

**APPROVED**  
March 28, 2016

**Marengo City Council  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
City Council Chambers  
132 E. Prairie Street  
Marengo, IL 60152  
March 14, 2016**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Nick Carroccia led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

Present this evening are Mayor Donald Lockhart; Aldermen James Regelin, Matt Keenum, Michael Smith, Nicole DeBoer (entered the meeting at 7:35 pm), Dennis Hammortree, 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. Alderman Brett Martin, and Finance Director Jennifer Snelten were absent.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

The Marengo Community High School Scholastic Bowl Team was introduced by Coach Robert Pomykala. They were IHSA Regional Champs this year, and took third place in the IHSA Sectionals. They participated in the Masonic Tournament this year, and placed second. Certificates for all the team members were presented to them the next day at school. Mayor Lockhart congratulated the team.

Ginny Hertel spoke to the Council about their support of the "Light it up Blue" program for autism awareness. She donated blue bulbs for the Council to participate.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Two residents and local business owners spoke to the Council about the proposed increase in the liquor license application fee, and their feeling that this increase would deter possible new businesses.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES February 22, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes**

Alderman Steve Mortensen made a motion, seconded by Alderman James Regelin, to approve the minutes from the February 22, 2016 regular meeting. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. List of Bills
- b. Approval of Updated Zoning Map for 2016

Alderman Keenum requested that the zoning map be separated for discussion, and the Council agreed.

*List of Bills*

Alderman Steve Mortensen made a motion, seconded by Alderman Todd Hall, to approve the List of Bills. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

The motion passed.

*Approval of update Zoning Map for 2016*

Alderman Steve Mortensen made a motion, seconded by Alderman James Regelin, to approve the updated zoning map for 2016. The aldermen voted as follows:

Ayes: Hammortree, Hall, Keenum (see note below), Mortensen, Regelin and Smith  
Nays: 0  
Abstain: 0

The motion passed.

Alderman Keenum stated “I am not for the change in zoning reflected in this new map, 15-9-1, for Prairie Enterprises, LLC, but I will not vote against the entire map, so for the record, my vote is yes.”

**NEW BUSINESS**

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

Attorney Arevalo updated the Council on the changes that were agreed upon between the City and the petitioner (their attorney), and to remove, from the title “5.15” and also from the certification. He explained that Section 15.04 was more specific for this type of operation.

Alderman James Regelin made a motion, seconded by Alderman Steve Mortensen, to approve an ordinance, with the recommendations made by counsel, granting a special use permit to allow for the sale of used vehicles at 950 Greenlee Street. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

The motion passed.

- b. **Action on an Ordinance Vacating Pulse Lane as Required in the Terms of an Annexation Agreement Entered into March 9, 1998, Between the City of Marengo and J. J. Carlino and Kevin McCarthy, Jr.**

Attorney Arevalo explained this ordinance, and clarified the corrected copy of the ordinance that was handed out this evening to Council.

Alderman James Regelin made a motion, seconded by Alderman Todd Hall, to approve an Ordinance vacating Pulse Lane as required in the Terms of an Annexation Agreement entered into on March 9, 1998, between the City of Marengo and J. J. Carlino and Kevin McCarthy, Jr. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

**c. Authorization to Adjust 300 West Annexation Fees**

Administrator Boden reviewed the information provided with the Council, and it was agreed, that the fees would be adjusted to (1) \$500 per acre for the first 28 acres; and (2) \$100 per acre for all acreage after the first 28 acres, for a total of \$20,000.

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Michael Smith, for authorization to adjust the 300 West Annexation Fees to \$500 per acre for the first 28 acres, and \$100 per acre for all acreage after the first 28 acres, for a total in fees of \$20,000. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

**d. Action on an Ordinance Amending Section 33.05 (f), Liquor Control and Licensing, Regarding the Initial Liquor License Application Fee**

Mayor Lockhart requested that this item be removed from the agenda, and revisited in a few weeks. The liquor commission would be reviewing this for further possible changes. Questions were asked regarding the number of classifications that Marengo currently has, and this will be discussed during the meeting.

