

APPROVED
September 14, 2015

**Marengo City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
City Council Chambers
132 E Prairie Street
Marengo, IL 60152
August 24, 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

Josh Blakemore led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present this evening are Mayor Donald B. Lockhart; Aldermen James Regelin, Matt Keenum, Michael Smith, Nicole DeBoer, Dennis Hammortree, Brett Martin, 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 Finance Director Jennifer Snelten.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A resident spoke to the Council about concerns they had with a water/storm drainage issue on Van Buren Street that has been ongoing for several years. City Administrator Boden spoke about what has been happening, and advised the resident that they should expect to receive a call from the city engineer on this problem.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August 10, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes

Alderman Steve Mortensen made a motion, seconded by Alderman Michael Smith, to approve the minutes, with three (3) corrections noted. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

The motion passed.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. List of Bills
- b. Ordinance Authorizing the Sale of City-Owned Property Consisting of 2,029 Square Feet, Located North of State Route 176, South of the Deerpass Subdivision Unit 1 and Immediately West of Renwick Park on Prospect Street
- c. Ordinance Authorizing the Sale of City-Owned Property Consisting of 1,249 Square Feet Located North of State Route 176, South of the Deerpass Subdivision Unit 1 and West of Renwick Park on Prospect Street
- d. A Resolution for Maintenance of Streets and Highways by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code

Items A & D were split out from the Consent Agenda list.

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

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

The motion passed.

Item A – List of Bills – was then discussed by the Council, and questions were asked and answered on different bills from the list.

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Steve Mortensen, to approve the List of Bills. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

The motion passed.

Item D – A Resolution for Maintenance of Streets and Highways by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code – was explained by Administrator Boden, and the need for approval, per the resolution.

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Todd Hall, to approve the Resolution for Maintenance of Streets and Highways by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

The motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

a. 2014 – 2015 Cemetery Report & Request for Direction on Future Levy Requests

George Bauman, representing the Cemetery Board, spoke to the Council on his report. The board is requesting that the City reconsider increasing their funding, and answered questions from the Council on the report. The Council recommended setting up an Ad Hoc Committee to review this request, and to meet with the Cemetery Board on possible options.

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Matt Keenum, to accept the 2015/2015 Cemetery Report. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

The motion passed.

b. Authorization to Accept 2015 – 2016 Health Insurance and Benefits Renewal Proposal

Finance Director Snelten reviewed the renewal packet with the Council, along with representatives from Invision Benefit (Amanda Felinski and Mike Kozemzak). The proposal has

an increase in the medical coverage portion of the package of 5%. The other portions of the package show no increase.

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Todd Hall, to accept the 2015/2016 Health Insurance and Benefits Renewal Proposal from InVision Benefit. The aldermen voted as follows:

Ayes: Martin, Hammortree, DeBoer, Keenum, Hall and Smith

Nays: 0

Abstain: Mortensen and Regelin

The motion passed.

c. FY 2015/2016 – 1st Quarter Budget Report

Finance Director Jennifer Snelten reviewed the various areas of the 1st Quarter Budget Report with the Council members, and answered questions.

MAYOR'S STATEMENTS AND REPORTS

Mayor Lockhart passed on this portion of the meeting.

DEPARTMENT HEAD AND STAFF REPORTS

Assistant City Administrator Joshua Blakemore reviewed the status of various departments. Wastewater Treatment Plant status on the foaming problem status that is improving, the finishing of the tree removal project, and the start of storm sewer repair work. The liability insurance renewal is coming up, and the City is looking at various options. The audit report should be done in September. A suggestion was made, by Alderman Regelin, that the City look at assisting the Cemetery Board in reducing their costs, looking at hiring the mowing done by an outside company.

Finance Director Jennifer Snelten had nothing further to add.

Chief of Police Joseph Hallman had submitted a report to the Council, and added that the budget situation in Springfield has influenced the City's tobacco enforcement grant. There is also a hold on training programs due to that as well. They are looking at updating the solicitation complaint ordinance.

City Administrator Gary Boden talked about Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) funds for street work. It may be necessary for the City Council to hold a special session to approve the use of these funds. The PZC meeting last week, on a variance request, had to be cancelled due to a lack of quorum. The new date for this meeting is on the 9th of September. The deadline for applications for the Public Works Director position was today. They will be starting the review process of those applications.

City Attorney Carlos Arevalo had no report.

REPORTS AND STATEMENTS FROM CITY COUNCIL

Alderman Keenum commented about the cancellation that occurred on the PZC meeting. Administrator Boden stated that the city received a resignation from one (1) member of the committee. They are looking at possible candidates to fill that position.

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 8:21 PM.



Constance J Boxleitner
City Clerk

The City Council approved these minutes on September 14, 2015.