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**Marengo City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
City Council Chambers
132 E Prairie Street
Marengo, IL 60152
May 26, 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

Alderman Matt Keenum led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present this evening are Mayor Donald B. Lockhart; Aldermen James Regelin, Matt Keenum, Michael Smith (entered the meeting at 7:25 PM), Nicole DeBoer, Dennis Hammortree, Brett Martin and Steve Mortensen. Also present are City Administrator Gary Boden, Assistant City Administrator Joshua Blakemore, City Attorney Carlos Arevalo, City Engineer Tim Hartnett, Finance Director Jennifer Snelten, and Sergeant Rodney Riley (and Shadow). Alderman Todd Hall was absent.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 11, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Steve Mortensen, to approve the minutes from the May 11, 2015 Regular Meeting. The aldermen voted as follows:

Ayes: Keenum, Mortensen, DeBoer, Regelin, Hammortree & Martin
Nays: 0
Abstain: 0

The motion passed.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. List of Bills
- b. Approval of General Consultation Agreement for Engineering Services – HR Green (under the Billing Rate Schedule (page 9 of 9) items 3 and 4 were stricken per Tim Hartnett authorization)
- c. Zion Lutheran Faith in Family Day Request (*item C was removed from the agenda*)

There was a question on an invoice from HR Green, for Arnold's/300 West LLC . Mr. Hartnett will provide specific information on this bill.

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Steve Mortensen, to approve the Consent Agenda, but to exclude the invoice from HR Green in the amount of \$819.00 regarding the Arnold's/300 West LLC billing. The aldermen voted as follows:

Ayes: Regelin, Keenum, Mortensen, DeBoer, Martin and Hammortree
Nays: 0
Abstain: 0

The motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Resolution Regulating Smoking in Public Places during Settler's Days

Students from the Marengo Chapter of Reality Illinois spoke to the Council about the proposed resolution before the Council this evening. The group had discussed this possible resolution with a representative from Settler's Day Inc, and that person felt that it would not be a problem for them to follow the City Council's direction in this matter.

Alderman James Regelin made a motion approving the proposed resolution regulating smoking in public places during Settler's Days. After further discussion by the Council members, he withdrew his motion. It was recommended that Skinner's Amusements be made aware of this new regulation.

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman James Regelin, to approve the resolution – *with the exception that it is only pertaining to the carnival area making it a "Smoke Free" area* - regulating smoking in public places during Settler's Days. The aldermen voted as follows:

Ayes: Keenum, Martin, Mortensen, Regelin, Hammortree and DeBoer
Nays: 0
Abstain: 0

The motion passed.

Mayor Lockhart thanked the group for this work on this proposal.

b. Authorization to Execute Change Order #1 to Water Main Replacement Project

City Engineer Hartnett presented the change order to the Council, showing the change in the work to not construction Alternate No. 3 – which provided a second connection to State Street at the north end of the project. This will reduce the contract amount by \$73,205.04 – for a new total of \$885,694.76.

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Steve Mortensen, for authorization to execute Change Order #1 to the Water Main Replacement Project (to remove option #3). The aldermen voted as follows:

Ayes: DeBoer, Mortensen, Keenum, Hammortree, Martin and Regelin
Nays: 0
Abstain: 0

The motion passed.

c. Authorization to Accept Bid for Tree Removal Services

Assistant City Administrator Blakemore reviewed the 3 bids that were received on this project. He also suggested that the City put a hold, at this time, of the preparation of a nursery at the WWTP.

Alderman Matt Keenum made a motion, seconded by Alderman Michael Smith, to accept the bid for tree removal services from R & J Tree Service, for an amount of \$12,050. The aldermen voted as follows:

Ayes: Mortensen, Martin, Hammortree, DeBoer, Keenum and Smith
Nays: Regelin
Abstain: 0

The motion passed.

d. Discussion Request for Direction Regarding the Administration of the Public Works Function

Administrator Boden asked the Council for clarification on the position (as pertaining to the hiring/firing and reporting to who) of the Public Works Director. The Council felt that a decision on this was not

possible tonight, and recommended contacting other communities and gather their procedures for this position.

Alderman Dennis Hammortree made a motion, seconded by Alderman Michael Smith, to postpone the discussion on this item, until the new aldermen have had an opportunity to listen to the minutes from a previous Executive Session meeting involving this position, and after the City has had a chance to contact municipalities, of like size, to determine who their director of public works reports to. *City Administrator Gary Boden was requested to put this information together and present it to the Council.* The aldermen voted as follows:

Ayes:	Hammortree, DeBoer, Mortensen, Keenum, Smith, Regelin and Martin
Nays:	0
Abstain:	0

The motion passed.

OATH OF OFFICE – Aldermen

City Attorney Carlos Arevalo swore in Alderman Michael Smith as Aldermen for Ward 2.

e. Authorization to Update Pay Scale for Assistant City Administrator Position

Administrator Boden recommended that the pay scale for this position be upgraded, because of the additional responsibilities that have been added to the position.

Alderman James Regelin made a motion, seconded by Alderman Nicole DeBoer, to approve the updated pay scale for Assistant City Administrator Blakemore. The aldermen voted as follows:

Ayes:	DeBoer, Regelin, Smith, Hammortree, Keenum, Mortensen and Martin
Nays:	0
Abstain:	0

The motion passed.

MAYOR’S STATEMENTS AND REPORTS

Mayor Lockhart reported that there was a great Memorial Day Ceremony yesterday. There appeared to be more in attendance this year, and hoped that it directly related to the Veterans Day Program that is put on every year at the high school.

DEPARTMENT HEAD AND STAFF REPORTS

Assistant City Administrator Joshua Blakemore provided an update on the transite project. Spoke about the WWTP status and explained about some “bugs” that they were working through. Also advised that the City would start the hydrant flushing tomorrow.

Finance Director Jennifer Snelten advised the Council that the month end report was included in their packet, effective April 30, 2015. She invited the new aldermen to stop by her office so they could meet with her and look over the budget and answer any questions they might have for her.

Sergeant Riley filled in this evening for Chief Hallman, who had submitted a written report in the board packet.

City Engineer Tim Hartnett reported that they (HR Green) have been invited to meet with the bridge designers for the toll-way on June 1st. The design team will have 30% of the plans done for the bridge. HR Green will provide everyone with the current status on data collected, and will then collaborate on schedules and timing of where everyone is at in this process.

City Administrator Gary Boden spoke on the current municipal funding situation with the State of Illinois.

City Attorney Carlos Arevalo had no report.

City Clerk Connie Boxleitner reminded the two newly elected aldermen about the need for them to complete the OMA certification, and to be sure and provide a copy of the certificate to the clerk's office.

REPORTS AND STATEMENTS FROM CITY COUNCIL

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

a. Collective Bargaining Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (2)

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Michael Smith, to go to Executive Session for the purpose of Collective Bargaining Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (2). The aldermen voted as follows:

Ayes:	Smith, Regelin, Keenum, Mortensen, DeBoer, Martin and Hammortree
Nays:	0
Abstain:	0

The motion passed.

The regular meeting recessed at 8:30 PM.

The regular meeting reconvened at 8:47 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Michael Smith, to adjourn. The motion passed with a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:48 PM.


Constance J. Boxleitner
City Clerk

The City Council approved these minutes on June 8, 2015.