**e. FY 2015/2016 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Budget Report**

Administrator Boden reviewed the information in the report, and took questions from the Council. Alderman Smith suggested that the budget be done incorporating a 10% leeway between the budget and the revenue. Administrator Boden advised that the City maintains a fund balance of 80 days of fund balance in reserve, along with a budgeted 2% for an operating contingency every year.

**f. Discussion and Request for Direction on FY 2016/2017 Draft Budget**

Assistant City Administrator Blakemore reviewed the proposed budget with the Council, answering questions posed. There was discussion on the Cemetery Fund, and this will be discussed more fully at another Council meeting. The Council approved of the information that has been presented at this time. Administrator Boden spoke briefly about the possibility of a rate increase in the water/sewer fund, to offset a possible shortfall in that area.

**g. Authorization to Accept Bid for Stump Removal & Restoration Services for FY 16/17**

Public Works Director Moser reviewed the bids that were received. Funding for this project will come from Public Grounds, Works and Beautification – Tree Trimming and Stump Removal – 01-54-588.04.

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Steve Mortensen, to accept the Bid from JW Hellyer & Sons Tree Service, in the amount not to exceed \$10,000. The Aldermen voted as follows:

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

**MAYOR'S STATEMENTS AND REPORTS**

The Mayor had no report

**DEPARTMENT HEAD AND STAFF REPORTS**

Assistant City Administrator Joshua Blakemore had nothing further to report.

Public Works Director Howard Moser was questioned about maintenance issues on the exterior of buildings downtown, and Administrator Boden spoke on the current City Code, and advised that the City does not have anything that legislates aesthetics on the buildings. A resident addressed the Council on correspondence he receive from the City on the need to maintain his properties, and questioned why the property owners were not subject to the same requirements. There were suggestions made by the Council on how to deal with these situations.

The City has hired an individual to fill the vacancy in the wastewater treatment department. Brush pick up with start on Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. The house and garage on 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue have both been demolished and removed.

Chief of Police Joseph Hallman had nothing to report. A request was made to put an occasional radar car out on Spring Drive, to deter speeding in that area. This will be checked out. It was also suggested to put up additional speed limits signs in that area.

City Engineer Tim Hartnett had provided a written report, and added that he is working with staff on putting together a Capital Projects list. There is a meeting coming up with the County, at which time information on the Rte 23 / I90 interchange will be discussed. IDOT has advised the City that they will be putting together the Memorandum of Understanding, and it will be drafted similar to the one that was used at the Roselle Road Project as an example. By providing this MOU, the City will realize a huge savings.

City Administrator Gary Boden had nothing further to report.

City Attorney Carlos Arevalo had no report.

**REPORTS AND STATEMENTS FROM CITY COUNCIL**

None.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- a. Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c ) (2 ) – Collective Bargaining
- b. Semi-annual Review of Executive Session Minutes as Required by Section 2.06 of the Open Meetings Act

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Michael Smith, to go to Executive Session for the purpose of (a) Collective Bargaining – pursuant to 5 ILS 120/2(c) (2 ), and (b) a semi-annual review of Executive Session Minutes as required by Section 2.06 of the Open Meetings Act. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

The meeting recessed at 9:25 PM.  
The meeting reconvened at 9:56 PM.

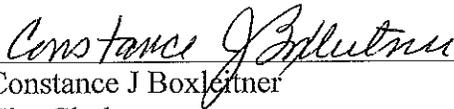
**Action on Release of Executive Session Minutes Following Review in Executive Session**

Alderman James Regelin made a motion, seconded by Alderman Nicole DeBoer, to approve the release of Executive Session Minutes. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

Alderman James Regelin made a motion, seconded by Alderman Nicole DeBoer, to adjourn. The motion passed with a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 9:57 PM.

  
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 Constance J Boxleitner  
 City Clerk

These minutes were approved at the March 28, 2016 meeting.