

APPROVED
March 23, 2015

**Marengo City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
City Council Chambers
132 E. Prairie St.
Marengo, IL 60152
March 9, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Joshua Blakemore, Assistant City Administrator, led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present this evening are Mayor Donald Lockhart, Aldermen Carole Bartman, Matt Keenum, Nicole DeBoer, Dennis Hammortree, Todd Hall and Steve Mortensen. Also present are City Administrator Gary Boden, Assistant City Administrator Joshua Blakemore, Chief of Police Joseph Hallman, City Attorney Carlos Arevalo, City Engineer Tim Hartnett and Finance Director Jennifer Snelten. Aldermen Michael Smith and Gretchen Samuelson were absent.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Joseph Vallez, representing the Marengo Park District, expressed thanks to the Mayor and the Administrator for working with the Park District to come up with various cost saving measures for both entities. Also present with Mr. Vallez were Park District Commissioners. They will be sponsoring a Community Form on Saturday the 14th of March at 9 AM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: February 23, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Todd Hall, to approve the minutes from the February 23, 2015 Regular meeting. The aldermen voted as follows:

Ayes: Keenum, Mortensen, DeBoer, Hall, Bartman and Hammortree
Nays: 0
Abstain: 0

The motion passed.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. List of Bills
- b. Authorization to submit HR Green and Williams Brothers Construction, Inc. invoices to IEPA for loan disbursement and authorization of payment upon receipt of said disbursement.

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Todd Hall, to approve the consent agenda items. The aldermen voted as follows:

Ayes: Bartman, Keenum, Mortensen, DeBoer, Hall and Hammortree
Nays: 0
Abstain: 0

The motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Financial Year 2015/2016 General Fund Budget Review and Discussion

Assistant City Administrator Blakemore reviewed the proposed budget with the Council and answered questions. The first item discussed was the Fund Balance Work Sheet, and General Fund Revenues. Following that, the Council reviewed information on: Administration (projection of costs for insurance premiums, IMRF contributions, contributions to various local entities, Dial-a-Ride, and a new software program), Police Department (current contract for dispatch, radio system upgrades, new equipment, and change in police car replacement), Street Department (reallocation of salaries to better match use, use of MFT Fund for street projects, and street vehicle fund balances), Public Grounds (mowing contract projection, garage door update, clean-up of acquired land, new fence & security gate, possible striping of municipal parking lots, also under consideration is the possible community sign), Building Department (mowing of properties in violation), Operating Contingency (change in the percentage from 2.5% to 2%), Police Pension Transfer (waiting on information before this can be updated).

There is a probable reduction in the funds that the City receives from the State, roughly in the amount of \$389,000. It is not known if the reduction is for just one year, or if it will be permanent. There was discussion on how to handle this for either of the two situations.

MAYOR'S STATEMENTS AND REPORTS

Mayor Lockhart reminded everyone that the Consolidated Election is on April 7th. He outlined the polling places, by precinct, and noted the change in location for Precincts 3 & 4. The new location is the Marengo Township building. March 10th is the last day for persons to register to vote. Early voting can be done at City Hall beginning Monday, March 23, and ending on Saturday April 4, 2015. The hours are Monday thru Friday 9 AM to 4 PM, and Saturday from 9 AM to Noon. There will be no early voting on Friday April 3rd, due to the County Clerk's office being closed for Good Friday. All polling places will open on Election Day (April 7, 2015) from 6 AM to 7 PM.

DEPARTMENT HEAD AND STAFF REPORTS

Assistant City Administrator Joshua Blakemore updated the Council on the transponder project. The original projected cost for this project was \$389,684, and the final cost is \$389,260. There are still 15 residences that have not been completed.

Finance Director Jennifer Snelten advised the Council that she is still working on the breakdown on engineering bills, and as soon as she has that done, she will provide it to the Council.

Chief of Police Joseph Hallman had submitted a written report. He let the Council know that Mike Bigalke, with the Marengo Crime Stoppers, sent a letter to the police that they are dissolving. Mr. Bigalke will stay active with the McHenry County Crime Stoppers.

City Engineer Tim Hartnett spoke about the meeting that was held on March 4, 2015 with the McHenry County DOT. He stated we received a good recommendation, and they will be attending the regular board meeting on March 17, 2015 at 7 PM to present the information. He is working with Josh to put costs together for the various projects. The WWTP project is nearing the end, and everything is on track at this time.

City Administrator Gary Boden had nothing further to report this evening.


City Attorney Carlos Arevalo had nothing to report this evening.

REPORTS AND STATEMENTS FROM CITY COUNCIL

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Todd Hall, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed with a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:14 PM.



Constance J. Boxleitner
City Clerk

These minutes were approved by the City Council on March 23, 2015.