

MARENGO CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
City Council Chambers
132 E. Prairie Street
Marengo, IL 60152
July 9, 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 (entered meeting at 7:05 PM), Dennis Hammortree, 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 McArdle and Finance Director Jennifer Snelten.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – *June 25, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes*

Alderman Michael Smith made a motion, seconded by Alderman Todd Hall, to approve the minutes from the June 25th, 2018 meeting. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

Nays: 0

Absent: DeBoer

The motion passed.

APPROVAL OF LIST OF BILLS

Alderman Hammortree questioned the invoice from Strand Associates, and Public Works Director Moser clarified the hours involved. He expressed concern about not receiving reports from the engineering firm.

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

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

Nays: Hammortree

The motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Motion to approve Marengo Zion Lutheran's 3K run/walk event request

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Steve Mortensen, to approve the 3K Run/Walk Event by Marengo Zion Lutheran. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

Nays: 0

The motion passed.

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Todd Hall, to approve an Ordinance making the Appropriations for FY 2018/2019 and Certification of Estimated Revenues, in the amount of \$13,840,183. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

Nays: 0

The motion passed.

- e. Motion to Approve an Ordinance Amending Chapter 6, Streets, Sidewalks and Public Ways; Amending Chapter 38, Construction of Utility Facilities in the Right of Way; and Providing for the Regulation of, and Application for, Small Wireless Facilities in the City of Marengo*

Administrator Blakemore reviewed the information that was provided by Ruth Schlossberg (with ZRFM) regarding the small cell questions asked at the prior meeting. The new legislation, from the Illinois General Assembly, is required, and while that legislation takes away a great deal of municipal discretion, the ordinance and the pole attachment agreement do protect some City rights.

Alderman Michael Smith made a motion, seconded by Alderman Nicole DeBoer, to approve an ordinance amending Chapter 6, Streets, Sidewalks and Public Ways; amending Chapter 38, Construction of Utility Facilities in the right of Way; and providing for the regulation of, and application for, small wireless facilities in the City of Marengo. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

Nays: Hammortree

The motion passed.

In voting on this Ordinance, Alderman DeBoer stated: "I will second the motion, but only because we basically HAVE to pass it." Alderman Miller stated: " Yes (during the vote), but only because we don't have a choice." Alderman Hall stated: "Yes (during the vote), but only because we HAVE to do it."

- f. Motion to Ratify Authorization of Gas Handling System Repairs at the Wastewater Treatment Plant with Varec Biogas in an amount not to exceed \$22,324.*

Public Works Director Moser reminded the Council that this was approved at the last meeting, as it involved a safety issue at the plant, and is being presented this evening for ratification by the Council. The parts have been ordered, and should be ready to be installed in 2 to 4 weeks.

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Todd Hall, to ratify authorization of gas handling system repairs at the Wastewater Treatment Plant with Varec Biogas, in an amount not to exceed \$22,324. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

Nays: Hammortree

The motion passed.

MAYOR'S STATEMENT AND REPORT

Mayor Koziol thanked everyone for agreeing on the two items discussed this evening (hiring of a lobbying consultant and an EDC company) in trying to bring Marengo forward. As there is no guarantee that the City will see results from this action, the City has to start "growing up a little bit" and hopefully this will be part of that process. He then expressed pleasure on the fireworks. It was an extremely hot day. He gave a big thanks to all the people that participated, and also to the aldermen that helped out. The fundraising for this event was a great success.

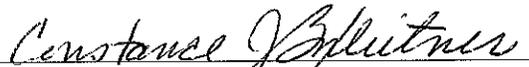
REPORTS AND STATEMENTS FROM CITY COUNCIL

Alderman Keenum thanked everyone for their help on the Summerfest. He specifically wanted to thank the new employee, Gillian Mobley for volunteering at the City tent.

The Executive Session that is indicated on the agenda was removed.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Todd Hall, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed with a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:04 P.M.


Constance J. Boxleitner
City Clerk

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