

**MARENGO CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
City Council Chambers
132 E. Prairie Street
Marengo, IL 60152
May 14, 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 Mike Miller, Michael Smith, Nicole DeBoer, Brett Martin, Todd Hall and Steve Mortensen. Also present are City Administrator Joshua Blakemore, Chief of Police Richard Solarz, Public Works Director Howard Moser, Acting City Attorney David Mc Ardle, and Finance Director Jennifer Snelten.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION - 2018 Vehicle Sticker Contest Winner – Elizabeth Martin

Mayor Koziol presented a certificate and a check to the contest winner, Elizabeth Martin.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A resident addressed the Council regarding the need for road repairs on East Greenlee Street. It was noted that the street is a private street and has never been formally accepted by the City. The City will look into working with the property owner to solve the street repair problems.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 23, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Michael Smith, to approve the minutes from the meeting. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

Nays: 0

Absent: Keenum & Hammortree

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, Mortensen, DeBoer, Miller, Martin and Smith

Nays: 0

Absent: Hammortree & Keenum

The motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

a. American Legion Poppy Days Proclamation by Mayor Koziol

Mayor Koziol read the proclamation, noting that Poppy Days this year will be May 18th and 19th. He asked everyone to be generous with their donations.

b. Motion to Approve to Mayor's Appointment of Officers and Commissions

Mayor Koziol submitted a list of appointments to the Council for their approval. They are as follows:

City Administrator	Joshua Blakemore
Chief of Police	Richard Solarz
Police Pension Board	James Hare (2 year term that expires in 2020)
Planning & Zoning Commission	Ryan Varney (5 year term that expires in 2023)
	Richard Piwonka (5 year term that expires in 2023)
	Corey Brackmann (5 year term that expires in 2023)
	One member opening (currently looking for applicants)
Fire and Police Commission	Amy Thiede (3 year term that expires in 2021)

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Steve Mortensen, to approve the Mayor's appointment of officers and commissions. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

c. Motion to Approve the Annual Report of Police Pension Fund for FY 2017/2018

Finance Director Jennifer Snelten reviewed the report with the Council.

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Steve Mortensen, to approve the annual report of the Police Pension Fund for FY 2017/2018. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

d. Discussion and Direction on Potential Paving and Road Improvement Projects for 2018

Director of Public Works, Howard Moser, discussed the need for repairs for all of Eisenhower Street, part of Keppler Drive, and part of Johnson Street. These areas are rated as a 1 on the scale of needs for repairs (with a 1 being the worst and a 10 being the best). He had acquired 3 proposals from contractors to get an idea of what that cost would be. The original proposal was for repairs from start to finish. There are currently only enough funds to mill 2" off the surface of those streets. The City crew would then be able to lay the asphalt. He would recommend going with Schroeder Asphalt Services, with a projected cost of \$11,666.85. He estimated that it would take about 2 weeks for the City crew to do this project, where this company would do the work in 1 day. This project would extend the life of those streets by 10 years.

Administrator Blakemore advised that if the Council approved to this project, it would be placed on the agenda for next meeting, going with the Schroeder proposal. Attorney McArdle noted that the Council would need to waive the bid process at the next meeting. The Council gave approval to proceed.

e. Motion to Approve a Resolution Authorizing the Use of Motor Fuel Tax Funds for FY 2018/2019

Administrator Blakemore advised that this resolution is per IDOT regulations. This resolution indicates that amount of funds that the City anticipates using this year, including the salt expenses.

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Michael Smith, to approve a resolution authorizing the use of Motor Fuel Tax Funds for FY 2018/2019. The aldermen voted as follows:

Ayes: Miller, Smith, DeBoer, Mortensen, Hall and Martin
Nays: 0
Absent: Keenum and Hammortree

The motion passed.

f. Motion to Approve an Intergovernmental Agreement Regarding the Shared Telecommunications Services

Chief Solarz reviewed the IGA between the City of Marengo, the Marengo Fire District, Marengo/Union Rescue District, the Village of Union, and the Union Fire District. The term of the agreement is from May 1st, 2018 and will continue indefinitely until terminated, for convenience, by any of the Parties upon written notice to the other Parties.

