people participated this year.

Carlos Arevalo, City Attorney. No report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
Alderman Pat Signore made a motion, seconded by Alderman Mike Secor, requesting that the Council go to Executive Session for the purpose of Personnel C-1 Section. The motion passed with an aye vote by Aldermen: DiMaria, Signore, Secor, Bartman, Brackmann and Smith.

The Council recessed for Executive Session at 8:14 PM.

The Council returned from Executive Session and reconvened the Regular Meeting at 8:36 pm.

Mayor Lockhart spoke with Jack Frank's office, and also sent a letter, on obtaining special signs noting the Girls Softball Team being #1 in the State of Illinois to be placed on the entrance to the City – 2 signs on Route 20, 2 signs on Route 23, and 1 sign on Route 176. They will check with the State and see if those are available at no cost to the City. They are looking for 5 total signs.

ADJOURNMENT
Alderman Pat Signore made a motion, seconded by Alderman Mike Secor, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed with a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:38 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Constance J. Boxleitner
City Clerk