

**APPROVED**  
February 8, 2016

**Regular Meeting Minutes  
City Council Chambers  
132 E. Prairie Street  
Marengo, IL 60152  
January 25, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER

In the absence of Mayor Donald Lockhart, City Clerk Connie Boxleitner called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Alderman Nicole DeBoer led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

Present this evening are Aldermen Matt Keenum, Michael Smith, Nicole DeBoer, Dennis Hammortree, Brett Martin, Todd Hall and Steve Mortensen. Also present are City Administrator Gary Boden, Chief of Police Joseph Hallman, Public Works Director Howard Moser, and City Attorney Carlos Arevalo. Mayor Donald Lockhart and Alderman James Regelin were absent.

APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR PRO-TEM

Alderman Steve Mortensen made a motion, seconded by Alderman Nicole DeBoer, to appoint Alderman Todd Hall as Mayor Pro-Tem for this meeting. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

The motion passed.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January 11, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes

Alderman Steve Mortensen made a motion, seconded by Alderman Nicole DeBoer, to approve the minutes from the January 11, 2016 Regular Meeting. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

The motion passed.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. List of Bills
- b. Action on an Ordinance Declaring Certain Municipal Property as Surplus

c. Action on an Ordinance Amending the Special Use Permit for 1030 E. Grant Hwy., Highway 20 Self Storage

Alderman Matt Keenum requested that Item C be broken out from the Consent Agenda. Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Steve Mortensen, to approve Consent Agenda Items A & B. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

Attorney Arevalo reviewed with the Council the amended Ordinance regarding the Special Use Permit for Highway 20 Self Storage project.

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Michael Smith, to approve Item C of the Consent Agenda. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Public Hearing Regarding an Annexation Agreement between the City of Marengo and Jack Pease, with respect to 80 Acres located South of the Intersection of Meyer Rd. and Pleasant Grove Rd. and West of State Rte 23 (No Action Items on this issue until Feb. 8, 2016)

The Public Hearing reconvened at 7:10 PM. Attorney Arevalo opened the floor for Public Comment, but there was no members of the public in attendance. Attorney Arevalo explained to the Council the current status of the annexation agreement, and answered questions. As the agreement is updated, the current information will be on file in the Clerk's office for review by Council members and public. Attorney Arevalo recommended that if an alderman has any questions concerning this agreement, to please send those questions to him prior to the next meeting, so the petitioner will have time to provide answers to the Council at the February meeting.

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Matt Keenum, to continue the Public Hearing to the 8<sup>th</sup> of February, 2016. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

- b. Authorization to Accept Bid for Replacement of Two Overhead Garage Doors at Public Works Building as per FY 2015/16 Budget

Public Works Director Howard Moser reviewed the 3 quotes that were received, and recommended going with Tri-County – Preferred Garage Doors, Inc, at a cost of \$10,255.80.

Alderman Matt Keenum made a motion, seconded by Alderman Nicole DeBoer, to accept the bid from Tri-County – Preferred Garage Doors, Inc, in the amount of \$10,255.80, for replacement of two overhead garage doors at the Public Works Building. The aldermen voted as follows:

Aye: Hall, DeBoer, Mortensen, Smith, Keenum, Hammortree and Martin

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

The motion passed

#### DEPARTMENT HEAD AND STAFF REPORTS

Howard Moser, Public Works Director talked about a water main break on January 22<sup>nd</sup>. Cold Piece Enterprises have taken samples for possible asbestos in the property on 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Street department worked with Asplundh recently. The pipes at WWTP have thawed, due to the weather warming up. Met with the electrical contractor doing the work on the lights. We are doing well on our salt.

Chief of Police Joseph Hallman had provided a written report to the Council, but added information on the latest development on the dispatch consolidation that is being done. There are 3 options, and he is recommending going with the City of McHenry. They are currently servicing the fire department. He will update the Council when he has more information. Alderman Hammortree questioned a problem with a home on Railroad and Ann Street, with vehicles that appear to be abandoned. Chief Hallman spoke about what is happening at that location.

City Administrator Gary Boden advised about a zoning request to be brought before the PZC in February, for a company hoping to do auto/truck repair on Greenlee. Spoke about the company that owns the cell tower on the water tower, and discussed options on new smaller towers that could be mounted on telephone poles.

City Attorney Carlos Arevalo had no report.

#### REPORTS AND STATEMENTS FROM CITY COUNCIL

None.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a. Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 ( c ) (11) for Discussion of Pending Litigation that could Affect the City of Marengo
- b. Semi Annual Review of Minutes of Executive Sessions as Required by Section 2.06 of the Open Meetings Act

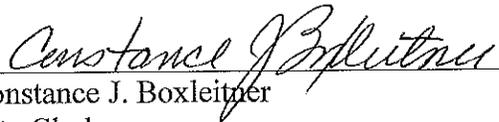
Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Steve Mortensen, to go to Executive Session, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (11) for discussion of pending litigation that could affect the City of Marengo and for the semi-annual review of the minutes of Executive Sessions as required by Section 2.06 of the Open Meetings Act. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

The meeting recessed at 8:18 PM.  
The meeting reconvened at 8:55 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Michael Smith made a motion, second by Alderman Nicole DeBoer, to adjourn. The motion passed with a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:56 PM.

  
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Constance J. Boxleitner  
City Clerk

These minutes were approved by the City Council on February 8, 2016.