

**Marengo City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
City Council Chambers
132 E. Prairie Street
Marengo, IL 60152
June 27, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Gene Boxleitner, an Army veteran, led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present this evening are Mayor Donald B. Lockhart; Aldermen Matt Keenum, Mike Miller, Michael Smith (entered the meeting at 7:07 PM), Nicole DeBoer, Brett Martin and Steve Mortensen. Also present are Assistant City Administrator Joshua Blakemore, Sergeant Rodney Riley (with Shadow), Public Works Director Howard Moser, City Attorney Carlos Arevalo and Finance Director Jennifer Snelten. Aldermen Dennis Hammortree, Alderman Todd Hall, City Administrator Gary Boden and City Engineer Tim Hartnett were absent.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION – Recognition of Finnigan Schirmer for 2015 7AA 110 Meter Hurdles State Champion an 2016 8AA 110 Meter Hurdles State Champion

Mayor Lockhart presented a certificate to Finnigan recognizing his accomplishments.

OATH OF OFFICE – Marengo Fire & Police Commission – Ron Foley, Steven Stachura & Robert Marks

Attorney Arevalo read the Oath of Office to the new commissioners.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - June 13, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Steve Mortensen, to approve the minutes from the June 13, 2016 meeting. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

APPROVAL OF LIST OF BILLS

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

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Consent to the Mayor's Appointment of Richard Solarz as Interim Chief of Police
- b. Consent to the Mayor's Appointment to the Marengo Cemetery Board

Alderman Matt Keenum requested that these items be voted on separately. The Council agreed.

(Item a) Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Steve Mortensen, to approve the appointment of Richard Solarz as Interim Chief of Police. The aldermen voted as follows:

Ayes: Martin, Keenum, Mortensen, Miller, DeBoer and Smith

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: Hammortree and Hall

The motion passed.

(Item b) There was discussion on the plans that the cemetery board was looking at implementing, and the Council recommended getting additional information on those plans prior to making any appointments. This item is being deferred at this time, pending the receipt of the information in question. The plan is to have that information at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS - Request for Direction on Fall Tree Replacement Program

Public Works Director Moser spoke to the Council on this program. It is the general consensus of the Council to not plant these trees in the right of way any longer. Director Moser has put together 3 options on the replacement of the trees that have been removed in the last few years. There was no clear cut recommendation, so Director Moser will get additional information (cost -- types of trees) and bring it back to the Council.

MAYOR'S STATEMENTS AND REPORTS

Mayor Lockhart expressed sympathy for Jennifer Snelten, whose father-in-law recently passed away. He also offered his sympathy to Keith Hopper in the loss of his father.

DEPARTMENT HEAD AND STAFF REPORTS

Assistant City Administrator Joshua Blakemore reported, on behalf of Administrator Boden, that information regarding the MOU with the County should be coming to the Council in July. The "Chain of Command" resolution has been put on hold due to various circumstances. It should be ready for Council in July. Both Gary and Josh last week attended the joint meeting of the Illinois and Wisconsin City Managers Association in Fontana. He is working with Attorney Arevalo regarding a company that is requesting to put attachments to utility poles in the City for cell tower leasing. TIF Board Review meetings are scheduled for this week. There is the possibility of the need to establish a "sinking fund" in next year's budget to cover payouts to employees that retire. This fund would cover unpaid sick time at the time of separation. There are several persons that could take advantage of retirement within the next few years.

Finance Director Jennifer Snelten advised that the May Financial Reports were submitted, and that the audit process has been started by the auditor, George Roach.

Public Works Director Howard Moser provided updated information on the repairs to Well 6. Everything looks good and is working well. They are awaiting lab results at this time. Mid-Cove Diving and Marine Services came out to inspect and clean the 1,000,000 reservoir and everything looks fine. They will be back to address the tower at a later date. The Class 1 operator, Jason, started last week, and things are going well. The City will resume hydrant flushing on the 11th of July.

Sergeant. Rodney Riley had no report.

City Attorney Carlos Arevalo had no report.

REPORTS AND STATEMENTS FROM CITY COUNCIL

None

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Michael Smith, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed with a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:32 PM.



Constance J Boxleitner
City Clerk

The City Council approved these minutes on July 11, 2016.