

**Marengo City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
City Council Chambers
132 E Prairie Street
Marengo, IL 60152
April 27, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Attorney Carlos Arevalo led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present this evening are Mayor Donald B. Lockhart; Aldermen Carole Bartman, Matt Keenum, Michael Smith, Nicole DeBoer, Dennis Hammortree, Gretchen Samuelson, Todd Hall and Steve Mortensen. Also present are City Administrator Gary Boden, Assistant City Administrator Joshua Blakemore, Sergeant Rodney Riley (and Shadow), City Attorney Carlos Arevalo, City Engineer Tim Hartnett and Finance Director Jennifer Snelten.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Alderman Carole Bartman made a motion, seconded by Alderman Todd Hall, to approve the minutes from the April 13, 2015 Regular Meeting, with one correction. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

The motion passed.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. **List of Bills**
- b. **Settlers' Days Spring Fling Request**
- c. **Marengo Legion Poppy Days Proclamation**
- d. **Ordinance Authorizing the Sale of Certain Personal Property owned by the City of Marengo**
- e. **Authorization to Execute Work Change Order #4 from Williams Brothers Construction for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion Project**

Alderman Michael Smith requested that item E be considered separately. The Council agreed with his request.

Alderman Steve Mortensen made a motion, seconded by Alderman Nicole DeBoer, to approve Consent Agenda items A, B, C, and D. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

The motion passed.

Discussion on item E involved overages for delay in delivery of services, and why the City would approve payment on this Work Order Change (#4) when there is a current credit shown in correspondence and work change directives. City Administrator Boden explained that there are further outstanding bills to be paid that would be applied to the credit. As of March 24th, Williams Brothers would be considered to be in default for non-delivery, if they had left the job. They have not left the job, so are not considered to be in default. There is a projected final completion date of May 21, 2015, with 30 days beyond that date for paving and topsoil completion.

Alderman Carole Bartman made a motion, seconded by Alderman Nicole DeBoer, to approve Consent Agenda item E. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

The motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Presentation and Update from Marengo Community Radio Group

Pamela Gitta, Board President of Marengo Community Radio addressed the City Council on the current status of the Marengo Community Radio. They will be holding a membership drive this week.

b. Public Hearing on First Amendment to the Brookside Meadows Annexation Agreement

The Public Hearing was called to order at 7:20 PM.

ROLL CALL.

Present for this public hearing are Mayor Donald Lockhart; Aldermen Todd Hall, Nicole DeBoer, Michael Smith, Matt Keenum, Steve Mortensen, Gretchen Samuelson, Dennis Hammortree and Carole Bartman.

OPENING THE PUBLIC HEARING

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Gretchen Samuelson, to open the Public Hearing on First Amendment to the Brookside Meadows Annexation Agreement. The motion passed with a voice vote.

Attorney Arevalo advised the Council that the notice for the public hearing was published in the Northwest Herald on April 11, 2015, and a copy of that notice is on file in the clerk's office. Attorney Arevalo then asked for anyone wishing to address the Council on this matter, to sign in and be recognized. There were no public comments.

CLOSING THE PUBLIC HEARING

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Gretchen Samuelson, to close the Public Hearing. The motion passed with a voice vote. The Public Hearing adjourned at 7:22 PM.

c. Ordinance Authorizing Execution of a First Amendment to an Annexation Agreement by and between the City of Marengo and Brackmann Development Group, Inc for property commonly known as Plat No. 3 Brookside Meadows

Attorney Arevalo answered questions from the Council on the proposed amendment. Items that were under consideration to be changed are (1) abandonment of the intersection at Courtney, but not the water connection requirement in the original agreement -- and also the addition of a deadline of October 31, 2015 (2) the addition of a stub road on the north side of Cloverleaf Drive and (3) change in the Letter of Credit information.

Alderman Gretchen Samuelson made a motion, seconded by Alderman Todd Hall, to approve the Ordinance Authorizing Execution of a First Amendment to an Annexation Agreement by and between the City of Marengo and Brackmann Development Group, Inc for property commonly known as Plat No 3. Brookside Meadows. The aldermen voted as follows:

- Ayes: Hall, DeBoer, Mortensen, Smith, Samuelson, Bartman, and Mayor Lockhart
- Nays: Hammortree
- Abstain: Keenum

The motion passed.

d. Ordinance Rezoning Plat No 3 Brookside Meadows Comprising of 78.203 acres from R-1 to Planned Development with Underlying R-5 Zoning Classification

City Administrator Boden verified that the Planning & Zoning Commission approved this rezoning request, and discussed a section of the ordinance on the wording for design and plans. It was decided that the attorney would add the proper wording requested by the Council.