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Steve Mortensen, to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement regarding the Shared Telecommunication Services. The aldermen voted as follows:

Ayes: Smith, DeBoer, Martin, Miller, Mortensen and Hall
Nays: 0
Absent: Keenum and Hammortree

The motion passed.

g. Motion to Waive Formal Bid Process and Accept a Proposal for Police Department Squad Purchase in an Amount not to Exceed \$27,861

Chief Solarz spoke about the change from the Ford Interceptor Sedan (which is being discontinued by Ford) to a Ford SUV. The vehicle base price is \$26,456, and with the requested options, increases to \$27,861.

Alderman Michael Smith made a motion, seconded by Alderman Nicole DeBoer, to waive the formal bid process and accept a proposal for a Police Department squad purchase, in an amount not to exceed \$27.861. The aldermen voted as follows:

Ayes: DeBoer, Mortensen, Smith, Miller, Hall and Martin
Nays: 0
Absent: Hammortree and Keenum

The motion passed.

h. Discussion and Direction on Water and Sewer Rates

Administrator Blakemore reviewed the previous discussion on the water/sewer rates, and the possible increases being looked at. Other municipalities were shown, outlining the increases that are being done and the various percentages done. The previous proposals that were discussed were to do either a 1% or a 2% increase. While the Council does not want to even think about increasing water/sewer rates, they do understand the necessity of keeping the fund in the black. The Council felt that an option of going with a minimum increase of 1% and a cap of 3%, which is similar to how this is done in Maple Park. This would be reviewed, in a report, on an annual basis by the Council.

MAYOR'S STATEMENT AND REPORT

Mayor Koziol noted that he will be interviewing 3 people to fill the one position on the PZC.

DEPARTMENT HEAD AND STAFF REPORTS

Finance Director Jennifer Snelten noted that the April month end report, along with the budget, was given in the board packet.

Public Works Director Howard Moser advised that Angela, the administrative assistant at the Public Works Department, has tendered her resignation, as she is moving. The summer intern started today. IDOT has approved the permit for the new signs for the crosswalks – at a cost of \$10,847.40. The funds for these signs are from TIF fund from the Downtown TIF. There are scheduled improvements for Route 23, in the downtown area, and he is recommending not installing the new signs until after the repairs are completed, to avoid having to do the installation of the signs twice. He updated the Council with what is happening at Well 6. Howard noted for the record “We did speak to the IEPA. We did tell them what we were going to do, and they did approve it. They are on board and know what we are doing. This is just for the treating of the problem.” The latest Information on the centrifuge (previously discussed with the Council) has been received from the company that has the part and is working on repairing it. He will keep the Council updated on what is happening.

Chief of Police Rich Solarz had nothing further.

City Administrator Joshua Blakemore discussed various road projects that are happening in the Marengo area. FY 2018/2019 Budget books were handed out. The next scheduled meeting will be on Tuesday the 29th of May.

Acting City Attorney David McArdle had nothing to report in open session.

City Clerk Boxleitner thanked all the elected officials for submitting their Statement of Economic interests.

REPORTS AND STATEMENTS FROM CITY COUNCIL

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

a. Discussion of Collective Bargaining Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (2)

Alderman Steve Mortensen made a motion, seconded by Alderman Nicole DeBoer, to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of a discussion on Collective Bargaining Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (2). The aldermen voted as follows:

Aye: Smith, Martin, Hall, DeBoer, Miller and Mortensen

Nay: 0

Absent: Keenum and Hammortree

The motion passed.

The meeting recessed at 8:02 PM.

The meeting reconvened at 8:27 PM.

ROLL CALL

Returning from Executive Session are the following: Mayor Koziol, Aldermen Brett Martin, Todd Hall, Michael Smith, Nicole DeBoer, Steve Mortensen and Mike Miller. Also present are City Administrator Joshua Blakemore and Acting City Attorney David McArdle.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. *Motion to Approve an Agreement with the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police, Representing Patrol Officers*

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Michael Smith, to approve an agreement with the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police, representing Patrol Officers. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

Nays: 0

Absent: Hammortree and Keenum

The motion passed.

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 8:30 PM.



Constance J. Boudinot
City Clerk

The City Council approved these minutes on May 29, 2018.