

MARENGO CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
City Council Chambers
132 E. Prairie Street
Marengo, IL 60152
August 14, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor John Koziol called the meeting to order at 7:01 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, Brett Martin, Todd Hall and Steve Mortensen. Also present are Assistant City Administrator Joshua Blakemore, Sergeant Paul Fritz, Public Works Director Howard Moser, City Attorney Carlos Arevalo, City Engineer Tim Hartnett and Finance Director Jennifer Snelten.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

July 12, 2017 Special Meeting Minutes & July 24, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Michael Smith, to approve the minutes from the July 12, 2017 Special Meeting and also the July 24, 2017 Regular Meeting. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

APPROVAL OF LIST OF BILLS

Questions were asked, and clarification provided, on three of the bills listed.

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

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

NEW BUSINESS

a. Action on Request for Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Charity Drive

The Knights of Columbus submitted a request to hold their annual Tootsie Roll Charity Drive on the 15th, 16th and 17th of September, 2017. They will be taking donations at various locations around town.

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Michael Smith, to approve the request of the Knights of Columbus to hold their annual Tootsie Roll Charity Drive. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

Nays: 0

The motion passed.

b. Action on Request for Consent to Mayor's Appointment for City Attorney

Mayor Koziol reiterated his thoughts on the appointment of the City Attorney, and read his statement that had been included in the board packet.

Alderman Hammortree made a motion, seconded by Alderman Mike Miller, to approve the appointment of the law firm Zukowski, Rogers, Flood & McArdle as City Attorney. The aldermen voted as follows:

Aye: Martin, Miller and Hammortree

Nays: Smith, Keenum, Mortensen, DeBoer and Hall

The motion failed.

c. Action on Settlers' Days Request and Waiver of Carnival Fee

Alderman Keenum noted that he attended the recent meeting that the Settlers' Days committee held, and was disappointed in the turnout of volunteers to help with the events, in light of the comments that were made on Facebook when the committee was planning to move "Saturday Night on Main Street." He was happy to note their willingness to move the event back to Main Street, and was hopeful that more volunteers would come forward. Alderman Miller had also attended the meeting, and expressed his disappointment in the number of persons coming forward to volunteer.

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Matt Keenum, to approve the requests from the Settlers' Day committee, and to waive the carnival fee. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

Nays: 0

The motion passed.

d. Action on a Resolution to Close Route 23 for Settlers' Days Event on October 7, 2017 from 3 PM to 11 PM, and October 8, 2017 from 1 PM to 4 PM.

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Michael Smith, to approve the resolution to close Route 23 for Settlers' Days events on Oct. 7, 2017 from 3 PM to 11 PM, and on Oct. 8, 2017 from 1 PM to 4 PM. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

Nays: 0

The motion passed.

e. Action on an Ordinance Amending Chapter 24, Exhibit A, Building Permit Fee Schedule, of the Marengo Municipal Code

Public Works Director Moser explained the process they went through on updating the Building Permit Fee Schedule. Assistant City Administrator Blakemore, Dan Streit (Woodstock Building Dept) and Howard met, reviewed and revised the fee schedules to better match the actual cost of each. Some of those fees have increased, but some have decreased as well.

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Todd Hall, to approve an Ordinance amending Chapter 24, Exhibit A, Building Permit Fee Schedule, of the Marengo Municipal Code. The aldermen voted as follows;

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

Nays: 0

The motion passed.

f. Action on Request to Waive the Formal Bid Process and Authorization to Accept a Proposal from a Contractor and Vendor to be determined for Culvert Replacement on Prospect Street, including execution of all documents related thereto

Alderman Michael Smith made a motion, seconded by Alderman Nicole DeBoer, to approve the request to waiver the formal bid process and for authorization to accept a proposal from the contractor (Doug Kunde Excavating, Inc - \$6,124.00) and the vendor (HD Supply - \$7,089.40) for culvert replacement on Prospect Street, as presented. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

Nays: 0

The motion passed.

MAYOR'S STATEMENTS AND REPORTS

There will be a meeting at City Hall on the 17th of August with the Central Business District at 7 PM. Everyone is invited to attend this meeting. The meeting will be between property owners and business owners in the downtown area, to talk about moving forward with a vision to the future to try and get everyone working together. HR Green will be holding an information open house on the 22nd of August, from 4 PM to 7 PM, to provide residents with current information on what is going on with the tollway project. All Marengo residents are invited to attend.

DEPARTMENT HEAD AND STAFF REPORTS

Assistant City Administrator Joshua Blakemore added that the City engineers will be at that meeting on the 22nd, with a presentation and also to answer any questions. There is a PZC meeting next Monday, as a continuation of the application for 1405 N State Street (U-Haul operation), as additional time was requested by the applicant to review possible screening options for the location. Megan, Josh and representatives from the local newspaper met last week and discussed incorporating the City Newsletter, which is published on a quarterly basis, into a section of the newspaper. This would be a savings to the City of about \$4,000 a year, and would be sent to all residents in the surrounding area, not just sent to local residents. (The Council agreed that this was okay with them.) There is an employee from the WWTP out on FMLA until October, and Josh discussed the possible need to employ a temporary person. The next Council meeting is the 28th, and at that meeting there should be updated TIF agreement for the Eastern Corridor, information on the employee health benefit renewal (which shows a half of a percent decrease), along with a proposal for a possible solar farm, to be located on 100 acres at Blissdale and Johnson Roads.

Finance Director Jennifer Snelten had nothing to add to the information that Assistant City Administrator Blakemore had provided in his report.

Public Works Director Howard Moser advised that they are still taking tree requests, and they are due by the end of this week. There has been discussion for aeration solutions at the Indian Trails pond. A quote was received from Marine Biochemists in Elburn, and an agreement was signed to install diffusers in the pond. The milling at Deerpass Unit 6 was started today. IDOT was out on Grant Highway, at the corner

of West Street and Rt. 20, removing the sidewalk approaches. These will be replaced with ADA compliant ones.

Sergeant Fritz noted that a report had been included in the board packet. He updated the Council on the progress of Officer McKinley, and information on the new candidate is progressing through the process with a possible September start date.

City Engineer Tim Hartnett had submitted a written report, and had nothing further to add.

City Attorney Carlos Arevalo had no report.

REPORTS AND STATEMENTS FROM CITY COUNCIL

Alderman Mortensen attended the July 28th meeting of the Cemetery Board, and was pleased with the information discussed.

Alderman Smith requested that an article be added to the next newsletter outlining the City Ordinance explaining the responsibility of dog owners and dog walkers to pick up after their animals (i.e. droppings). This has become a big problem in his subdivision, and hopefully this reminder will help alleviate the problem. Mayor Koziol agreed with this suggestion, and also recommended including other ordinances as well. Assistant Administrator Blakemore suggested putting information on basic City Ordinances, in document form, and asking the Chamber of Commerce to include it in their "New Residents" welcome bag.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a. *Executive Session Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1) regarding the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees, and 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (3) Selection/Appointment of person to fill public office*

Alderman Steve Mortensen made a motion, seconded by Alderman Nicole DeBoer, to enter Executive Session pursuant to 5ILCS 120/2 (c) (1) regarding the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees, and 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (3) Selection/Appointment of person to fill public office. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

*The City Council recessed at 7:38 PM.
The City Council reconvened at 8:21 PM.*

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 at 8:21 PM.


Constance J. Boateimer
City Clerk

The City Council approved these minutes on August 28, 2017.