

**APPROVED**

**MARENGO CITY COUNCIL  
Special Meeting Minutes  
City Council Chambers  
132 E. Prairie Street  
Marengo, IL 60152  
January 16, 2018**

**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, Brett Martin, Todd Hall and Steve Mortensen. Also present is City Administrator Joshua Blakemore, Chief of Police Richard Solarz, Public Works Director Howard Moser Acting City Attorney David McArdle, and Finance Director Jennifer Snelten.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There was none.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** *–December 18, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes*

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Mike Smith, to approve the minutes from the December 18, 2017 meeting pending the correction of the voting record on item b under new business-Tax Levy. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

Nays: 0

The motion passed.

**APPROVAL OF LIST OF BILLS**

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Steve Mortensen, 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. *Presentation and discussion with firms submitting statements of qualifications for wastewater engineering services.*

In attendance this evening representing Trotter and Associates, Inc. was Scott Trotter, Brandon Thomas, Chris Marschinke, and Robert Benson. The associates for Trotter and Associates, Inc. gave a 35 minute long presentation outlining their experience, current and past projects and a current Marengo WWTP overview. After their presentation, they answered questions from Aldermen and staff.

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**MAYOR'S STATEMENTS AND REPORTS**

Mayor Koziol stated once a firm is chosen, they will meeting with WWTP employees to evaluate the current WWTP.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD AND STAFF REPORTS**

*City Administrator Joshua Blakemore* Discussed the agenda for the 1/22/18 meeting. He stated that there is a meeting with Williams Brothers coming up and a conference call with Ovivo and Williams Brothers as well, all to discuss the WWTP. He will notify Strand Engineering that we will schedule them for either 1/22/18 or 1/29/18 meeting. The Semi-Annual Executive Session minutes are available in the Clerk's office to review before the 1/22/18 meeting.

*Finance Director Jennifer Snelten* stated that November's month end report was submitted and December will be in an upcoming packet.

*Public Works Director Howard Moser* had no report.

*Chief of Police Rich Solarz* stated that the Police Department sent their breathalyzer to be repaired. The warranty expired a short time ago, but he is hoping to still get it covered. He explained that the PD is using a new program that will allow residents the ability to report street light outages, potholes and home vacation checks via a website called Frontline. The service is being paid for by the City of McHenry (dispatch service provider). The link is on our website. He is working with MRSD, MFPD & the UFPD for funding to get an alarm on the T1 line that runs from City Hall to the water tower. That line operates the tornado sirens. Officer Gehrke retired at the beginning of the month, there will be a retirement gathering on Friday, January 26<sup>th</sup>. The McHenry County Chiefs Association is having an Officer of the Year award ceremony on Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup>. MPD has four officers up for the award.

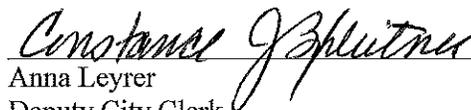
*Acting City Attorney David McArdle* had no report.

**REPORTS AND STATEMENTS FROM CITY COUNCIL**

There was none.

**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 8:54 PM.

  
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Anna Leyrer  
Deputy City Clerk

The City Council approved these minutes on February 12, 2018.