

**APPROVED**

**MARENGO CITY COUNCIL  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
City Council Chambers  
132 E. Prairie Street  
Marengo, IL 60152  
April 9, 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 are City Administrator Joshua Blakemore, Chief of Police Richard Solarz, Acting City Attorney David McArdle, City Engineer Tim Hartnett and Finance Director Jennifer Snelten. Public Works Director Howard Moser was absent.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION** - Zion Lutheran Varsity Boys Basketball Team 3<sup>rd</sup> place in State & 4<sup>th</sup> Place Nationally for the Lutheran School Association.

Coach David Wascher presented certificates to each member of the team. Coach Wascher introduced Coach Hunter and Scott Shepard.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – *March 26, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes*

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

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

Nays: 0

The motion passed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

*a. Motion to Approve Settlers' Days Inc request for Spring Fling*

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Steve Mortensen, to approve the request by Settlers' Days Inc for a Spring Fling – with a request for dates of May 17, 18, 19 & 20, 2018. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

*b. Motion to Approve an Ordinance Granting a Special Use Permit for a Planned Unit Development at 20009 – 20015 East Grant Highway*

Administrator Blakemore updated the Council, noting that the PZC had reviewed the special use permit being requested. The PZC approved the request, and recommended the approval of Council. He noted that if there is a change to the second development site, the developer/owner would be required to come back before the Council with a request to amend the original PUD. IDOT has reviewed the site access that is applicable to both buildings, and the storm water management, and has given their preliminary approval for the project. A question regarding the storm water area was answered by Engineer Hartnett, explaining that when the original traffic study was done, it was submitted to IDOT and received their concurrence and that they (IDOT) would not be asking for additional right-of-way. Jim Condon then spoke to the Council and answered questions regarding the second building use.

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Todd Hall, to approve an ordinance granting a special use permit for a Planned Unit Development at 20009 – 20015 East Grant Highway. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

**MAYOR'S STATEMENT AND REPORT**

*Mayor Koziol* talked briefly about the recent meeting with community leaders and plans that are in the works, including the fireworks project. There are tentatively 5 projects that are being considered, including one in the spring, Settlers' Days, one in the summer (fireworks), and one in the winter.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD AND STAFF REPORTS**

*Finance Director Jennifer Snelten* had no report.

*Chief of Police Rich Solarz* noted that Officer Wajda has completed his first week of training and is doing well. Officer Hernandez is on her own for patrol, and is on the midnight shift.

*City Engineer Tim Hartnett* had submitted a written update on current projects, and added that Mayor Koziol, Administrator Blakemore and the team from HR Green met with McHenry County DOT, covering the status of the toll-way project. The expedited time frame for this project is for the bid opening of December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 with the project slated to be completed by the end of 2019.

*City Administrator Joshua Blakemore* added that working with the County, on this project, has been great. An RFQ has been prepared for an Economic Development Consultant, and it has been forwarded to Jim McConoughey (McHenry County EDC), for his review and comments. The next Council meeting will include the proposed budget for approval by the Council. The PZC next meeting will be the continuation of the public hearing on the Solar Farm proposal. Also presented that evening will be information on the shooting range proposal. NiCor will be attending the next regular City Council meeting, to explain some of the improvements that they are making in the community.

*Acting City Attorney David McArdle* updated the Council on the 300 West LLC / Arnold Engineering situation. An environmental report has been submitted by 300 West to the IEPA, and that entity has until June to review the report. This information has been reported to the judge. The Attorney General, along

with the City of Marengo, has been pushing 300 West to complete the issues that were sent to them last fall. An agreement was received last week from 300 West, but it only addressed 2 provisions from the original issues. Attorney McArdle is returning the proposed agreement to 300 West, advising that it doesn't qualify as a valid agreement as it doesn't address all the issues. When a valid agreement is submitted, he will bring that before the Council for review.

*City Clerk Connie Boxleitner* reported that the Cemetery Board is planning a clean-up weekend this coming weekend at the cemetery. Any and all residents of the City are invited to participate to help clear debris from the gravesites.

**REPORTS AND STATEMENTS FROM CITY COUNCIL**

Alderman Smith asked if the design contest for the new city sticker has been done, and Administrator Blakemore advised that it was done, and the winner would be attending the next Council meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Steve Mortensen, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed with a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.

  
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*Constance J. Boxleitner*  
City Clerk

The City Council approved these minutes on April 23, 2018.