

**APPROVED**

**Marengo City Council  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
City Council Chambers  
132 E. Prairie Street  
Marengo, IL 60152  
October 10, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Keith Hopper led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - September 26, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Mike Miller, to approve the minutes from the September 26, 2016 Regular Meeting. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

APPROVAL OF LIST OF BILLS

There were questions asked, and answered, on various bills.

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

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

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Authorization to Accept Property & Liability Insurance Proposal for 2016/2017

Assistant City Administrator Blakemore explained that rates were shopped, and Trident is the best option. Alderman DeBoer had a question about a certain coverage that we were declining, and Assistant City Administrator Blakemore answered her question. Alderman DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Keenum, to Authorize and Accept the Property & Liability Insurance Proposal for 2016/2017.

The aldermen voted as follows:

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

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: Smith

The motion passed.

#### MAYOR'S STATEMENTS AND REPORTS

Mayor Lockhart expressed his Sympathy to the Family of Harvey Meyers and Mary Lou Zierer after their recent passing.

#### DEPARTMENT HEAD AND STAFF REPORTS

Assistant City Administrator Joshua Blakemore informed Council that Jennifer Snelten is out of the office on medical leave for several weeks. Megan Lopez and the rest of the staff are working on filling in on her various payroll and accounting duties. Early tax levy numbers show we could possibly receive an additional \$11,000 to \$12,000 dollars over last year's numbers. SAFEbuilt Illinois, the company that we are contracting to handle building department concerns, started today. The Building Department office hours are Monday's 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. and Friday's noon to 3 p.m. For times when they are not in the office, there is a phone number that residents can call.

Public Work Director Howard Moser said that the tree replacement program yielded 38 resident requests for tree replacement. Trees should be planted within the next few weeks. There was a main break on Grant Highway near Napa Auto Parts. This is the third break since he has been on staff. WWTP had an air compressor issue. The air compressor was under warranty, so it is getting repaired. Staff was able to set up a different air compressor until it is repaired.

Interim Chief of Police Sgt Solarz stated that per his direction, Officers and Supervisors were requested to get out and meet the people and between all of the Police force, at least 50 businesses were visited. There was a Police presence during Settlers Days.

City Administrator Gary Boden stated that the numerous items expected to be addressed at the October Planning and Zoning meeting were not ready but will be on the November Planning and Zoning agenda.

City Attorney Carlos Arevalo had no report.

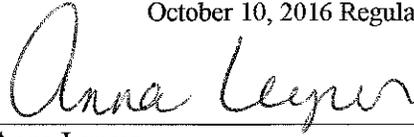
City Clerk Connie Boxleitner stated she wanted to thank the Police Department for initiating the program for the Officers to introduce themselves to local businesses.

#### REPORTS AND STATEMENTS FROM CITY COUNCIL

Alderman DeBoer thanked the Police Department and the Public Works departments for all their hard work during Settlers Days and the prep for the event.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Brett Martin, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed with a voice vote. The meeting adjourned a 7:15 PM

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Anna Leyrer". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Anna Leyrer  
Deputy City Clerk

The City Council approved these minutes on October 24, 2016.