

APPROVED
August 24, 2015

**Marengo City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
City Council Chambers
132 E Prairie Street
Marengo, IL 60152
August 10, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Donald B. Lockhart called the Regular Meeting of the Marengo City Council to order at 7:01 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Alderman Nicole DeBoer led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present this evening are Mayor Donald B. Lockhart; Aldermen Brett Martin, Matt Keenum, Nicole DeBoer, Dennis Hammortree, James Regelin, Todd Hall and Steve Mortensen. Also present are City Administrator Gary Boden, Assistant City Administrator Joshua Blakemore, Chief of Police Joseph Hallman, City Attorney Carlos Arevalo, and City Engineer Tim Hartnett. Alderman Michael Smith was absent.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

Chief of Police Hallman introduced Officer John Warren, and stated that he did win academic honors while attending the Police Academy. Officer Warren introduced his family.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Steve Mortensen, to approve the minutes from the July 27, 2015 Regular Meeting. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

The motion passed.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. **List of Bills**
- b. **Cancer Kids 5K Run/Walk Request**
- c. **Ordinance Declaring Certain Municipal Property as Surplus**

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

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

The motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Discussion and Request for Direction of FY 2015/2016 Street Repair Program**

City Administrator Boden discussed this program, outlining the 4 possible locations. Those locations are Willow/Sunset/West Van Buren (\$160,554) Geraldine Court / Riley east to Mildred

(\$6,500) Grace Street / Van Buren north to Stevenson (\$10,550) and Page Street / 5th Avenue north to Eighth (\$21,500). The recommendation is to proceed with getting these program bids. There is \$125,000 budgeted for street improvements, but the balance (\$74,104) could come out of the General Fund Reserve. The bid opening could take place in September, with the project starting that month.

Alderman Steve Mortensen made a motion, seconded by Alderman Nicole DeBoer, to authorize the City to proceed with the proposed 2015/2016 Street Repair Program, as outlined. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

The motion passed.

b. Update and Request for Direction on Tree Removal/Replacement Program

Assistant City Administrator Blakemore updated the Council on tree removal/replacement, and spoke on the scrapping of a proposed tree nursery program, and applying those funds toward further tree projects. There are trees still being removed by the City, along with grinding of stumps. There were 3 bids received for removal, \$11,300 from Power Tree & Stump Removal, \$11,500 from JW Hellyer & Sons Tree Service, and \$14,350 from R & J Tree Service.

c. Authorization to Accept Bid for Tree Removal Services

Alderman James Regelin made a motion, seconded by Alderman Matt Keenum, to accept the bid from JW Hellyer & Sons Tree Service (\$11,500) for tree removal. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

The motion passed.

MAYOR'S STATEMENTS AND REPORTS

None.

DEPARTMENT HEAD AND STAFF REPORTS

Asst. City Administrator Joshua Blakemore recapped information on the street paving project (tree root problem). Updated information on the progress at the WWTP. There is a property tax freeze bill, which is valid 2 years. Noted that the State has withheld the gaming tax receipts at this time.

Chief of Police Joseph Hallman spoke on PSAP status, and provided a report on it. This will force a reduction in services, consolidating locations within McHenry County.

City Engineer Tim Hartnett reviewed his report with the Council, and updated with current information on the Tollway project.

City Administrator Gary Boden attended the public hearing on the roundabout proposed at Route 20 and Harmony Road, and explained information that was given at the hearing. There will be a

Planning & Zoning meeting on Monday, regarding a set back request on property to the east of Dollar General. This is for an expansion of the mini storage warehouses. There is a drainage problem on N. East Street, and the City is working with HR Green to see what can be done.

City Attorney Carlos Arevalo had no report.

City Clerk Connie Boxleitner thanked the Aldermen for coming in to review the minutes for the Executive Sessions.

REPORTS AND STATEMENTS FROM CITY COUNCIL

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

a. Semi-Annual Review of Minutes of Executive Session as Required by Section 2.06 of the Open Meetings Act

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Steve Mortensen, to go to Executive Session for the purpose of a semi-annual review of minutes of Executive Session as required by Section 2.06 of the Open Meetings Act. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

The motion passed.

The regular meeting recessed at 7:34 PM.

The regular meeting reconvened at 7:48 PM.

ROLL CALL

Present are Mayor Donald B Lockhart, Aldermen Nicole DeBoer, Steve Mortensen, Matt Keenum, James Regelin, Brett Martin, and Todd Hall. Also present is City Attorney Carlos Arevalo. Absent are Aldermen Dennis Hammortree and Michael Smith.

ACTION ON RELEASE OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES FOLLOWING REVIEW IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Todd Hall, to release the executive session minutes:

May 23, 2011, January 9, 2012, February 13, 2012, April 23, 2012, May 14, 2012, May 29, 2012, June 25, 2012, September 10, 2012, September 24, 2012, November 13, 2012, November 26, 2012, December 17, 2012, January 14, 2013, January 28, 2013, February 11, 2013, March 11, 2013, March 25, 2013, April 22, 2013, July 8, 2013, July 28, 2014, and September 22, 2014. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

The motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman James Regelin made a motion, seconded by Alderman Nicole DeBoer, to adjourn. The motion passed with a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.



Constance J. Boxleitner
City Clerk

These minutes were approved by the City Council on August 24, 2015.