Alderman Todd Hall made a motion, seconded by Alderman Gretchen Samuelson, to approve an Ordinance Rezoning Plat No 3 – Brookside Meadows – comprising of 78.203 acres from R-1 to Planned Development with Underlying R-5 Zoning Classification, with the changes talked about, of bringing forward the exterior plans as per the original annexation agreement. The aldermen voted as follows:

- Ayes: Mortensen, Samuelson, Hammortree, Bartman, DeBoer, Keenum, Hall & Smith
- Nays: 0
- Abstain: 0

The motion passed.

e. Approval of Fiscal Year 2015/2016 Budget

Assistant City Administrator Blakemore reviewed the changes discussed at the last meeting, and answered questions from the Council.

Alderman Todd Hall made a motion, seconded by Alderman Nicole DeBoer, to approve the Fiscal Year 2015/2016 Budget as presented. The aldermen voted as follows:

- Ayes: DeBoer, Mortensen, Keenum, Smith, Bartman, Samuelson & Hall
- Nays: Hammortree
- Abstain: 0

The motion passed.

f. Ordinance Approving the Supplemental Appropriations for FY 2014/2015

Finance Director Snelten reviewed the information on the ordinance and answered questions from the Council.

Alderman Carole Bartman made a motion, seconded by Alderman Nicole DeBoer, to approve an Ordinance approving the Supplemental Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2014/2015. The aldermen voted as follows:

- Ayes: DeBoer, Bartman, Hall, Smith, Hammortree, Keenum, Mortensen & Samuelson
- Nays: 0
- Abstain: 0

The motion passed.

g. Authorization to Accept Bid for Transite Water Main Replacement Project

City Engineer Hartnett reviewed the bid information for this project, explained the 3 options that were included with the bid information, and answered questions from the Council members.

Alderman Michael Smith made a motion, seconded by Alderman Nicole DeBoer, to accept the bid for the Transite Water Main Replacement Project, for a contract with Fischer Excavating, Inc, from Freeport, in the

amount of \$885,694.76, and to include option 3 (to provide an 8" loop between Willow Rd and State Street – Rt 23) for an additional amount of \$73,205.04. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

The motion passed.

h. Authorization to Execute Agreement with Weston Engineering

Ed Coggin, with Weston Solutions, updated the Council on the current work that has been done relating to the 300 West, LLC and Arnold Engineering contamination problem. There is some information available at this time, and he has submitted a FOIA request to receive that information and review it. This information involves off-site assessment work.

Alderman Todd Hall made a motion, seconded by Alderman Nicole DeBoer, to approve the contract (with Weston Solutions) amendment increasing the total from the original contract cost of \$5,000 to a total new contract cost of \$12,500. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

The motion passed.

MAYOR'S STATEMENT AND REPORT

Mayor Lockhart had no report this evening.

DEPARTMENT HEAD AND STAFF REPORTS

Joshua Blakemore, Assistant City Administrator thanked the Council for approving the budget. He reported that the gas leak at the Wastewater Treatment Plant was not construction related. He is working on the WWTP hauling project that was discussed last meeting. The water operator contract will end, and Justin Netzer will be taking over the work that was being done by the person from HR Green. There will be hydrant flushing from May 27th to June 5th. The mowing contract was executed today. The City has received calls on the current condition of Greenlee Street, and he will be in contact with the owner of that property to get the potholes taken care of.

Sergeant Riley had no report to add to the report that the Chief had submitted.

Tim Hartnett, City Engineer, reported that there is traffic data that will be done at 2 key intersections, with the information being provided to IDOT.

Gary Boden, City Administrator advised that the County is sponsoring an electronic components drop off – which will include televisions and components. The City will be advertising the water flushing in the next newsletter.

Carlos Arevalo, City Attorney, had no report.

REPORTS AND STATEMENTS FROM CITY COUNCIL

Alderman Dennis Hammortree expressed concern about the delay in getting documents to the Aldermen in a timely manner.

Alderman Carole Bartman, in parting comments to the Council, asked that the Council not forget to continue to look at having a bike path and sidewalk along Route 20, going from the downtown all the way out to the library. She also asked that the Council not lose perspective on how much money the City has borrowed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a. **Collecting Bargaining Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (2)**
- b. **Pending or Imminent Litigation Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (11)**

Alderman Matt Keenum made a motion, seconded by Alderman Nicole DeBoer, to go to Executive Session for the purpose of (a) Collective Bargaining Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (2) and (b) Pending or Imminent Litigation Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (11). The aldermen voted as follows:

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

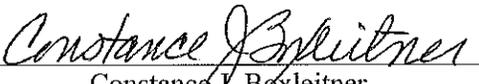
The motion passed.

The Council recessed at 9:19 PM.

The Council reconvened at 9:56 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Todd Hall, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed with a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 9:57 PM.



Constance J. Boxleitner
City Clerk

These minutes were approved by the City Council on May 11, 2015.