

**APPROVED**  
August 22, 2016

**Marengo City Council  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
City Council Chambers  
132 E. Prairie Street  
Marengo, IL 60152  
August 8, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Noel Gains led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present this evening are Mayor Donald B. Lockhart; Alderman Matt Keenum, Mike Miller, Michael Smith (entered meeting at 7:02 PM), 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 Richard Solarz, Public Works Director Howard Moser, City Attorney Carlos Arevalo, City Engineer Tim Hartnett and Finance Director Jennifer Snelten. Alderman Nicole DeBoer was absent.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Alderman Todd Hall made a motion, seconded by Alderman Steve Mortensen, to approve the minutes from the July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016 meeting. There was discussion regarding item (f). The Council felt that the wording was missing clarification in that area, and the Clerk was requested to amend the wording to include: If statements are made by a city employee that require 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. As such, the motion was withdrawn. The minutes will be amended, and will be brought back before the Council at the next regular meeting, for review and approval at that time.

APPROVAL OF LIST OF BILLS

Alderman Hammortree questioned a bill from HR Green. It is listed under the "2014 Water Improvement Bonds Funds" section, and it was determined that this was incorrect. This invoice will be removed from the list, be entered in the correct section, and voted on at the next meeting.

Alderman Todd Hall made a motion, seconded by Alderman Steve Mortensen, to approve the list of bills, with the removal of the invoice listed on page 9. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

The motion passed.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of 5K Run/Walk Request for Cancer Kids
- b. Authorization to Establish Retirement Fund
- c. Approval of Setter's Days Request and Fee Waiver

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

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

NEW BUSINESS

a. Presentation from Marengo Park District

Joe Valez, the Park District Director, spoke to the Council on current plans to replace the playground equipment that was no longer usable. They will need about \$35,000 to accomplish this project. Alderman Hammortree is donating his September check (from the City) towards this project. The Park District has partnered with Glo-Bowl on the 28<sup>th</sup> of August for a bowling tournament, with teams from local businesses, etc. He invited the Council to participate in the event, and 4 Council members agreed to be on the team. Attorney Arevalo is covering their application fee. There will also be a "3 On 3" Basketball Tournament on the 27<sup>th</sup> of August. He is hoping that the events are well attended by the residents.

b. Presentation and Acceptance of 2015/2016 Marengo Cemetery Report

George Bauman spoke to the Council on the report provided by the Cemetery Board of their expenses/income for last year, as well as a summary of the last 5 years. Questions were asked by the Council on various parts of the information provided. The Council requested a copy of the minutes from the meeting in July, and George will provide a copy for the Council. The Cemetery is requesting that the City put them back on the tax levy this year. The City will look at the budget to see what could be done. When asked if the board had a long term plan, they stated they did not. It was recommended that they put something together to show their plans for turning things around. The board's next meeting is in October.

Alderman Steve Mortensen made a motion, seconded by Alderman Michael Smith, to accept the 2015/2016 Marengo Cemetery Report. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

c. Action on Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Memorandum of Understanding with McHenry County Regarding the Funding and Development of an Interchange at I-90 and Route 23

Administrator Boden reviewed the MOU with the Council and explained that this will be presented to the County's Transportation board on the 17<sup>th</sup> of August, the Finance Committee's on the 25<sup>th</sup> of August, followed by the full County Board on the 6<sup>th</sup> of September. The MOU describes the funding plan for the planning, design and construction; the proposed breakdown of the sharing of the costs involved; and a request on the part of the County for the City of Marengo to continue to aggressively engage in the marketing of industrial and appropriate commercial opportunities at the interchange.

Alderman Matt Keenum made a motion, seconded by Alderman Todd Hall, to authorize the Execution of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with McHenry County regarding the funding and development of an interchange at I-90 and Route 23. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

- d. Action on an Ordinance Authorizing Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement with McHenry County for the Purpose of Phase I Completion and Phase II Engineering Services for I-90 / Route 23 Interchange and Execution of the Phase I Completion and Phase II Engineering Services for I-90 / Route 23 Interchange

Administrator Boden, and City Engineer Hartnett, reviewed the IGA with the Council. In the IGA, the entities agree to engage HR Green to complete the engineering work required by the Tollway Authority, *at the County's Expense.*

Alderman Steve Mortensen made a motion, seconded by Alderman Todd Hall, authorizing the execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with McHenry County for the purpose of Phase I Completion and Phase II Engineering Services for I90 / Route 23 Interchange, and for the Execution of the Phase I Completion and Phase II Engineering Services for I-90/Route 23 Interchange. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

- e. Authorization to Accept Bids for Equipment for Fire Hydrant Repairs & Replacement

Director of Public Works Moser reviewed the information on the project for the repair and replacement of the hydrants. The City received 2 bids for this project -1 with HD Supply and 1 with Ferguson. Director Moser recommended going with HD Supply, at a cost of \$13,708. Administrator Boden asked the Council to approve waiving the bidding process on this project, as the 2 bids received are not much over the \$10,000 limit that would not require going out for bids.

Alderman Michael Smith made a motion, seconded by Alderman Steve Mortensen, to waive the bid process, and to accept the bid from HD Supply, in the amount of \$13,708, for the repair and replacement of the hydrants. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

- f. Action on an Ordinance Authorizing Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement for Shared Telecommunications Services with the Marengo Fire Protection District, Union Fire Protection District, and Marengo Rescue Squad

Interim Chief Solarz went over this request with the Council, explaining the cost benefit to all the parties involved.

Alderman Michael Smith made a motion, seconded by Alderman Todd Hall, authorizing the execution of an IGA for shared telecommunication services between the City of Marengo, the Marengo Fire Protection

District, the Union Fire Protection District, and the Marengo Rescue Squad. The aldermen voted as follows:

Ayes: Smith, Keenum, Mortensen, Miller, Martin, Hall and Hammortree  
Nays: 0  
Abstain: 0  
Absent: DeBoer  
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 reminded the Council about the recycling drive on Saturday – from 9 am to noon. Josh has contacted the City's insurance broker to determine if the cemetery property could be added to the insurance, and he will report back when a determination has been made. He clarified the questions asked regarding the tax levy procedure.

Finance Director Jennifer Snelten had nothing to report.

Public Works Director Howard Moser noted that there was only 1 main break to report. The tree crowning project for the parade route in September is being worked on. He then introduced Jason Vohs, the contracted employee through Midwest Contract Operations, who carries a Class I license for working at the WWTP. He spoke about the current work that is being done and his opinion on the staff and their ability to do the work. He advised that everyone working there knows their job and is doing it well. He was questioned on the solid waste handling and he answered the concerns expressed. There were questions asked of HR Green on this issue, and City Engineer Hartnett addressed those concerns. Engineer Hartnett recommended meeting

Interim Chief of Police Sgt Solarz reported that the police attended the annual picnic last week at the Florence Nursing Home recently, and were honored by the residents. At the picnic, they made a donation of \$750 to be used for their Drug Awareness Program.

City Engineer Tim Hartnett had submitted a written report on all projects.

City Administrator Gary Boden had no report.

City Attorney Carlos Arevalo had no report.

City Clerk Boxleitner advised the Council that they would be approving, for release, some of the Executive Session Minutes at the next meeting. The minutes under consideration will be available for review in the Clerk's office starting Tuesday morning. She asked that all the Aldermen please stop in and read through them before that meeting.

#### REPORTS AND STATEMENTS FROM CITY COUNCIL

None

#### ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Steve Mortensen made a motion, seconded by Alderman Michael Smith, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed with a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

  
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Constance J Boxleitner  
City Clerk

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