

APPROVED
February 22, 2016

**Marengo City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
City Council Chambers
132 E. Prairie Street
Marengo, IL 60152
February 8, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Donald B. Lockhart called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

City Administrator Gary Boden 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, Public Works Director Howard Moser, City Attorney Carlos Arevalo and Finance Director Jennifer Snelten Alderman James Regelin was absent.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES *January 25, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes*

City Attorney Carlos Arevalo noted a change to the minutes regarding the Public Hearing information. The minutes will be corrected to show that there was no public participation during the public hearing, due to there being no public in attendance.

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Todd all, to approve the minutes as corrected. The aldermen voted as follows:

Ayes: Keenum, Mortensen, DeBoer, Hall, Smith, Hammortree and 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 and Hammortree
Nays: 0
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 Road and Pleasant Grove Road and West of State Route 23

Attorney Arevalo reconvened the Public Hearing on the annexation agreement and asked for any comments from the public regarding this issue. There was no public comment. He then asked Mr. Pease to address questions and comments from the Council. Questions were answered on the activities at the site (crushing specifically), and he clarified that screening and washing would be the main activities at this time. Neighbor concerns were expressed, and he stated that he had spoken with neighbors and they had no concerns at this time. He has provided them with phone numbers to call if a problem does arise. There was a question about the proposed overlay, and that was clarified. Additional questions: designated truck traffic signs, reclamation plans, reimbursement of fees, extended hours, etc., were all addressed. Ersel Schuster advised the Council that there was an update to two of the County Codes (mentioned on page 8) and Attorney Arevalo will update their information accordingly. A resident questioned the use of lights at night, and Mr. Pease explained their plans.

Alderman Todd Hall made a motion, seconded by Alderman Nicole DeBoer, to close the Public Hearing. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

The motion passed. *The Public Hearing adjourned at 8:00 PM*

- b. Action on an Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of an Annexation Agreement between the City of Marengo and Jack Pease with Respect to 80 Acres Located South of the Intersection of Meyer Road and Pleasant Grove Road and West of State Route 23

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Todd Hall, authorizing the execution of an annexation Agreement between the City of Marengo and Jack Pease with respect to 80 acres located South of the intersection of Meyer Road and Pleasant Grove Road and west of State Route 23, with the changes discussed during the Public Hearing. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

The motion passed.

- c. Action on an Ordinance Annexing to the City of Marengo 80 Acres Located South of the Intersection of Meyer Road and Pleasant Grove Road and West of State Route 23

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Todd Hall, to approve an ordinance annexing to the City of Marengo, 80 acres located south of the intersection of Meyer Road and Pleasant Grove Road and west of State Route 23. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

The motion passed.

- d. Action on an Ordinance Zoning 80 Acres located South of the Intersection of Meyer Road and Pleasant Grove Road and west of State Route 23 to M Manufacturing and Issuing a Special Use Permit for an Earth Materials Extraction and Processing Facility and Related Operation

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Todd Hall, for an ordinance zoning 80 acres located south of the intersection of Meyer Road and Pleasant Grove Road and west of State Route 23 to M Manufacturing and issuing a Special Use Permit for an Earth Materials Extraction and Processing Facility and Related Operation. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

The motion passed.

- e. Action on an Ordinance Rezoning 175 Ares located South of the Intersection of Meyer Road and Pleasant Grove Road and West of State Route 23 from AT Agricultural Transition to M Manufacturing and Issuing a Special Use Permit for an Earth Materials Extraction and Processing Facility and Related Operation

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Todd Hall, on an ordinance rezoning 175 acres located south of the intersection of Meyer Road and Pleasant Grove Road and west of State Route 23 from AT Agricultural Transition to M Manufacturing and Issuing a Special Use Permit for n Earth Materials Extraction and Processing Facility and Related Operation. The aldermen voted as follows.

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

The motion passed.

- f. Discussion and Request for Direction Regarding Termination of City's Cell Tower Lease
Assistant City Administrator Blakemore reviewed the information on the cell tower. There are 3 options on this: 1) City take title to the tower, 2) execute an amendment to the lease, suspend rent at this time, allowing the current owner additional time to market the site, 3) terminate the lease and require the owner to remove the tower and restore site.

Alderman Matt Keenum made a motion, seconded by Alderman Steve Mortensen, directing staff to terminate the lease and require the owner to remove the tower and restore the site. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

MAYOR'S STATEMENTS AND REPORTS

Mayor Lockhart thanked Alderman Hall for sitting in as Mayor Pro Tem at the last meeting.

DEPARTMENT HEAD AND STAFF REPORTS

Asst. City Administrator Joshua Blakemore updated the Council on the lighting grant project. The application period for the WWTP hire is completed. City should see the completion to the paperwork on the Prospect Street project soon. They have started to work on the budget for next year, as well as the insurance renewal (which is in May).

Finance Director Jennifer Snelten had nothing to add.

Public Works Director Howard Moser reported on another main break. Spoke about the asbestos removal company that is dealing with the 8th Avenue property. House will be demolished when the asbestos is gone. Valve exercising project is underway. Water Services Inc will be discussing with the City a leak protection plan.

Chief of Police Joseph Hallman spoke on the written report, answering questions about the radio upgrade to the 800 MHz (digital Starcom) system which should solve the dead zone problem with the old system.

City Administrator Gary Boden attended a seminar last week, Illinois City Management Association, and spoke about the information that was presented. He also attended the McHenry County Conservation Congress and talked with others on land conservancy.

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

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Steve Mortensen, to go into Executive Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (11) for Discussion of Pending Litigation That Could Affect the City of Marengo. The Aldermen voted as follows:

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

The motion passed.

The meeting recessed at 8:26 PM.

The meeting reconvened at 9:03 PM.

REPORTS AND STATEMENTS FROM CITY COUNCIL

Alderman Brett Martin read a statement from Ginny Hertel, asking for the City's participation in Autism Awareness on April 2nd, by displaying a blue light at both residences and businesses. Mayor Lockhart will work with staff to put together a formal proclamation on this. This information will be put on the City's website, and also in the next newsletter.

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 9:06 PM.



Constance J Boxleitner
City Clerk

These minutes were approved at the February 22, 2016 meeting.