

**Marengo City Council  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
City Council Chambers  
132 E. Prairie St.  
Marengo, IL 60152  
April 13, 2015**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Donald B. Lockhart called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Gene Carroccia led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

Present are Mayor Donald B. Lockhart, Aldermen Carole Bartman, Matt Keenum, Michael Smith, Nicole DeBoer, Gretchen Samuelson, Todd Hall and Steve Mortensen. Also present are City Administrator Gary Boden, Assistant City Administrator Joshua Blakemore, Chief of Police Joseph Hallman, Public Works Director Jayson Shull, City Engineer Tim Hartnett and City Attorney Carlos Arevalo. Alderman Dennis Hammortree, and Finance Director Jennifer Snelten were absent.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

A representative from a landscaping company addressed the Council, asking for their consideration in the lawn mowing contract for the City.

**APPROVAL OF MINTUES: March 23, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes**

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Michael Smith, to approve the minutes from the March 23, 2015 Regular Meeting. The aldermen voted as follows:

Ayes: Keenum, Mortensen, DeBoer, Hall and Smith  
Nays: 0  
Abstain: Bartman and Samuelson

The motion passed.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. List of Bills
- b. Zion Lutheran 3K Run/Walk Request
- c. Block Party Request – 1108 N. Page St
- d. Authorization to Submit HR Green & Williams Brothers Construction, Inc. Invoices to IEPA for Loan Disbursement and Authorization of Payment Upon Receipt of Said Disbursement
- e. Startup Agreement for IL Rt 23 at Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) Intersection/Interchange Design Study (Reimbursable through McHenry County – Board Approval)
- f. Authorization to Execute Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Marengo and the County of McHenry for Professional Engineering Services – I90 at IL Rt 23 Full Interchange *(page 2 of the agreement should show a corrected amount, under Engineering Agreement Invoices item C, of \$289,608.25)*

Alderman Todd Hall made a motion, seconded by Alderman Gretchen Samuelson, to approve the Consent Agenda, with the change noted. The aldermen voted as follows:

Ayes: Bartman, Smith, Keenum, Mortensen, DeBoer, Samuelson and Hall  
Nays: 0  
Abstain: 0

The motion passed.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **a. Marengo Cemetery Board Presentation and Request for Funds**

George Bauman, representing the Cemetery Board, spoke to the Council about their concern with the budget cut that is being done this coming fiscal year. He reviewed the expenses and receipts from last year and asked for consideration that their funding through the City be reinstated.

#### **b. Update by Brackmann Construction Regarding the Intended Rezoning of the Western Portion of Brookside Meadows – Phase 3 – and the Brookside Meadows - Phase 3 - Annexation Agreement Amendment**

Corey Brackmann, representing Brackmann Construction, spoke to the Council about the current status of Phase 3, and their intention to amend the original plan to reduce the quantity of homes and townhomes. He handed out a copy of the proposal that will be discussed at the next PZC meeting. The Council was receptive to the proposed change, but made a suggestion on one area of the plan.

#### **c. Final Direction Regarding Preparation of FY 2015/2016 Budget, including an August 1, 2015 Water/Sewer Rate Increase for Operations**

City Administrator Boden discussed various options with the Council on the water/sewer rate increase that will occur in August. Option 1 figures showed a 3.3% increase over the 8/1/2015 change. Option 2 showed an increase of 4.7% over the 8/1/2015 change. Option 3 showed a 6.1% increase over the 8/1/2015 change.

There was discussion by the Council of an additional new expense to operate the new WWTP, in that there will now be a need for frequent waste hauling.

Alderman Matt Keenum made a motion, seconded by Alderman Nicole DeBoer, to utilize option 2 for our water/sewer rate increase. The aldermen voted as follows:

Ayes: Samuelson, Hall, Keenum, Mortensen, DeBoer and Smith  
Nays: Bartman  
Abstain: 0

The motion passed.

The Council recommended that the budget line item for the Cemetery be left as it is for this year, but to review it next year, and to also maintain dialogue with the cemetery board.

The Council did not have any further questions or comments on the proposed budget for 2015/2016.

**d. Authorization to Accept Proposal for Mowing Services**

Public Works Director Shull reviewed the information on the 2 bids that were received for the lawn-mowing contract for 2015/2016. In order to keep costs down, the City will do rural ditch mowing, landscaping bed maintenance and mulching. He also answered questions and concerns about the company that had the previous contract.

Alderman Steve Mortensen made a motion, seconded by Alderman Gretchen Samuelson, to accept New Colonial IV proposal, based on the experiences that we have had with the previous company not doing their job responsibly. (The proposal is in the amount of \$95,000 --\$47,500 per year -- for lawn mowing services for the next two mowing seasons.) The aldermen voted as follows:

Ayes:	Smith, Keenum, Samuelson, Mortensen, Bartman, Hall and DeBoer
Nays:	0
Abstain:	0

The motion passed.

**MAYOR'S STATEMENTS AND REPORTS**

Mayor Lockhart congratulated Alderman Todd Hall and Michael Smith on their getting re-elected. The new members of the City Council are Brett Martin and Jim Regelin. The swearing in will take place on May 11<sup>th</sup>, which is the first regular meeting in May.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD AND STAFF REPORTS**

**Assistant City Administrator Joshua Blakemore** received a call from Karen Schnable about a problem with the McRide Program. The agreement for Riley Township to be included in this program had not been signed by Riley Township, which was an oversight on their part. Supplemental Appropriations Ordinance document will be presented at the next meeting. The budget appears to be done, but if there are any questions, please let staff know.

**Public Works Director Jayson Shull** has supplied a full report to Council members.

**Chief of Police Joseph Hallman** did not have a written report for this meeting, but updated the Council on the status of enforcing the abandoned vehicle ordinance. During the storm the other night, the sirens were blown to warn the citizens. This was coordinated through Lake In The Hills and included Marengo Township. Alderman Samuelson questioned if there was a budget possibility for a parking enforcement officer, and Chief Hallman is working on putting that information together and should have it soon. The projected cost for that position is \$15,000 to \$20,000.

**City Engineer Tim Hartnett** spoke about some key dates. (1) Pre-bid meeting has been held (on the transite water main project), and the bid opening will be on April 21. (2) There will be a Kick-Off meeting for the I-90 project. The survey team will be out there shortly. There will be a monthly status report provided to the County and the City, as well as others.

**City Administrator Gary Boden** advised that he is attending the Annual Riley Township meeting Tuesday evening.

**City Attorney Carlos Arevalo** had no report.

**REPORTS AND STATEMENTS FROM CITY COUNCIL**

None.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- a. **Collective Bargaining**
- b. **Personnel**

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Steve Mortensen, to go to Executive Session for the purpose of Collective Bargaining (2C2) and Personnel (2C1). The aldermen voted as follows:

Ayes:	Hall, DeBoer, Mortensen, Smith, Keenum, Samuelson and Bartman
Nays:	0
Abstain:	0

The motion passed.

*The meeting recessed at 9:10 PM.*

*The meeting reconvened at 10:13 PM.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Steve Mortensen, to adjourn. The motion passed with a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 10:14 PM.

  
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Constance J Boxleitner  
City Clerk

The City Council approved these minutes on April 27, 2015.