

MARENGO CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
City Council Chambers
132 E. Prairie Street
Marengo, IL 60152
August 27, 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, 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. Alderman Dennis Hammortree and City Engineer Tim Hartnett were absent.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A resident expressed concerns regarding the possible poultry processing facility at the West end of town. She asked the Council for help in getting answers, from the County, to the questions the residents have.

Tim Ring, with the Marengo Farmers Market, thanked Chief Solarz and Sergeant Fritz for participating in the dunk tank. It was a big success.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August 13, 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: Keenum, Mortensen, DeBoer, Miller, Hall, Smith and Martin

Nays: 0

Absent: Hammortree

The motion passed.

APPROVAL OF LIST OF BILLS

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: 0

Absent: Hammortree

The motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Motion to Approve Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive Request

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Todd Hall, to approve the Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive request. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

b. Motion to approve Settlers' Days Inc Request

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Steve Mortensen, to approve the Settlers' Days Inc request. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

c. Fiscal Year 2018/2019 First Quarter Budget Report

Finance Director Jennifer Snelten reviewed the report with the Council. In the area of General Fund – Revenue, for the first quarter, 37.48% of the projected annual revenue has been received. In General Fund – Expenses, expenses were 29.89% of the projected annual expenses. In Water-Sewer Fund – Revenue, the current percentage is 25.48%. In Water-Sewer Fund – Expenses, records show 27.32%.

MAYOR'S STATEMENT AND REPORT

Mayor Koziol thanked Chief Solarz and Sergeant Fritz for participating in the dunk tank.

DEPARTMENT HEAD AND STAFF REPORTS

Finance Director Jennifer Snelten had no further report.

Public Works Director Howard Moser noted that there was nothing new to report on the Sonalyzer situation. Troy, with Strand Associates, is coming on Thursday to begin the evaluation process at the WWTP. Alliant Concrete is doing the work on the Route 23 resurfacing project (through IDOT). Howard also provided an update on the water main project along Route 20. There are 8 residents that are participating in the tree replanting project.

Chief of Police Rich Solarz noted that the Police Department Commission conducted oral interviews recently for new candidates, and will be conducting oral interviews for Sergeant in October. September 18th and 19th, the officers will be doing low light shootings. Officer Wajda is doing well on his FTO training, and should be on his own in October. The carpet should be laid by the end of this week. There is a delay in receiving the new squad car – Ford is behind in production.

City Administrator Joshua Blakemore spoke on the chicken processing location situation. The property is zoned manufacturing, and the County does not exclude the housing of chickens for property with that zoning. He clarified that the City does not have veto authority, only the ability to file an objection to the proposed use. The City will put a resolution together, to be presented to the County, on the objections that the City has for the proposed use.

Administrator Blakemore then updated the County on the Brackmann / Patel / Dunkin Donuts project. Mr. Brackmann and Mr. Patel have requested additional funds from TIF, as the original projection of costs for the water detention and storm were off. They are planning on attending the September 10th Council meeting to put forth their request to the Council.

The last item for the Council is the occupancy of the old Levin's building. It has been leased by a church, and the problem is that the State of Illinois does not allow a bar within 100' of a church. There was

discussion regarding future problems that might arise with the location of both properties. The Council recommended inviting all parties involved to attend the next Council meeting.

Acting City Attorney David McArdle had no report.

REPORTS AND STATEMENTS FROM CITY COUNCIL

None

Mayor Koziol advised that the Council would not be going into Executive Session this evening.

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 8:00 PM.



Constance J. Boxleitner
City Clerk

The City Council approved these minutes on September 10, 2018.