

**MARENGO CITY COUNCIL**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**City Council Chambers**  
**132 E. Prairie Street**  
**Marengo, IL 60152**  
**May 29, 2018**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor John Koziol called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor John 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 and Brett Martin. 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. Aldermen Dennis Hammortree, Todd Hall, Steve Mortensen and City Engineer Tim Hartnett were absent.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 14, 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: DeBoer, Miller, Smith and Martin  
Nays: 0  
Absent: Hammortree, Hall and Mortensen  
Abstain: Keenum

The motion passed.

**APPROVAL OF LIST OF BILLS**

Questions regarding invoices from Axon Enterprise, Inc (purchase of 2 tasers and related items), and engraving services of 3 “Welcome” signs. Explanations were provided on both.

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

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

The motion passed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

*a. Presentation from NiCor on an Infrastructure Initiative: Investing in Illinois*

David Pietryla, Manager of Community Relations in McHenry County NiCor Gas. He presented information to the City Council on the modernization that is happening with NiCor, named “Investing in Illinois”. The modernization program began in 2015, with the replacement of aging nature gas pipelines,

as well as replacing of storage systems. This is a 10 year program, and is scheduled to end in 7 years. These improvements will help to ensure the safety of every family Nicor serves. Contact for work being done is handled through letters, emails, text notifications, door hangers and yard flags. The cost for the modernization has been on customer bills since March of 2015.

*b. Motion to Accept a Proposal from Schroeder Asphalt Services in an amount not to exceed \$11,667 for Street Milling Services*

Public Works Director Howard Moser reviewed the information on the work being proposed for Eisenhower and Kepler streets. The work being proposed would involve asphalt milling of the streets, in the amount of \$11,666.85. The City crew would then lay new asphalt during regular hours.

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Matt Keenum, to accept a proposal from Schroeder Asphalt Services, in an amount not to exceed \$11,667 for street milling services. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

*c. Discussion and Direction on Options for Second Centrifuge Unit at the Wastewater Treatment Plant*

Public Works Director Howard Moser updated the Council with information regarding the second centrifuge unit that is currently at Centrisys. Originally, the Council had approved spending \$4,400 to evaluate the units. Centrisys estimate it would cost around \$40,955 to get one of the units “up and running”. The cost to replace the unit is \$300,000. After discussing this with Strand Associates, their recommendation was to not make the repairs, due to the age of the unit. Centrisys is requesting a payment in the amount of \$10,768, which included repairs made to the unit, but had not been authorized by the City.

The Council agreed with Howard to pay the original agreed amount of \$4,400, clarify with them that the City is not authorizing any other repairs or work, and to discuss with them surrendering the units to Centrisys.

*d. Motion to Approve an Ordinance Amending Chapter 23 of the Marengo Municipal Code Regarding Subdivisions*

Administrator Joshua Blakemore reviewed this ordinance which will add enforcement provisions to the Marengo Municipal Code. Attorney David McArdle clarified how this would be incorporated.

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Matt Keenum, to approve an Ordinance amending Chapter 23 of the Marengo Municipal Code regarding subdivisions. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

**MAYOR’S STATEMENT AND REPORT**

Mayor Koziol had no report.

## DEPARTMENT HEAD AND STAFF REPORTS

*Finance Director Jennifer Snelten* advised that the audit preparation work is done, and the flash drive has been sent to the auditor. The process is moving along smoothly.

*Public Works Director Howard Moser* advised on the patching of City streets following the repairs for utility work. He noted that there is nothing new to report on the Sonalyzer. Applications are being accepted for the administrative assistant position. There is progress being made at Well 6, but is still not perfect. They will continue to work on it, and should see success in eliminating the problem shortly. He reported that Erik Evertsen has passed his Class 1 Wastewater Operator exam.

*Chief of Police Rich Solarz* had filed a written report, but added that Officer Jacob Wajda is doing well at the academy. The department shoot will be next week, which was originally to be done last week, but had to be cancelled and rescheduled due to the recent thunderstorms.

*City Administrator Joshua Blakemore* updated the Council on meetings between the City and Enel and Sun East on the proposed solar farm, to work on the final details for the annexation agreement. This should be ready to bring before the Council for the June 25<sup>th</sup> meeting, for the Public Hearing portion of the process. There was a meeting this afternoon with the Teamsters, and hopefully the collective bargaining with them is finished. This agreement should be ready to be reviewed by the Council at the June 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. The City continues to monitor the State Budget, and when more information is available, he will update the Council.

Alderman Smith asked if there was any more information on the toll-way project, specifically the roundabouts that will be installed in 3 locations. Administrator Blakemore advised that the projected early start date is in 2019.

*Attorney David McArdle* advised that he is working on the paperwork relating to the sewer/water rate increase, but needed additional information on the CPI, etc. This should be on the June 11<sup>th</sup> agenda for Council approval. David then verified that the payment on the centrifuge in the amount of \$4400 would be made, if the company accepts that amount, and then the City will either leave the machine there (to be disposed of by Centrisys), or bring it back to the City. If there is any problem with the payment, it will be brought back before the Council.

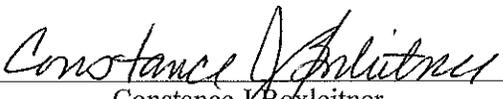
## REPORTS AND STATEMENTS FROM CITY COUNCIL

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 7:46 PM.*

  
Constance J. Boxleitner  
City Clerk

The City Council approved these minutes on June 11, 2018.