

APPROVED
March 14, 2016

**Marengo City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
City Council Chambers
132 E. Prairie Street
Marengo, IL 60152
February 22, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Marengo Township Supervisor Steve Weskerna led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present this evening are Mayor Donald Lockhart, Aldermen James Regelin (entered the meeting at 7:02 pm), 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 City Engineer Tim Hartnett. Finance Director Jennifer Snelten was absent.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

Three individuals residing on Ritz Road spoke to the Council about their concerns with the pending agreement between 300 West LLC, Arnold Engineering, and the City of Marengo. City Administrator Boden and City Attorney Arevalo answered their questions, and explained the various parts of the agreement that is being considered. Their written statements are part of the record (documents attached).

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

A presentation was made by three representatives from the Marengo Knights of Columbus, in the amount of \$1,700, to the Marengo Police Department K-9 program. The check was given to Sergeant Riley, Chief Hallman, and Shadow. The Knights held a special breakfast fundraiser with all the proceeds going to the K-9 program.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES February 8, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Steve Mortensen, to approve the minutes from the February 8, 2016 regular meeting. 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. Approval of 5K Color Run Request – Marengo Boosters Club

Alderman Hammortree requested that the items be separated, and the Council agreed. There were questions on various items on the list of bills, and these were clarified.

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

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

Alderman Steve Mortensen made a motion, seconded by Alderman Nicole DeBoer, to approve the 5K Color Run Request by the Marengo Boosters Club. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Action on an Ordinance Amending Section 33.07-B – Number of Liquor License Issued to Add a Class B License for 20001 Telegraph St.

The new tenant at that location is applying for a license for retail sales of alcohol only. He has paid all appropriate fees and has passed a background examination.

Alderman Steve Mortensen made a motion, seconded by Alderman Matt Keenum, approving an ordinance amending Section 33.07-B – Number of Liquor Licenses issued to add a Class B license for 20001 Telegraph Street. The Aldermen voted as follows:

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

- b. Action on an Ordinance Granting a Special Use Permit to Allow for the Sale of Used Vehicles Sales – 950 Greenlee Street.

Attorney Terrance McKenna spoke on behalf of the petitioner for this special use permit. Questions on the appearance of the outside of the property, garbage lying around, and the proposed expansion of the parking lot were answered. There were suggestions made on the wording of the special use permit. Attorney Arevalo suggested amending the wording to include specifications on paving the lot to accommodate parking needs as they arise and the storage of non-drivable vehicles restrictions. The Council recommended sending this item over to the next meeting. This will be brought before the Council at the March 14th meeting.

- c. Action on and authorization for the Mayor to Execute an Agreement between 300 West LLC., the Arnold Engineering Co., and the City of Marengo, regarding the Provision of a Permanent Drinking Water Remedy to Railroad Street and Ritz Road Residents, Among other Matters, and Relating to a Civil Action of the People of the State of Illinois and 300 West LLC and the Arnold Engineering Co., Pending before the Twenty-Second Judicial Circuit in McHenry County, Illinois as Case No. 13 CH 1046.

Attorney Arevalo reviewed the agreement with the Council, noting a change in the entities (addition of Arnold Magnetic Technologies, a Delaware corporation, and inserting (on page 4 – F) “water system *capital* improvements.” The Council requested that wording be added to item G – to include “within 30 days of submission of invoice”, and on item R – to add “its successors and/or assigns.” City Engineer Hartnett recommended that a copy of this agreement be sent to the McHenry County Health Department or their records.

Alderman Steve Mortensen made a motion, seconded by Alderman Nicole DeBoer, to authorize the Mayor to Execute and Agreement between 300 West LLC, the Arnold Engineering Co, an Illinois corporation, and Arnold Magnetic Technologies, Inc, a Delaware corporation, and the City of Marengo, regarding the provision of a permanent drinking water remedy to Railroad Street and Ritz Road Residents, among other matters, and relating to a civil action of the People of the State of Illinois and 300 West LLC and the Arnold Engineering Co., and Arnold Magnetic Technologies, pending before the Twenty-Second Judicial Circuit in McHenry County, Illinois as Case No 13 CH 1046, and to include the wording recommended by the Council for items G and R. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

- d. Authorization to Accept Bid for Indian Trails Lift Station Rehabilitation Work

Public Works Director Moser reviewed the information with the Council on the lift station rehabilitation project. Funding for this project will come from the WWTP/Sanitary Sewer Maintenance – Utility Infrastructure account (30-75-511.03).

Alderman Michael Smith made a motion, seconded by Alderman James Regelin, to award the contract to Canyon Contracting, Inc, in the amount of \$18,344, for work to be done on the Indian Trails Lift Station. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

- e. Review of Projected FY 2016/2017 General Fund Revenue and Outline of FY 16/17 Budget Process

Assistant City Administrator Blakemore reviewed the information with Council. He is working with the different departments on projections. Finance Director Snelten will be meeting with the health insurance broker on the renewal, and will provide that information when it is available.

DEPARTMENT HEAD AND STAFF REPORTS

Assistant City Administrator Joshua Blakemore had nothing to report.

Public Works Director Howard Moser reported on the status of the work on the property on 8th Avenue. He advised that 353 valves have been completed at this time. Tree planting discussion is ongoing, as well as stump removal. A question was asked about the trimming job that had been done at some locations, and he will speak with the crew and advise them to be more careful.

Chief of Police Joseph Hallman thanked everyone that attended the Knights fundraiser breakfast.

City Engineer Tim Hartnett had nothing further report.

City Administrator Gary Boden talked about the booth the City had at the Marengo Expo, and thanked Alderman Keenum for assisting. Mayor Lockhart also attended. The Chamber is sponsoring a Dist 6 Candidates Night on the 2nd of March at the high school. He updated the Council on the I-90/ Rte 23 interchange. The next Council meeting will be on the 14th of March.

City Attorney Carlos Arevalo had no report.

MAYOR'S STATEMENTS AND REPORTS

Mayor Lockhart thanked the Council for their help in getting the agreement completed, and expressed special thanks to the administration staff and our attorney for all their time spent on this.

REPORTS AND STATEMENTS FROM CITY COUNCIL

None.

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 8:51 PM.



Constance J. Boxleitner
City Clerk

These minutes were approved at the March 14, 2016 Regular City Council meeting.