

MARENGO CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
City Council Chambers
132 E. Prairie Street
Marengo, IL 60152
July 23, 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 (entered the meeting at 7:05 PM), Nicole DeBoer, Brett Martin and Todd Hall. Also present are City Administrator Joshua Blakemore, Chief of Police Richard Solarz, Public Works Director Howard Moser, Christie Caldarella (sitting on for Tim Hartnett, City Engineer) and Attorney Jennifer Gibson (sitting in for Acting City Attorney David McArdle). Alderman Steve Mortensen, Dennis Hammortree and Matt Keenum were absent, along with Finance Director Jennifer Snelten.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Several people, who reside on or near Coon Creek Road, addressed the Council regarding a resolution under consideration this evening for the possible closing of Coon Creek Road. Mayor Koziol clarified that there is no talk of closing Coon Creek Road. Some of the concern, as well, involved flooding that occurs in the area. Mayor Koziol suggested that they contact Riley Township for a solution to that problem.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – July 9, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Michael Smith, to approve the July 9, 2018 minutes. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

NEW BUSINESS

a. Report from Marengo Cemetery Board, and direction on funding for Cemetery operations
Administrator Blakemore reported that Marty Moore was not able to attend the meeting this evening due to a work commitment. He has asked that this be revisited at the first Council meeting in August. The Council was asked to email questions to Josh, so he in turn can provide them to Marty for answers.

- b. *Motion to accept bid from Trine Construction Corporation, for water main replacement project, in an amount not to exceed \$1,372,051.50, and authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the corresponding contract upon approval by the City Engineer*

Administrator Blakemore noted that 3 bids had been received on this project, and the low bid was from Trine Construction. All the bids that were received were under the projected cost of \$1,600,000. Sitting in for City Engineer Tim Hartnett was Christie Caldarella, who was the design engineer of this project. Funding for this project will be from a bond originally issued in 2014 for water improvement.

Alderman Michael Smith made a motion, seconded by Alderman Nicole DeBoer, to accept the bid from Trine Construction Corporation, for the water main replacement project, in an amount not to exceed \$1,372,051.50, and also authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the corresponding contract upon approval by the City Engineer. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

- c. *Motion to approve an amendment to the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Teamsters Local 700*

Administrator Blakemore explained the necessity of approving this amendment to the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Teamsters Local 700 – following a recent Supreme Court ruling. This amendment removes all references to fair share provisions and brings the CBA into compliance with the Supreme Court Ruling.

Alderman Todd Hall made a motion, seconded by Alderman Mike Miller, to approve an amendment to the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Teamsters Local 700. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

- d. *Motion to approve a resolution providing direction not to pursue or support access on Route 23, between Coon Creek Road and Harmony Road*

Administrator Blakemore restated that this resolution does not close Coon Creek Road. He will contact the design engineer and have the exhibit “cleaned up” to show the area North of Coon Creek Road. The resolution this evening is to prevent the “fourth leg” off each of the roundabouts. IDOT has requested that the City approve this resolution. Alderman DeBoer recommended amending the wording to read: “Not pursue or support any additional or new access”. There is concern about the limited access for Coon Creek Road, currently shown as right in and right out only. This will be discussed with the design engineer and IDOT.

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Todd Hall, to approve a resolution providing direction not to pursue or support additional or new access on Route 23, between Coon Creek Road and Harmony Road. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

MAYOR’S STATEMENT AND REPORT

Mayor Koziol had nothing to report this evening.

DEPARTMENT HEAD AND STAFF REPORTS

Public Works Director Howard Moser spoke about a meeting this coming Wednesday on the Route 23 improvements. Thompson Linear is interested in getting involved more in the community, and on the 30th, 6 of their employees will go around town and pick up liter. He will be meeting with the City Engineer (Tim Hartnett) this Thursday regarding the revolving loan fund project. The City staff, along with Schroder Asphalt, was able to complete the work on Eisenhower and Keppler Streets. The street crew will be filling pot holes this week.

Chief of Police Rich Solarz noted that 45 persons attended the recent orientation and written test for the patrol exam at the high school last Saturday. The F.O.P. is looking at the Supreme Court Ruling on Fair Share to determine how it would affect them, and if they are in compliance. Three officers have taken the sergeants exam.

City Administrator Joshua Blakemore added to Director Moser’s information on the Rt. 23 improvement project, adding that IDOT would be doing repaving from Route 14 to I-90. The project has dates of August of 2018 to June of 2019. He reviewed the various areas under consideration for repairs. The Economic Development consultant will be holding regular routine office hours, and she has met with the Chairman of the McHenry County Economic Development Corporation. If any Council member has any questions for her, please get them to Administrator Blakemore and he will see that she gets the question. This goes for the lobbyist as well, any questions, let him know. He is seeking priority lists from all the aldermen, so the lobbyist has our priorities to work on. Alderman Smith questioned if Prospect Street is considered to be a truck route, and if so, is there any state of county relief, in the form of funding, to cover the cost of repairs to that road. Administrator Blakemore replied that it is considered a truck route, and as a designated FAU route is to work with the local Council of Mayors for funding. That entity right now is not doing any projects.

REPORTS AND STATEMENTS FROM CITY COUNCIL

Alderman DeBoer asked if the report that Alderman Hammortree was putting together for a solution to the problem with the Sonalyzer unit had been received, and Mayor Koziol said that he had not received anything yet.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

a. Discussion of Pending or Imminent Litigation Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (11)

Alderman Todd Hall made a motion, seconded by Alderman Nicole DeBoer, to enter Executive Session for a discussion of pending or imminent litigation pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (11). The aldermen voted as follows:

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

*The Regular Meeting recessed at 7:37 PM.
The Regular Meeting reconvened at 7:44 PM.*

ROLL CALL FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION

Returning from Executive Session are Mayor John Koziol; Aldermen DeBoer, Smith, Miller, Hall and Martin. Also present are Attorney Jennifer Gibson (sitting in for City Attorney David McArdle) and City Administrator Joshua Blakemore.

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 7:45 PM.



Constance J. Bollittner
City Clerk

The City Council approved these minutes on August 13, 2018.