

APPROVED
August 22, 2016

**Marengo City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
City Council Chambers
132 E. Prairie Street
Marengo, IL 60152
July 25, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

City Clerk Connie Boxleitner led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – July 11, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Todd Hall, to approve the minutes from the July 1, 2016 Regular Meeting. The alderman voted as follows:

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

The motion passed.

APPROVAL OF LIST OF BILLS

Questions were asked on bills presented for an attorney invoice (Arnold Engineering work), and for reimbursement for a crib (sewer backup).

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

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

Nays: Hammortree

Abstain: 0

The motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Consent to Mayor's Appointment to Marengo Cemetery Board

Mayor Lockhart requested consent of the Council to appoint Jim Zenk (as Chairman), Carole Bartman (as board member), and Brittany Richardson (as board member), to the Marengo Cemetery Board.

Alderman Matt Keenum made a motion, seconded by Alderman Nicole DeBoer, to approve the appointment of Jim Zenk, Carole Bartman and Brittany Richardson to the Marengo Cemetery Board. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

b. Public Hearing regarding the Second Amendment o the Brookside Meadows Annexation Agreement
Attorney Arevalo called the Public Hearing to order at 7:05 PM. Roll call showed Mayor Lockhart; Aldermen
Todd Hall, Nicole DeBoer, Michael Smith, Matt Keenum, Steve Mortensen, Mike Miller, Brett Martin and
Dennis Hammortree present. Public notification was published in the Northwest Herald on the 9th of July, and
that documentation is on file in the clerk's office.

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Michael Smith, to open the public hearing. The
motion passed with a voice vote. There was no public comment on this issue.

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

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

The Public Hearing adjourned at 7:08 PM.

c. Action on an Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of the Second Amendment to the Brookside
Meadows Annexation Agreement

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Todd Hall, to approve an Ordinance
Authorizing the Execution of the Second Amendment to the Brookside Meadows Annexation Agreement.
The aldermen voted as follows:

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

d. Discussion and Request for Direction on the Proposed Addition of a Class AA Liquor License for
Patsy's Gaming Café – located at 20001 Telegraph Unit C

Don Kaminski spoke to the Council on his request for a Class AA Liquor License. He is hoping to have a small
bar/gaming café at that location. He provided information on the size of the property, and photos of the proposed
layout of the interior. The Council was split on this issue. It will be brought back before the Council for a formal
vote at the next meeting, and will include a copy of the original gaming ordinance so the Council can review the
Ordinance and how it relates to this request.

e. Discussion and request for Direction on Creating a Retirement Fund to Offset Sick Leave Payout
Upon Retirement

Administrator Boden spoke about the possibility of establishing a "sinking fund" that would cover this expense
upon the retirement of any of the City personnel. Assistant City Administrator Blakemore presented specific
information, projecting the possibility of payout amounts for the next 10 years. The suggestion from staff is to
take the current "days of cash reserve" from the current 92.7 days down to 90.0 days, and start the fund with
\$29,090. The Council agreed that this would be the way to go, along with adding to the fund each year. This will
be brought before the Council as a formal request in the near future.

f. Action on a Resolution Reaffirming the Chain of Command

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Michael Smith, to approve the Resolution Reaffirming the Chain of Command – with an organizational flow chart to be included with the document.

Alderman Brett Martin made a motion, amending the original motion, seconded by Alderman Dennis Hammortree, to amend the wording of #7 to read as follows: “ No employee shall face any adverse employment action for either insisting upon the command and authority structure set forth in the Code and clarified through this Resolution, or in the event that an employee provides any information to a City Council member that would lead to an investigation by the administration in which case the matter would be handled pursuant to the policies in the employees handbook.” However, if statements are made by a City employee requiring an investigation as a result of such statements, and it is later determined that the employee’s statements were not truthful, the City would then proceed in accordance with the employee handbook provisions regarding the employee’s statements. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

The motion passed on the Amendment to the Original Motion.

The aldermen voted as follows on the original motion:

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

The motion passed.

MAYOR’S STATEMENTS AND REPORTS

Mayor Lockhart had no report this evening.

DEPARTMENT HEAD AND STAFF REPORTS

Assistant City Administrator Joshua Blakemore reported that McHenry County Defenders will be holding a recycling collection in Marengo on the 13th of August. The times will be from 9 am to Noon.

Finance Director Jennifer Snelten submitted the month end reports for the Council to review. She has received verification from the broker that BC/BS renewal on the health insurance will be reduced by 8.07%. This should be a savings of about \$63,000 on the yearly premium. There will be an increase in the costs for the dental and life insurance premiums, for an increase of around \$2,000 for the year.

Public Works Director Howard Moser reported that they are done with the hydrant flushing project. There are some hydrants not working properly at this time, and Justin is working with Howard on solving the problems. During the project, they had 3 water main breaks. Street lane marking is being done around town. The PM testing of wells 7& 8 is complete, and they are waiting on the results, which will be given to the Council when received. The question on the street lights invoice from last month has been researched and was explained to the Council. A question was asked about the WWTP and he updated the Council with status.

Sergeant. Rodney Riley asked if there were any questions on the report that Interim Chief Solarz had included with the board packet, and added information on the T-1 line that is being shared with the fire department and the rescue squad.

City Engineer Tim Hartnett updated the Council on the dates of the various meetings with the various entities involved in the toll way project, along with status on the MOU and IGA.

City Administrator Gary Boden advised the Council that the City has received \$284,000 from 300 West LLC and Arnold Engineering. These funds will be placed on hold in the Capital Improvement Fund at this time.

City Attorney Carlos Arevalo had no report.

REPORTS AND STATEMENTS FROM CITY COUNCIL

Alderman Keenum thanked the City for the installation of the “no parking” sign that were put up on East Washington Street. They are appreciated by all the residents in that area.

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 8:30 PM.



Constance J Boxleitner
City Clerk

The City Council approved these minutes on August 22, 2016.