

Marengo City Council
Regular City Council Meeting
Marengo Council Chambers
132 E. Prairie Street
Marengo, IL 60152
September 26, 2011

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Donald B. Lockhart called the City Council 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, Mike Secor, Todd Hall, and Steve DiMaria. Also present are City Attorney Carlos Arevalo, Acting City Administrator Joshua Blakemore, City Engineer David Johanson, and EDC Coordinator Tim Neubeck. Sgt Rodney Riley represented the Marengo Police Department. Absent this evening are Aldermen: Michael Smith, Erik DeBoer, and Pat Signore.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Beto, 503 5th Avenue, Marengo, questioned procedure on the questions that are allowed at a regular meeting. Suggested allowing open questions that might increase the attendance at the meetings. Mayor Lockhart advised Mr. Beto that an agenda must be published on items to be discussed, and this is by state law. Mr. Beto then asked about the previous administrator and her leaving, and suggested that the City pursue filling positions in-house. Felt that the City should conduct the search for open positions. Mayor Lockhart replied that the City had tried to do that job previously, and failed. The majority of the Council felt it would be in the best interest of the City to get a professional firm that would do a large search.

PUBLIC HEARING

The Public Hearing was officially called to order at 7:07 pm.

Public Works/Building Commissioner Jayson Shull entered the meeting at 7:14 pm.

The Public Hearing was officially adjourned at 7:18 pm.

Alderman Michael Smith entered the meeting at 7:19 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Alderman Carole Bartman made a motion, seconded by Alderman Mike Secor, to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2011 regular meeting. The motion passed with an aye vote by Aldermen: Brackmann, Hall, Bartman, Smith, and Secor. Alderman Steve DiMaria abstained.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. List of bills
- b. Zion Lutheran 5K Run/Walk Request

- c. **Marengo Park District Foundation 5K Run/Walk Request**
- d. **Ordinance Declaring Certain Municipal Property as Surplus**

Alderman Steve DiMaria made a motion, seconded by Alderman Michael Smith, to approve the Consent Agenda items presented. The motion carried with an aye vote by Aldermen: Bartman, Smith, Brackmann, DiMaria, Hall and Secor.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Concept Plan Presentation – Park Meadows Subdivision – Mike Grismer & Glen Volkening.**

Mike Grismer and Glen Volkening addressed the Council on their plans for Park Meadows Subdivision. These would be larger lots with 31 total lots on 50 acres of land. This area is adjacent to the Seven Oaks projects. There will be a continuation of the septic/well that is on the wooded piece that is directly south of this location.

- b. **Presentation & Approval of FY2010/2011 Audit**

George Roach, of Roach & Associates, reviewed the audit and answered questions from the Aldermen.

Alderman Todd Hall made a motion, seconded by Alderman Mike Secor, to approve the City's audit as presented. The motion passed with an aye vote by Aldermen: Secor, Hall, Brackmann, DiMaria, Bartman and Smith.

- c. **Discussion Regarding Implementation of the Capital Projects & Equipment Fund**

Acting Administrator Blakemore reviewed the budget process and the discussion during that time of establishing a fund for capital projects. George Roach answered questions on the options for doing this process, and the need for the Council to set the basic parameters. There is an initial amount of \$119,000 to be transferred from the general account into this fund. Attorney Arevalo will work on a resolution to facilitate the process.

Mayor Lockhart requested a brief recess of the meeting at 8:14 pm.

Mayor Lockhart called the meeting back to order at 8:20 pm.

- d. **Economic Development Commission Update**

Tim Neubeck, EDC Coordinator presented a summary of current and future projects.

- e. **Update on Wastewater Treatment Plant Project.**

Tim Bronn, of McMahan and Associates reviewed current information and what was being done to bring the costs down. He has discussed this briefly with Representative Jack Franks, and he will see if there is anything he can do to help locking in the interest rate. Mr. Bronn has suggested presenting this as a "project in phases". Alderman Bartman requested that as soon as information was available, to please get that information to the Council, and Mr. Bronn agreed to do that.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. **Authorization to purchase Skid Loader as per FY 11/12 Budget.**

Alderman Michael Smith exited the meeting at 9:pm.

Alderman Steve DiMaria made a motion, seconded by Alderman Corey Brackmann, to authorize the purchase of a skid steer and related attachments from B & K Power Equipment, for an amount of \$27,625. The motion passed with an aye vote by Aldermen: Brackmann, DiMaria, Bartman, Hall and Secor.

MAYOR'S STATEMENTS AND REPORTS

Mayor Lockhart had no official report this evening, but requested a special meeting on the 17th of October, at 7 pm, to meet with VoorHees and Associates on the Administrator Search.

DEPARTMENT HEAD AND STAFF REPORTS

Jayson Shull, Public Works/Building Commissioner. Report was in the packet. There has already been interest in 2 of the vehicles that are for sale, from the surplus list earlier this evening, and bids have been received. Paver has accumulated 30 hours of service at this time, and they have taken it back for service work to get a few of the bugs worked out. Forest Street was worked on last week, and this week they will be working on 4th and 5th Avenue and part of Prospect Street, and last will be the City alley.

Sgt. Rodney Riley, Marengo Police Department. Report in packet from Acting Chief of Police, Joseph Hallman.

David Johanson, City Engineer, updated the Council on 2 items: (1) Prospect Street project plats are in review currently with IDOT (since July), and the next step will be property acquisition negotiations, and (2) kick off on G.I.S. System, which should be up and running by Thanksgiving.

Joshua Blakemore, Acting City Administrator. The City will be meeting next week with other City Managers/Administrators to band together and work with NIMEC for the plans to go to referendum for the electric purchasing. E-Pay is up and operational as of last Friday.

Carlos Arevalo, City Attorney. No official report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

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

ADJOURNMENT.

Alderman Todd Hall made a motion, seconded by Alderman Steve DiMaria, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed with a voice vote, and the meeting adjourned at 9:16 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Constance J. Boxleitner
City Clerk