

APPROVED
June 13, 2016

**Marengo City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
City Council Chambers
132 E. Prairie Street
Marengo, IL 60152
May 23, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Senior Patrol Leader Christian Barns, from Boy Scout Troop 530, led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present this evening are Mayor Donald B. Lockhart; Aldermen Matt Keenum, Michael Smith (entered the meeting at 7:05 pm), Nicole DeBoer, Dennis Hammortree, Brett Martin 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 Todd Hall and City Engineer Tim Hartnett were absent.

CONSENT TO APPOINTMENT FOR VACANT WARD 1 ALDERMAN POSITION & OATH OF OFFICE – Mike Miller

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Matt Keenum, to approve the appointment of Mike Miller to fill the vacancy in Ward 1. The aldermen voted as follow:

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

The motion passed.

City Attorney Arevalo administered the oath of office to Mr. Miller, who then took his seat with the rest of the aldermen.

ROLL CALL

Present are Mayor Donald Lockhart; Aldermen Matt Keenum, Steve Mortensen, Nicole DeBoer, Mike Miller, Michael Smith, Dennis Hammortree and Brett Martin.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A resident spoke to the Council about ordinance violations for a business in the downtown area. Those violations are for signs and also for upkeep on the façade. He also spoke about the need for street lights in the Brackmann subdivision.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Michael Smith, to approve the minutes with a correction made on page 2 (correcting the aye votes to include her). The aldermen voted as follows:

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

The motion passed.

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APPROVAL OF LIST OF BILLS

Questions were asked on various bills, and answers were given.

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

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

The motion passed.

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

a. Adoption of Updated Drug & Alcohol Abuse Policy

Mid-West Truckers Drug & Alcohol Testing Consortium has requested that the City adopt an updated policy, so as to remain in compliance with DOT regulations. The areas that were changed (updated) are underlined in the proposed policy.

Alderman Michael Smith made a motion, seconded by Alderman Nicole DeBoer, to approve the adoption of the updated Drug & Alcohol Abuse Policy, with the changes noted. The aldermen voted as follows:

Ayes: DeBoer, Mortensen, Smith, Keenum, Hammortree, Martin & Miller
Nays: 0
Abstain: 0

The motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Request for Direction about Adjustments to the Brookside Meadows Annexation Agreements Pertaining to Sidewalks/Paths and Light Poles

Administrator Boden stated that there is ongoing discussion with the builder on various items – bike path length, sidewalk construction options and location of light poles. Once more specific information is put together it will be brought before the Council for review and direction.

There was a question on a return of money made to Brackmann Construction and Administrator Boden said he would research that and get back to the Council with the information.

b. Request for Direction on Property Maintenance Enforcement – 113/115 S. State St.

Administrator Boden updated the Council on what has occurred recently in the City's efforts to improve the façade of the property on State Street. Letters have been sent to the property owner, but no response has been received from them. The Council recommended charging fines for the ordinances that are involved (sign, façade and removal of snow and ice during the winter). Administrator Boden will keep the Council updated on this ongoing problem.

MAYOR'S STATEMENTS AND REPORTS

Mayor Lockhart clarified an application for liquor license that had been received. The application was submitted prior the official start of the new application fees, so it was processed with the old \$5,000 fee. Mayor Lockhart reminded everyone about the Memorial Day Ceremonies on Monday.

DEPARTMENT HEAD AND STAFF REPORTS

Assistant City Administrator Joshua Blakemore welcomed Alderman Miller to the Council. He noted that a copy of the approved budget was handed out to each of the aldermen. He spoke about the McHenry

County Block Grant and explained about the new criteria that will need to be followed to apply for these funds.

Finance Director Jennifer Snelten also welcomed Alderman Miller, and reported that the month end reports were in the board packet, and there were no questions from the Council.

Public Works Director Howard Moser welcomed Alderman Miller and updated the Council on the stump removal around town, and also reminded everyone that hydrant flushing will be done from June 6th to the 10th.

Chief of Police Joseph Hallman welcomed Alderman Miller, and invited him to do a "ride along" with the police department. He reminded the Council that all are welcome to do that.

City Administrator Gary Boden reported on a Consent Order that was filed in district court, involving 300 West LLC, Arnold Engineering and the Attorney General's Office, was agreed upon. This is an agreed upon order that the judge will make a determination on, by this Friday, that involves the hookup of municipal water to the residents on Ritz Road. The issue regarding groundwater contamination is still being worked on by 300 West LLC, Arnold Engineering, the Illinois Attorney General's Office, and the IEPA. There was a meeting put together by Senator Pam Althoff last week with the residents, to bring them up to date on what is going on. He then spoke about the status of the I-90 interchange. Alderman Hammortree expressed concern about the possible delay in the interchange, and Administrator Boden said that he had not heard of any delay. He reminded the Council that the next meeting will not be until the 13th of June.

City Attorney Carlos Arevalo had no report.

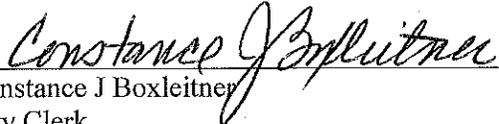
City Clerk Connie Boxleitner thanked all the residents of Marengo for being generous this past weekend during the American Legion's Poppy Days. The funds that are collected go for direct support of Veterans in McHenry, Kane, DuPage and Will County.

REPORTS AND STATEMENTS FROM CITY COUNCIL

Alderman DeBoer thanked Chief Hallman for his assisting with the Color Run by the Booster Clubs for the High School and the Grade School on Saturday.

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 8:00 PM.



Constance J Boxleitner
City Clerk

The City Council approved these minutes on June 13, 2016.