

**APPROVED**  
June 27, 2016

**Marengo City Council  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
City Council Chambers  
132 E. Prairie Street  
Marengo, IL 60152  
June 13, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Steve Otis led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present this evening are Mayor Donald B. Lockhart; Aldermen Matt Keenum, Michael Miller, Michael Smith (entered the meeting at 7:10 PM), Nicole DeBoer, 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, City Engineer Tim Hartnett, and Finance Director Jennifer Snelten. Alderman Brett Martin was absent.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 23, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Matt Keenum, to approve the minutes from the May 23, 2016 Regular Meeting. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

The motion passed.

APPROVAL OF LIST OF BILLS

There were no questions on any of the bills presented.

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Todd Hall, to approve the List of Bills.

The aldermen voted as follows:

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

The motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. *Action on an Ordinance Amending Section 33.07-B – Number of Licenses – Adding One (1) Class AA Liquor License - Maggie O’Neil’s Public House – 100 S. State Street*

Richard Gall, the proprietor of the new bar at 100 S State Street, spoke to the Council on his application for the Class AA Liquor License, and answered questions and concerns from the Council.

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Alderman Steve Mortensen made a motion, seconded by Alderman Matt Keenum, to approve an ordinance amending Section 33.07-B – Number of Licenses – adding one (1) Class AA Liquor License to Maggie O’Neil’s Public House – 100 S. State Street. The aldermen voted as follows:

Ayes: Keenum, Mortensen, Miller, DeBoer and Mayor Lockhart  
Nays: Hammortree and Hall  
Abstain: 0  
Absent: Martin  
The motion passed.

*b. Action on an Ordinance Amending Section 33.07-B – Number of Licenses – to Add One (1) Class AA and Remove one (1) Class B –McCormick Mart – 219 W. Grant Hwy – Unit A*

Steve Otis, the property owner, spoke to the Council on the request being made by his tenant, Jerald D’Souza, to change his liquor license from a B (retail sales only), to a AA, which would allow him to add a small bar area and sell individual drinks, and then install gambling machines. There were concerns expressed by some of the Council.

Alderman Steve Mortensen made a motion to approve an ordinance amending Section 33.07-B – Number of Licenses – to add one (1) Class AA and remove one (1) Class B for McCormick Mart at 219 W Grant Highway – Unit A. The motion died for lack of a second.

*c. Authorization to Execute an Agreement with HR Green – General Consultation Contract*

Administrator Boden reviewed the proposed General Consultation Contract presented by HR Green for 2016-2017. City Engineer Tim Hartnett explained that this contract is for general consulting, and any special projects would involve their own contract.

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Todd Hall, for authorization to execute an agreement with HR Green for a General Consultation Contract. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

*d. Authorization to Execute an Agreement with Midwest Contract Operations for Class 1 WWTP Operator Services*

Director of Public Works, Howard Moser discussed the proposed contract with the Council. The City is required to have a Class 1 WWTP Operator, and since none of the current personnel qualify at this time, this contract would fulfill this requirement. The Class 1 requirement was previously contracted through HR Green. Midwest Contract Operations is located in Neenah, Wisconsin, and Attorney Arevalo advised that they had been working with the company on the need for compliance with any and all Illinois laws that are applicable. He stated that this has been agreed upon, and the only thing under discussion at this time is the insurance issue.

Alderman Michael Smith made a motion, seconded by Alderman Nicole DeBoer, for authorization to execute an agreement with Midwest Contract Operations for Class 1 WWTP Operator Services, based on the contingency of the resolution of the insurance issues that are being worked on by MCO and our attorney. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

*e. Ratification of Waiver of Formal Bid Process and Expenditures for Emergency Repairs of Well 6*  
Director Moser explained the circumstances around the repair that was required on the pump at Well 6. Due to the need to have this taken care of as quickly as possible, he is requesting that the City Council ratify the waiver of a formal bid process and authorize the expense involved in getting the well back up and running. Alderman Smith requested that the other wells (7 and 8) be checked to make sure that there are no problems with them. Director Moser will see that this is done as well.

Alderman Michael Smith made a motion, seconded by Alderman Nicole DeBoer, to authorize the expenditure of \$42,054.0, and to ratify the waiver of the formal bid process for the emergency repairs to Well 6. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

*f. Action on an Ordinance Establishing the Prevailing Wage Rates for the City of Marengo*  
Pursuant to State Statute, it is the time of year for the City to establish the prevailing wage rates. That information is not available at this time, but will be made public as soon as they are available. The delay in getting this information is due, in part, to the non-passing of a budget in Springfield.

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Michael Smith, to approve an ordinance establishing the Prevailing Wage Rates for the City of Marengo. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

*g. Report on Fact Finding Regarding Wastewater Treatment Plant Incident*  
The Council reviewed the report, that was put together by Kelly Cahill, from the law firm of Zukowski, Rogers, Flood & McArdle. A resolution that is being proposed more formally defines the roles and responsibilities of all the members of our City's government. The resolution more clearly defines the appropriate "chain of command" to be followed. There was discussion about the report and how the whole situation was handled.

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Michael Smith, to approve the proposed resolution. Upon further discussion, Alderman DeBoer and Alderman Smith agreed that the motion would be withdrawn due to voting on the resolution was not on the agenda. The resolution will be presented at the next regular Council meeting. The Council requested that staff provide their input on this proposed resolution.

*h. Request for Special City Council Meeting on June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 7:00 PM in Regards to Updates on the Proposed Interchange at the Tollway and Route 23*

The report is extensive, and Administrator Boden is requesting that a special meeting be held to discuss the information. The Council agreed to the request.

MAYOR'S STATEMENTS AND REPORTS

Mayor Lockhart presented a plaque to Chief Joseph Hallman, acknowledging his 27 years of service to the Marengo Community, and wished him well on his new position at the University of Platteville as their Police Chief.

DEPARTMENT HEAD AND STAFF REPORTS

Assistant City Administrator Joshua Blakemore reported that the custodian for City Hall resigned, and a contract has been entered into for a cleaning service.

Finance Director Jennifer Snelten had no further report.

Public Works Director Howard Moser had no further report.

Chief of Police Joseph Hallman had no further report.

City Engineer Tim Hartnett had submitted a report to the Council.

City Administrator Gary Boden advised that there will probably be a closed session item at the meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> regarding the replacement of the Chief on an interim basis.

City Attorney Carlos Arevalo had no report.

City Clerk Boxleitner thanked Chief Hallman for his cooperation with the Clerk's Office. It has been greatly appreciated.

REPORTS AND STATEMENTS FROM CITY COUNCIL

None

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Todd Hall, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed with a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:21 PM

  
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Constance J Boxleitner  
City Clerk

The City Council approved these minutes on June 27, 2016.