

APPROVED
October 26, 2015

**Marengo City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
City Council Chambers
132 E. Prairie Street
Marengo, IL 60152
October 12, 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

George Roach led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present this evening are Mayor Donald Lockhart; Aldermen 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. Aldermen James Regelin was absent this evening.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 28, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Steve Mortensen, to approve the minutes from the September 28, 2015 Regular Meeting. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

The motion passed.

CONSENT AGENDA

a. List of Bills

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

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

The motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Authorization to Accept 2015/2016 Liability Insurance Renewal

Assistant City Administrator Blakemore reviewed the renewal with the Council, noting there is a \$10,106 increase this year. The renewal premium is \$75,834. This is an increase of 15%.

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Michael Smith, to accept the 2015/2016 Liability Insurance Renewal. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

Abstain: 0
The motion passed.

b. Presentation and Acceptance of FY 2014/2015 Municipal Audit

George Roach reviewed the audit with the Council and answered questions. The City's financial standing has improved, with the inclusion of the "sinking funds" for the purchase of equipment. He explained the changes that will be shown on next year's audit, which will now include the outstanding amounts owed to police pension and IMRF.

Alderman Steve Mortensen made a motion, seconded by Alderman Todd Hall, to accept the FY 2014/2015 Municipal Audit. The aldermen voted as follows:

Ayes: Smith, Keenum, Martin, Mortensen, Hall, Hammortree & DeBoer
Nays: 0
Abstain: 0
The motion passed.

c. Authorization to Execute Release Agreement for Brookside Meadows Letter of Credit

City Administrator Boden reviewed this release agreement, and clarified that it will be replaced with a new LOC from the new prospective owners of the subdivision. This release is being done, per the direction of the Council following the previous meeting.

Alderman Matt Keenum made a motion, seconded by Alderman Michael Smith, for authorization to execute a Release Agreement for Brookside Meadows Letter of Credit. The aldermen voted as follows:

Ayes: Hall, DeBoer, Mortensen, Smith, Keenum & Martin
Nays: Hammortree
Abstain: 0
The motion passed.

MAYOR'S STATEMENTS AND REPORTS

Mayor Lockhart noted that he is pleased with the work that was done on Willow, Van Buren & Sunset, and that he has received good comments from the residents. He was pleased with all the Settler's Days activities, and weather.

DEPARTMENT HEAD AND STAFF REPORTS

Assistant City Administrator Joshua Blakemore updated the Council on some additional work that is needed on the Sunset, Willow & Van Buren project. Meeting with HR Green on the Wastewater Treatment Plant project. Updated the Council on the foaming situation. He has also heard positive feedback on the roadwork that was done.

Finance Director Jennifer Snelten submitted the September Financials in the packet. She updated the Council on the Video Gaming tax that is being held by the State. The three funds that are on hold at this time are the State Use Tax, the Motor Fuel Tax, and the Video Gaming Tax. These should not cause a major cash flow problem at this time.

Chief of Police Joseph Hallman had provided 2 reports to the Council – one on the day-to-day operations of the police department and one for the recent Settler's Days events.

City Engineer Tim Hartnett reported that on October 2nd, work was done on the drainage problem on Van Buren Street, and it appears to be solved at this time. Spoke about the final payment for the water transite project, and that it came in under budget. He recently met with Mr. Linley on the landscaping of

the storage facility project, and discussed the options proposed by the Council. He is waiting on a response back from Mr. Linley.

City Administrator Gary Boden talked about a meeting that was arranged by Senator Althoff, that included the Attorney General's office representative, IEPA representative, 300 West LLC representative, Mayor Lockhart, Ed Coggin, and Gary. This was held in Chicago at the AG's office. The City's position was explained to those present. There is the possibility of a contract being brought before the Council, for the design of a water main to rectify the ground water contamination. There will be NO construction until next spring at the earliest on this possible project. More information on this should be available to the Council in the near future.

City Attorney Carlos Arevalo had no report, but introduced Amber Michlig, a colleague from his firm that will be attending when he is unavailable.

City Clerk Connie Boxleitner spoke about the recent Town Hall meeting that was sponsored by two local churches. The next meeting will be in November, and will have representatives from the Police Department.

REPORTS AND STATEMENTS FROM CITY COUNCIL

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

a. Personnel Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1)

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Steve Mortensen, to go to Executive Session for the purpose of Personnel Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1). The aldermen voted as follows.

Ayes: Mortensen, Martin, Hammortree, DeBoer, Keenum, Hall & Smith

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

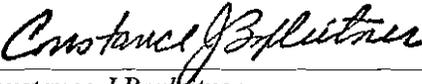
The motion passed.

The council recessed at 7:35 PM.

The council reconvened at 7:54 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 7:55 PM.



Constance J. Boxleitner
City Clerk

The City Council approved these minutes on October 26, 2015.