

APPROVED
October 10, 2016

**Marengo City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
City Council Chambers
132 E. Prairie Street
Marengo, IL 60152
September 26, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Connie Boxleitner led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present this evening are Mayor Donald Lockhart; Aldermen Matt Keenum, Mike Miller, Michael Smith, 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 Steve Mortensen, City Engineer Tim Hartnett and Finance Director Jennifer Snelten were absent.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A resident directed a question to the Mayor and the Administrator about the water problem that she was experiencing. The administrator asked her to contact them at City Hall during the daytime to set up an appointment to discuss the problem.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - August 22nd, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes and September 12, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Michael Smith, to approve the minutes from the August 22, 2016 Regular Meeting. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Michael Smith, to approve the minutes from the September 12, 2016 Regular Meeting, with a correction on page 2 – item B – (correct the company name of George Roach & Associates). The aldermen voted as follows:

Ayes: Smith, Keenum, DeBoer, Miller, Martin and Hall
Nays: 0
Abstain: Hammortree
Absent: Mortensen
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 Keenum, to approve the list of bills. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Action on an Ordinance Amending Chapter 33, Liquor Control and Liquor Licensing, Section 33.07 (B) Number of Licenses Issued Reducing the Number of Class D Licenses from One to Zero
- b. Action on an Ordinance Amending a Special Use Permit Pursuant to Section 10.05 of the Marengo Zoning Ordinance Approving the Expansion of Office Uses for the Property Located at 421 E. Grant Highway

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Matt Keenum, to approve the Consent Agenda. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Action on an Ordinance Amending Section 33.07 of the Marengo City Code to Establish a Moratorium on Certain Liquor License Classifications in the B-1 Zoning District

Alderman Michael Smith made a motion, seconded by Alderman Matt Keenum, to approve an Ordinance Amending Section 33.07 of the Marengo City Code to establish a Moratorium on certain liquor license classifications in the B-1 Zoning District. The aldermen voted as follows:

Ayes: Smith, Keenum and Miller
Nays: Hall, DeBoer, Hammortree and Martin
Abstain: 0
Absent: Mortensen
The motion did not pass.

MAYOR'S STATEMENTS AND REPORTS

Mayor Lockhart has nothing to report this evening.

DEPARTMENT HEAD AND STAFF REPORTS

Assistant City Administrator Joshua Blakemore spoke on behalf of Finance Director Snelten and the Budget Trend Report that had been included in the board packet. She had included information on the police pension fund and also information on the City pension fund. He plans on having information at the next meeting on the renewal of the liability insurance. Marianne has tendered her retirement with the City, and her last day will be Friday. She will be greatly missed.

Finance Director Jennifer Snelten report had been sent in the board packet.

Public Works Director Howard Moser advised that the valve repairs are complete. He discussed the fall tree planting project, outlining what has been going on. He is working with Jason & Eric from the WWTP to develop an equipment replacement program. He reminded everyone that the brush collection will start on November 7th.

Interim Chief of Police Solarz spoke about a program that was held this morning for Pioneer Center, outlining the various possible needs within the City. On Tuesday, all of the officers will have completed the NARCAN training. Unfortunately there has been a glitch with the company that provides the chemicals, and the City will not be receiving the drug until probably the 2nd week of October.

City Administrator Gary Boden spoke about the possibility of a full agenda at the next PZC meeting in October. Under discussion is the possibility of the Jack Pease (Super Mix Aggregate project) increasing to 510 acres, Marengo Disposal Company parking lot project, and an administrative review and approval of a fast food restaurant and build out at the Sullivan's property. He briefly discussed the vacancy in the building department with the retirement of Marianne on Friday, and suggested options on how to fill her position.

City Attorney Carlos Arevalo had no report.

City Clerk Connie Boxleitner reminded the aldermen that if they are planning to run for reelection, that petitions are available in the Clerk's office, and are also available on line through the County website. The filing period for petitions is December 12-19, 2016.

REPORTS AND STATEMENTS FROM CITY COUNCIL

Alderman DeBoer questioned if the new parking lot that is underway at UniCarriers will also include sidewalks going North and South of the property. Administrator Boden explained that there is no plan to include sidewalks with the project. Alderman Martin questioned if the parking lot was going to include lights, and he was advised that the plans did include lights.

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 a 7:36 PM



Constance J Boxleitner
City Clerk

The City Council approved these minutes on October 10, 2016.

