

**Marengo City Council  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
City Council Chambers  
132 E. Prairie Street  
Marengo, IL 60152  
April 24, 2017**

**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 B. Lockhart; Aldermen Matt Keenum, Mike Miller, Michael Smith, Nicole DeBoer, Brett Martin, Dennis Hammortree, Steve Mortensen and Todd Hall. Also in attendance are City Administrator Gary Boden, Assistant City Administrator Joshua Blakemore, Chief of Police Rich Solarz, Public Works Director Howard Moser, City Attorney Carlos Arevalo, Finance Director Jennifer Snelten, and City Engineer Tim Hartnett.

**OATH OF OFFICE – Aldermen**

Mayor Lockhart read the Oath of Office for the newly elected City Aldermen. Those individuals are Nicole DeBoer (Ward 1- 4 year term), Michael Miller (Ward 1- 2 year term), Steve Mortensen (Ward 2), Matt Keenum (Ward 3), and Dennis Hammortree (Ward 4). City Clerk Constance Boxleitner was absent, and she will be sworn in at the next meeting.

**OATH OF OFFICE – Mayor**

Mayor Lockhart read the Oath of Office for the newly elected Mayor, John Koziol.

**ROLL CALL**

After swearing in the newly elected officials, present are Mayor John Koziol; Aldermen Matt Keenum, Mike Miller, Michael Smith, Nicole DeBoer, Brett Martin, Dennis Hammortree, Steve Mortensen and Todd Hall.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Matt Keenum, to approve the minutes from the April 10, 2017 regular meeting. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

The motion passed.

**APPROVAL OF LIST OF 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, Smith, Keenum, Mortensen, Miller, DeBoer, and Hall

Nays: 0  
Abstain: 0  
Absent: 0  
The motion passed.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Approval of American Legion Poppy Days Request
- b. Approval of Hiring a Police Officer to Replace an Officer Resigning from the Department
- c. Authorization for Purchase of a New Plow Truck as per Draft FY 17/18 from the Illinois State Bid

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

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Action on Request to Transfer Remaining General Fund Contingency Funds for Fiscal Year 16/17

Administrator Boden discussed the different allocations that are being requested to the Retirement Fund, General Fund, and Water Sewer Funds.

Alderman Todd Hall made a motion, seconded by Alderman Nicole DeBoer, to approve Action on Request to Transfer Remaining General Fund Contingency Funds for Fiscal Year 16/17. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

- b. Approval of an Ordinance Making the Supplemental Appropriations for Fiscal Year 16/17  
Finance Director Jennifer Snelten explained the need of the Supplemental Appropriations Ordinance, and outlined the fund transfers that were made to the Retirement Fund, Police Drug Forfeiture Fund, General Fund, and Water Sewer Capital Fund, which are allowed per State Statute. She also stated that the Interchange Design item was appropriated because of the timing of receiving the payment from McHenry County. These payments should be received in May 2017.

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Todd Hall, to approve an ordinance making the Supplemental Appropriations for Fiscal Year 16/17. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

**MAYOR’S STATEMENTS AND REPORTS**

Mayor Koziol read a statement thanking family, friends and supporters for his success in the election and hopes that he has the opportunity to earn everyone’s respect and looks forward to working together with the other elected officials and staff. He thanked the previous Mayor, Donald Lockhart for his many years in public service. He stated that he intended to go into executive session with intent to discuss personnel concerns.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD AND STAFF REPORTS**

*Assistant City Administrator Joshua Blakemore*– Josh welcomed Mayor Koziol and stated he looked forward to working with him. Josh stated that the sound mixer for the Council chambers was replaced, so hopefully it will sound better. The previous one had a production date of 1977. He stated that after discussion with Mayor Koziol, the 17/18 budget should be on the May 8<sup>th</sup> agenda. There will be an increase in the Workers Comp insurance in the GF and WS fund.

*Public Works Director Howard Moser* stated hydrant flushing will be completed this week and there has been four main breaks. Brush collection will begin May 1, 2017.

*Chief of Police Rich Solarz* stated Sergeant Rodney Riley’s last day will be soon and there will be a retirement get together on Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. Drug Take Back is Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at the PD.

*City Engineer Tim Hartnett* had no report and welcomed Mayor Koziol.

*City Administrator Gary Boden* discussed the recent main breaks and the instances of transite water lines. He asked HR Green to give an estimate to replace the transite lines that extend from 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue to 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue on State Street. This stretch is the longest transite line left in the City. More information on the potential repair would be upcoming. He welcomed the new Mayor.

**REPORTS AND STATEMENTS FROM CITY COUNCIL**

Alderman Mike Miller stated that the Indian Oaks Playground build work day is May 13<sup>th</sup>. He stated he felt that the Police delivering the packets are not necessary and that the Council members should have them emailed or can pick them up. He stated that he felt that Council members should make a visit to the Treatment Plant, if they haven’t been there already. Attorney Arevalo stated that they should post it as a meeting if more than a few of them go at the same time.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**


Mayor Koziol requested City Council go into Executive Session to discuss Personnel issues related to City Attorney Carlos Arevalo and City Administrator Gary Boden . Alderman Matt Keenum made a motion, seconded by Steve Mortensen to go into Executive Session. The Aldermen voted as follows:

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

*The meeting recessed at 7:32 PM*  
*The meeting reconvened at 9:35 PM*

**ADJOURNMENT**

Alderman Matt Keenum made a motion, seconded by Alderman Todd Hall, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed with a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 9:36 PM.

  
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Constance J Boxleitner  
City Clerk

The City Council approved these minutes on May 8, 2017.