

**APPROVED**  
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**Marengo City Council  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
City Council Chambers  
132 E. Prairie Street  
Marengo, IL 60152  
July 11, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Lockhart led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present this evening are Mayor Donald Lockhart; Aldermen Matt Keenum, Mike Miller, Michael Smith (entered the meeting at 7:03 PM), Nicole DeBoer, Dennis Hammortree, Brett Martin, Todd Hall and Steve Mortensen. Also present are City Administrator Gary Boden, Assistant City Administrator Joshua Blakemore, Interim Chief of Police Sergeant Rich Solarz, Public Works Director Howard Moser, City Attorney Carlos Arevalo, City Engineer Tim Hartnett, and Finance Director Jennifer Snelten.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Special Meeting Minutes

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Steve Mortensen, to approve the June 20, 2016 Special Meeting Minutes. The aldermen voted as follows:

Ayes: Keenum, Mortensen, DeBoer, Miller, Hall, Hammortree & Martin  
Nays: 0  
Abstain: 0  
Absent: Smith (Entered meeting at 7:03 p.m.)

The motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Matt Keenum, to approve the June 27, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

The motion passed.

APPROVAL OF LIST OF BILLS

Alderman Smith questioned bills presented by ComEd and Constellation New Energy for property at Nicole Drive. Finance Director Snelten will get that information and clarify it for the Council. There was also a question on parts that are purchased for repairs to City vehicles, and Finance Director Snelten indicated that her understanding was that we receive discounts for those bills.

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

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

Absent: 0  
The motion passed.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Action on a Resolution for Settlers' Days Closure of State Route 23
- b. Action on an Intergovernmental Agreement with Marengo and Riley Township Regarding McRide Cost Sharing Program

Alderman Michael Smith made a motion, seconded by Alderman Todd Hall, to approve the Consent Agenda. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

NEW BUSINESS

- a. PUBLIC HEARING -- Ordinance Making the Appropriations for FY 16/17 and Certification of Estimated Revenues

The Public Hearing was called to order at 7:10 PM, and Attorney Arevalo requested comments from the Public on this issue. There were none.

Alderman Todd Hall made a motion, seconded by Alderman Nicole DeBoer, to close the Public Hearing. The aldermen voted as follows:

Ayes: Martin, Mortensen, Hall, Smith, Hammortree, DeBoer, Keenum and Miller  
Nays: 0  
Abstain: 0  
Absent: 0  
The motion passed. The Public Hearing adjourned at 7:12 PM

- b. Action on an Ordinance Making the Appropriations for FY 16/17 and Certification of Estimated Revenues

Finance Director Snelten reviewed the information with the Council, and explained how the process is handled.

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Todd Hall, to approve the Ordinance Making the Appropriations for FY 16/17 and Certification of Estimated Revenues. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

- c. Award an Infrastructure Completion Contract to the Low Bidder, Geske and Sons, Inc., of Crystal  
The infrastructure Completion Contract is for work in Deerpass Meadows, Settler's Cove and Deerpass Estates Unit 6. There are sufficient funds from the Letters of Credit (that were called) to do the necessary work on Deerpass Meadows and Settler's Cove. There is a shortage of \$832.45 in the funds for Deerpass Estates Unit 6, so the City will undertake parts of that project. The prices for the work being performed

are fixed at the Unit Price bid, and the project final cost total may vary based on the amount of work performed. Any changes to the scope of the project would require approval of the Council.

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Michael Smith, to award an Infrastructure Completion Contract to Geske and Son, Inc, in the amount of \$185,234.45. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

d. Action on Resolution Reaffirming the Chain of Command

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Michael Smith, to approve the proposed Resolution Reaffirming the Chain of Command.

Discussion among the City Council occurred. There was concern about this resolution “blocking” the Council from having access to City staff for questions and the gathering of information. In section 9 of the document, the term “discretion” was specifically addressed. Attorney Arevalo explained how the document was put together. Mayor Lockhart stated “For the record, I have never stopped a City Council member from talking to City employees.” Alderman Keenum asked to see the questions (or comments) that were made by the staff, and Attorney Arevalo indicated that he would get that information to the Council in the next couple of days.

Alderman Matt Keenum made a motion, seconded by Alderman Dennis Hammortree, to put off voting on this proposed resolution until the Council has had a chance to review the comments made by the City Staff. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

Attorney Arevalo advised that this item will be brought before the Council at the next meeting, and the original motion will be dealt with at that time.

MAYOR’S STATEMENTS AND REPORTS

None

DEPARTMENT HEAD AND STAFF REPORTS

Assistant City Administrator Joshua Blakemore thanked the Council for approving the renewal of the contract with McRide. The actual contract will be done in the fall. He spoke briefly about the cemetery appointments, and that he has been in contact with that board, and that they are working with the City on their going with the City’s insurance for their coverage.

Finance Director Jennifer Snelten received a call from the health insurance broker, and the projected renewal is going to be an 8% reduction. They are waiting on the vision and dental renewal information. September is the start of open enrollment.

Public Works Director Howard Moser advised that they are working on issues as they arise. The hydrant flushing is going on this week. The testing of wells 7 & 8 will happen soon. He will let the Council

know the outcome of that testing as soon as it is available. He met recently with Marengo Main Street on erecting a 25' flag pole. He spoke about a sewer problem that occurred and the response by the City crew. The wastewater plant is progressing well. He spoke about a minor problem (with some bearings) and the solution to the problem.

Interim Chief of Police Sergeant Solarz had included a written report with the board packet, but added an update on the 9-1-1 operations switch over to McHenry. There were some minor problems, but they have all been addressed, and things are working well. He also advised that the new radios are working excellent. They will continue to maintain the older radios, and will use them if the need arises.

City Engineer Tim Hartnett had provided a written report to the Council. He advised that there is a meeting scheduled for next Tuesday with the County and the McHenry County DOT staff regarding the MOU. More information should be ready to present to the City in August. The plan is to take this before the full County Board in either late August or September.

City Administrator Gary Boden added to the engineer's information, by reminding the Council that the County is also working on the Randall Road Project. He has received an update from the Attorney General's office regarding the Arnold/300 West LLC Consent Order. \$240,000 has been received by the City, which is to compensate the City for the delay that has occurred in the construction of a new well on the west end of town, due to the contamination problem. The next agenda will include a Second Amendment to the Annexation Agreement for the Brookside Meadows Project. There are several items that will be amended, and some of the items involved include sidewalks, water main construction, a temporary sidewalk on Mary Court, and the intersection change to Courtney Lane

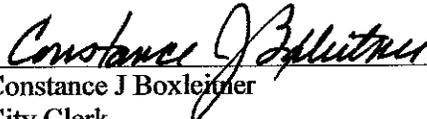
City Attorney Carlos Arevalo advised that there is a draft in the Clerk's Office of this Annexation Amendment. If anyone wishes to view it before the meeting, any resident can stop in to view it.

REPORTS AND STATEMENTS FROM CITY COUNCIL

None

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Steve Mortensen, to adjourn the meeting. The vote passed with a voice vote by all the Aldermen. The meeting adjourned at 8:09 PM.

  
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Constance J Boxleitner  
City Clerk

The City Council approved these minutes on July 25, 2016