

APPROVED
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MARENGO CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
City Council Chambers
132 E. Prairie Street
Marengo, IL 60152
February 12, 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 and Todd Hall. Also present are City Administrator Joshua Blakemore, Chief of Police Richard Solarz, Public Works Director Howard Moser, Acting City Attorney David McArdle and Finance Director Jennifer Snelten. Alderman Steve Mortensen and City Engineer Tim Hartnett were absent.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Gene Carroccia, on behalf of WXMR Radio, reminded the Council members to speak into their microphones so the recording that is broadcasted on Tuesday and Saturday is clear and concise.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

January 16, 2018 Special City Council - January 22, 2018 Regular City Council & January 29, 2018 Special City Council

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Michael Smith, to approve the minutes from the January 16th, 2018 Special City Council meeting, the January 22, 2018 Regular City Council meeting, and the January 29th, 2018 Special City Council meeting. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

APPROVAL OF LIST OF BILLS

There were questions from the Council on 2 invoices, with explanations provided.

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

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

NEW BUSINESS

a. Discussion and Direction Regarding Firms Submitting Statements of Qualifications for Wastewater Engineering Services

Administrator Blakemore provided information from the wastewater staff on their thoughts as to the firms being considered for engineering purposes. After extensive discussion by the Council, the list of firms considered was reduced to 3. Those are Strand Associates, McMahan and Associates, and Fehr Graham. (Alderman Mortensen, while being absent from the meeting, did respond earlier via text on his preferences.) Attorney McArdle recommended following up with each of the firms on whether they would support a claim, if one should occur. Mayor Koziol requested that we, the City, do quick internet searches on each of these firms, as the next step in this process.

b. Motion to Authorize the Execution of an Agreement with George Roach & Associates for Completion of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2017/2018, in an amount not to exceed \$18,000

Finance Director Snelten advised that we have used George Roach & Associates for the audit for many years. Bids were requested a couple of years ago, and they were very competitive in the pricing. Staff is recommending staying with them as they are familiar with the City.

Alderman Michael Smith made a motion, seconded by Alderman Nicole DeBoer, to authorize the execution of an agreement with George Roach & Associates for completion of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2017/2018, in an amount not to exceed \$18,000. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

c. Motion to Authorize the Execution of a Statute of Limitations Tolling Agreement with Williams Brother Construction, Inc and Ovivo USA, LLC

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Michael Smith, to authorize the execution of a Statute of Limitations Tolling Agreement with Williams Brother Construction, Inc and Ovivo USA, LLC. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

d. Motion to Authorize the Execution of a Statute of Limitations Tolling Agreement with HR Green

Alderman Michael Smith made a motion, seconded by Alderman Nicole DeBoer, to authorize the execution of a Statute of Limitations Tolling Agreement with HR Green. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

MAYOR'S STATEMENTS AND REPORTS

Mayor Koziol met today with Jim McConoughey with the McHenry County EDC. He provided information to the City on the potential of getting an economic development consultant on board to help with the development of the property near the toll-way. He was invited to tour the Uni-Carriers plant, and was impressed with their operation. The snow event showed how well the City crew handled the 9 days of snow. He is trying to attend other Cities council meetings to view how they operate. Woodstock has established a Capital Improvement Plan, and would like Marengo to start working on such a plan.

DEPARTMENT HEAD AND STAFF REPORTS

Finance Director Jennifer Snelten had no report.

Public Works Director Howard Moser also expressed praise for the crews work on clearing snow. There was a main break on Saturday that was dealt with quickly. The street crew is working now on removing the snow piles from the downtown area. The City will be meeting this Friday with a local contractor to discuss the possibility of asphalt milling for certain areas. There was a meeting with Drydon Equipment recently on the remote login device for the Sonolyzer, and it was determined that the device is still functional, and that they (Drydon) do have a flow meter that they will lend the City until we receive the unit that is on order.

Mayor Koziol spoke briefly about a jobs list that Howard had provided to the Mayor of existing equipment, that will need to be replaced in the future. He will see that all the Council receive that list for their review.

Chief of Police Rich Solarz noted that the Police Commission met last week. The candidate has passed the polygraph test, and the department needs direction from the Council to move forward with the psychological exam, but that can only be ordered if a contingent job offer is made to the candidate. The Council authorized Chief Solarz to proceed.

City Administrator Joshua Blakemore spoke briefly about the Uni-Carriers tour, and also mentioned that they are looking to expand their location. He noted that work on possible legislation regarding police retirement has recently been discussed with Woodstock, who is working to draft legislation that would combine the police pensions into one IMRF type statewide system. He reviewed the normal budget process with the Council, noting that preliminary information will be presented to the Council in March, with voting on the budget in April. There are 2 possible items for the March PZC. The first is the Dunkin Donuts project. The second is the Solar Farm – Sun East project. A question was asked regarding the possible acceleration of the ramp work for the toll-way project, but nothing definite has been done at this time. When asked about who has the authority for the ramp work, Administrator Blakemore noted that the two entities – IDOT and Tollway Authority – are supposed to be working together on the project.

Acting City Attorney David McArdle noted that his report would be given during Executive Session.

City Clerk Connie Boxleitner spoke about the coming election. The City is providing corrected ward information to the County Clerk's office. If a problem occurs during the March election, she noted that any problems should be reported to County Clerk Mary McClellan. Her phone number is 815-334-4242. Alderman DeBoer added that if someone is given a ballot that is incorrect, do not use the ballot. Once they use the ballot, that vote counts. Please check your ballots carefully.

REPORTS AND STATEMENTS FROM CITY COUNCIL

Alderman Keenum noted that a report from the cemetery board had been received. Mayor Koziol talked about the open position on the board, and that he is “playing phone tag” with a resident that is interested in being on that board. That should be completed soon.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a. *Discussion of Personnel, Collective Bargaining, Pending or Imminent Litigation and Semi-Annual Review of Executive Session Minutes Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1) (2) (11) (21)*

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Michael Smith, to go to Executive Session for Discussion of Personnel, Collective Bargaining, Pending or Imminent Litigation and Semi-Annual Review of Executive Session Minutes Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1) (2) (11) (21). The aldermen voted as follows:

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


*The meeting recessed at 8:07 PM.
The meeting reconvened at 8:38 PM.*

ROLL CALL

Present following the Executive Session are: Mayor John Koziol; Aldermen Nicole DeBoer, Dennis Hammortree, Matt Keenum, Michael Smith, Mike Miller, Todd Hall and Brett Martin. Also present are City Administrator Joshua Blakemore and Acting City Attorney David McArdle.

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 8:39 PM.



Constance J. Boxleitner
City Clerk

The City Council approved these minutes on February 26, 2018.