

**APPROVED**  
July 13, 2015

**Marengo City Council  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
City Council Chambers  
132 E. Prairie Street  
Marengo, IL 60152  
June 22, 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 Nicole DeBoer led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

Present this evening are Mayor Donald Lockhart; Aldermen James Regelin, Matt Keenum, Michael Smith (*entered the meeting at 7:04 PM*), Nicole DeBoer, Dennis Hammortree and Brett Martin. Also present are City Administrator Gary Boden, Asst. City Administrator Joshua Blakemore, Chief of Police Joseph Hallman, City Attorney Carlos Arevalo and Finance Director Jennifer Snelten. Aldermen Todd Hall and Steve Mortensen were absent this evening.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

A resident spoke to the Council on the proposed Cruise Night being discussed this evening. He is concerned about the traffic on Railroad Street, during this event.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 8, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes**

Alderman James Regelin made a motion, seconded by Alderman Michael Smith, to approve the minutes from the June 8, 2015 Regular Meeting. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

The motion passed.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. List of Bills
- b. Resolution Permitting Work and Maintenance on State Highways
- c. Authorization to Execute Reciprocal Agreement for Exchange of Information with the Illinois Dept of Revenue and to Designate Staff Who Shall Receive Such Information.
- d. Authorization to Submit HR Green & Williams Brothers Construction Inc Invoice to IEPA for Loan Disbursement and to Authorize Payment Upon Receipt of Said Disbursement
- e. Authorization to Execute Work Change Order #5 with Williams Brothers Construction Inc for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion Project
- f. Ordinance Establishing Prevailing Wage for the City of Marengo

Alderman James Regelin made a motion, seconded by Alderman Nicole DeBoer, to approve the Consent Agenda. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

The motion passed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- a. State Street Cruise Night Request – 154 N State Street

Shawn Lyon, Gas & Diesel Garage, spoke to the Council about their desire to host a Cruise Night in their parking lot (to the South of the building) and also in the parking area that is on the North side of the building. He answered questions posed by the Council members. The events will take place every other Saturday, starting this coming Saturday, during the summer months, and will be from 5 PM to 8 PM.

**b. Authorization to Accept Bid for Live Scan Machine as per FY 15/16 Budget**

Chief Hallman reviewed the information that was received from 3 vendors that provide this type of equipment. The prices ranged from \$10,499 to \$21,326. The Council suggested that this be put out for formal bid process, requesting a 90-day trial period from each vendor. It was decided by the Council to pass on this until further information was received.

**c. Discussion and Request for Direction Regarding the Administration of the Public Works Function**

Following extensive discussion on this issue, the Council directed the City Administrator to leave the process (for the hiring and firing) as it currently is written in the Municipal Code. Alderman Nicole DeBoer stated: "I would change it (the procedure), but it sounds like I am in the minority." Alderman Michael Smith agreed with her, but the other aldermen recommended leaving the process as it is.

Administrator Boden spoke briefly about the need to update the job description, and he was directed to put his suggestions together and bring them back to the Council.

**MAYOR'S STATEMENTS AND REPORTS**

Mayor Lockhart advised the Council that Bob Kling, a long time Marengo resident and Grandfather to former Alderman Gretchen Samuelson, had passed away.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD AND STAFF REPORTS**

Assistant City Administrator Joshua Blakemore reported on the status of the tree removal project, providing the Council with information in the form of a memo for their review. He also updated the Council on the status of the transite project. Information was handed out relative to In-Pipe Technology and a possible solution to the foaming problem at the WWTP.

Finance Director Jennifer Snelten reviewed the monthly budget trend printout, and addressed some concerns that she had on various line items.

Chief of Police Joseph Hallman had submitted 2 formal reports for the Councils review.

City Administrator Gary Boden updated the Council on the 2 power outages that had recently occurred, and explained information he received from Com Ed and changes they are implementing. There is a possible proposal being made to the residents on Railroad Street / Ritz Road – and the City - from the Illinois Attorney Generals Office on two issues and possible solutions. He had provided a hand out on the status of Brookside Meadows, a new possible mini-warehouse project, and a proposed Verizon cell tower.

City Attorney Carlos Arevalo had no report.

City Clerk Connie Boxleitner had no report.

**REPORTS AND STATEMENTS FROM CITY COUNCIL**

None.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**a. Collective Bargaining Pursuant to 5ILCS 12/2 (c) (2)**

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

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

The motion passed.

*The Regular Meeting recessed at 8:41 PM.*

*The Regular Meeting reconvened at 8:48 PM.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

  
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Constance J. Boxleitner  
City Clerk

These minutes were approved by the City Council on July 13, 2015.