

APPROVED
November 9, 2015

**Marengo City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
City Council Chambers
132 E. Prairie Street
Marengo, IL 60152
October 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 Todd Hall led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present this evening are Mayor Donald Lockhart; Aldermen Matt Keenum, James Regelin (entered the meeting at 7:06 pm), Matt Keenum, Michael Smith (entered the meeting at 7:14 pm), Nicole DeBoer, Dennis Hammortree, Brett Martin, Todd Hall and Steve Mortensen. Also present are City Administrator Gary Boden, Asst. City Administrator Joshua Blakemore, Chief of Police Joseph Hallman, City Attorney Amber Michlig (standing in for Carlos Arevalo), City Engineer Tim Hartnett and Finance Director Jennifer Snelten.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Two residents (who live on Ritz Road) spoke to the Council about the contamination concerns that their neighbors are having, with the situation at 300 West LLC (Arnold Engineering). Statements from both are attached as part of the official record.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 12, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Todd Hall, to approve the minutes from the October 12, 2015 meeting. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

CONSENT AGENDA

a. List of Bills

Questions were asked on two bills from Smith Amundsen LLC. Mayor Lockhart and City Administrator Boden provided the answers.

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

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

NEW BUSINESS

a. Proposal for Annexation and Zoning to M-Manufacturing of 8 Acres – North of Route 20 and West of Ritz Road

Chris McKissack, with Glidepath, spoke to the Council on the proposed location of an above the ground battery facility. This installation would provide surge protection for the ComEd power that is transmitted into the Marengo area. They will be on the agenda for the next Planning & Zoning Commission in November.

b. Proposal for Annexation of 80 Acres and Zoning of 255 Acres to M-Manufacturing for the Purposes of Developing a Quarry.

Jack Pease (owner) and Phil Brown (project manager) from Super Aggregates spoke to the Council on their proposal. They discussed the site layout and plans for screening of property for aesthetic purposes. They contrasted their proposed annexation agreement that the City currently has with AR Lands (Peter Baker). They responded to questions from the Council.

c. Update on 300 West / Arnold Engineering Groundwater Contamination Remediation Process

Administrator Boden spoke on the contamination problem, and what the City knows at this time. There is the possibility of 300 West LLC / Arnold Engineering laying water lines to the residents involved on Railroad Street and Ritz Road, treatment of the contamination of the groundwater through a "pump & treat" method (which could take from 5 to 10 years to accomplish), and also the possible establishment of a chemical fence to enclose the area of contamination.

MAYOR'S STATEMENTS AND REPORTS

Mayor Lockhart offered his congratulations to the Marengo High School football team, and the great season they are having. He also congratulated the Zion Lutheran School's Varsity Boys Cross Country team, for having won the Lutheran School Associations 2015 Cross Country Championship on October 17, 2015 in Bloomington.

DEPARTMENT HEAD AND STAFF REPORTS

Asst. City Administrator Joshua Blakemore updated the Council on an electrical issue that occurred at the wastewater treatment plant with ComEd. Spoke about a centrifuge issue (vibration), and advised that they are finalizing the drainage of the old system. Public Works is progressing with patching projects on the city streets. Spoke on a change on a County Storm Water Ordinance.

Finance Director Jennifer Snelten updated the Council on the tax levy information, reporting a .83% increase projected for property tax revenue.

Chief of Police Joseph Hallman provided a written report in the board packet. There was a question about a blocked alleyway during Settler's Days, and Chief Hallman advised that advance notice of this closing would be provided earlier to all the businesses affected.

City Engineer Tim Hartnett had no formal report, but advised that they are wrapping up the feasibility study on I-90. HR Green will be meeting with the City the week of the 9th of November, and will also meet with the County the week of the 16th. They will bring that information to the Council on the 23rd of November, to bring everyone up to date. They are working with the County, on the Storm Water Ordinance, and will bring information on that to the Council in November.

City Administrator Gary Boden stated that the PZC will be meeting in November on the Glidepath proposal, and also the quarry possibility. He discussed with the Council the meetings scheduled for December, and it was agreed to cancel the December 28th meeting. He spoke briefly about budget concerns, due to the budget problems in Springfield.

City Attorney Amber Michlig had nothing to report.

REPORTS AND STATEMENTS FROM CITY COUNCIL

Alderman Keenum provided the meeting minutes from the Ad Hoc Committee meeting that was held on October 19th regarding funding issues with the Cemetery Board. More information will be provided soon.

Administrator Boden requested approval from the Council to remove Agenda item 12 – New Business. The Council agreed.

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

The motion passed.

The meeting recessed at 9:16 PM.

The meeting reconvened at 9:40 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman James Regelin made a motion, seconded by Alderman Steve Mortensen, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 9:41 PM.


Constance J. Boxleitner
City Clerk

These minutes were approved by the City Council on November 9, 2015.