

APPROVED

**MARENGO CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
City Council Chambers
132 E. Prairie Street
Marengo, IL 60152
July 24, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor John Koziol called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Koziol led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A resident questioned the Council about the change in venue for the upcoming Settlers' Days activities. His concerns included parking availability, weather conditions due to the time of year, handicapped concerns of wheelchair use in a field, tear down concerns, and band competition parking concerns following the parade.

A resident expressed concerns about the flooding that has occurred on Artel Street, and the fact that there has been standing water there for about 3 months. He also expressed concern about water problems behind Rosati's. Mayor Koziol explained that conversation had occurred recently regarding the problem behind Rosati's and the fact that the gate is no longer adjustable. It was welded off by the Army Corp of Engineers. The City is looking at options for that area.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – July 10, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes

Alderman Mortensen requested a correction to the minutes is as follows: page 2 – Alderman Keenum stated “to appropriating an additional \$100,000” should actually read “to appropriating an additional \$10,000.” The \$100,000 amount shown in the appropriations information is for projected expenses for that line item. The \$10,000 is the appropriated amount for revenue.

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Todd Hall, to approve the minutes from the July 10, 2017 meeting, with the correction. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

APPROVAL OF LIST OF BILLS

City Attorney Arevalo noted that an invoice shown on page 1 for Smith Amundsen is incorrect. The correct amount of that invoice should be \$4,488.00.

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Michael Smith, to approve the list of bills with the correction to invoice #528305 to the correct amount of \$4488.00 for Smith Amundsen. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

NEW BUSINESS

a. Action on Settlers' Days Request for Closure of Franks Lane and Request for Waiver of Carnival Fee

There was no representative present from the Settlers' Days Committee to answer questions and concerns from the Council. They had provided a letter regarding the change in venue, and their request on the closure of a section of Franks Lane and the request for a waiver of carnival fees.

Due to the lack of information, the Council opted to take no action on this item until a representative attended a Council meeting to answer the questions and concerns.

b. Action on a Resolution to Close Route 23 for Settlers' Days Parade

The Council discussed amending the Resolution to include the possibility of adding the closing of State Street (Rte 23) as had been done in previous years, to hold the "Saturday Night on Main Street" activities. Attorney Arevalo advise that if the Resolution is amended to include the "Saturday Night on Main Street" wording, then the Council would need to ratify the change at the next meeting. If the Settlers' Days Committee decided to not hold the event on State Street, the City would notify IDOT that that specific closure would not be needed.

Alderman Matt Keenum made a motion, seconded by Alderman Nicole DeBoer, to approve the resolution to close Route 23 for the Settlers' Days Parade on Sunday October 8, 2017, and to add closing Route 23 on Saturday evening, on Saturday October 7, 2017, in the event that the Committee chooses to hold the "Saturday Night on Main Street" activities, as per past practices relating to Settlers' Days activities. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

c. Action on an Ordinance Declaring Certain Municipal Property as Surplus

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Steve Mortensen, approving an ordinance declaring certain Municipal Property as surplus. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

MAYOR'S STATEMENTS AND REPORTS

Mayor Koziol noted that a proclamation was made by the McHenry County Board honoring the Heroic Response to the recent explosion in Marengo. The board had invited the various persons to attend the board meeting.

DEPARTMENT HEAD AND STAFF REPORTS

Public Works Director Howard Moser advised that there will be a meeting with IDOT to go over the resurfacing project from County Line Road to West Street. A 4" pump has been deployed to the Stevenson Street lift station to take some of the excess water in that area and divert it to Jackson Street, which has an 18" main. They have rented 700' of hose for this. He issued instructions, this morning, regarding the erecting of signs on roads during flooding situations. He has temporarily suspended the use of In Pipe Technology. If monitoring shows that it is needed in the future, he will request getting them back. Alderman Miller questioned what the increase was at the WWTP due to the rain lately, and Howard advised that an average for the plant is 600,000 to 700,000 gallons a day. They are currently at 2,500,000 gallons a day.

Assistant City Administrator Joshua Blakemore gave credit to Howard and the WWTP persons for the quick thinking on the flooding on Stevenson Street. On behalf of Finance Director Snelten, information was in the packet regarding the release of escrow deposits, the Budget Trend for June, and the Treasurer's Report. There is a meeting on Wednesday at the McDot Building to go over I-90 Project with the Transportation Committee, at 8:15 AM. Met last week with the County staff and updated everyone with current information on this project. H.R. Green has suggested an open house/forum "public hearing" to be held on the 22nd of August from 4 to 7 PM. This would be open to the public so everyone could view the proposed drawings and ask questions. He noted that a response from Marengo Township, regarding the McRide contribution is still pending. He updated the Council on the TIF analysis, and that the revised information was received back from Ehlers & Associates. He asked the Council to get back to him with input on this information. He handed out documents relating to the I-90 Interchange Project. Alderman DeBoer asked questions about the flooding occurring in front of Hubbs Greenhouse as well as on Shady Lane, and if it was possible to use TIF funds to help in this area. Josh explained that the TIF district did not extend as far as Hubbs. He will contact HR Green to get a rough idea of the cost for a storm sewer to be added to that area, as well as a possible solution for Stevenson.

Chief of Police Rich Solarz reported that he is on the 911 Board in McHenry County. He updated the Council on a grant application through the State from last year, due to the consolidation of the dispatch centers, reducing the number of centers from 6 to 3. Marengo did not receive any money last year. They have reapplied this year, and have been notified that they will receive grant money this year, in the amount of \$15,421.98. This grant will reimburse the City for expenses incurred from the move from Lake-In-The-Hills to McHenry. It will not cover the new radios that were purchased.

City Attorney Carlos Arevalo had no report.

City Clerk Connie Boxleitner had no report.

REPORTS AND STATEMENTS FROM CITY COUNCIL

Alderman Hall questioned the City Clerk on whether all of the newly elected and re-elected Council members had completed the mandatory OMA course. She stated that the deadline for taking the course is today. Mayor Koziol stated that there is one individual that has not completed the course, and that is Alderman Hammortree. This course is mandated by the Illinois Attorney General's Office for all elected public officials. Alderman Hammortree said that there were reasons why he had not taken the course, and verified or the Council that he would *not* be taking the course.

Alderman Keenum stated: "I have a concern, not so much as what is *on* the agenda, but what is *not* on the agenda. This Council convened several weeks ago. There was a conclusion drawn and yet there is nothing here for appointment for legal counsel. I would like to know why." Mayor Koziol responded that he had not made his decision yet.

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 8:07 PM.



Constance J. Pawlitzner
City Clerk

The City Council approved these minutes on August 14, 2017.