

**MARENGO CITY COUNCIL**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**City Council Chambers**  
**132 E. Prairie Street**  
**Marengo, IL 60152**  
**October 8, 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, Nicole DeBoer, Dennis Hammortree, Brett Martin, Todd Hall and Steve Mortensen. Also present are City Administrator Joshua Blakemore, Chief of Police Richard Solarz, Acting City Attorney David McArdle, City Engineer Tim Hartnett and Finance Director Jennifer Snelten.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – *September 24, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes*

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

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

Nays: 0

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, Hammortree, Mortensen, DeBoer, Miller, Martin and Keenum

Nays: 0

The motion passed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- a. *Motion to Accept Easements Designated on the Area Map Provided by Staff for Water Main Replacement Project along Route 23 and Route 20*

A map that was provided with the easement information showed the exact location of the water main replacement locations. Administrator Blakemore reviewed all the information with the Council, clarifying that Attorney McArdle has recommended formally accepting all of the easements at this time.

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Todd Hall, to accept easements designated on the area map for a water main replacement project along Route 23 and Route 20. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

Nays: 0

The motion passed.

*b. Discussion and Direction on Wastewater Treatment Plant Loan Repayment Options*

Following the request by Alderman DeBoer at our last meeting, Finance Director Snelten was able to negotiate with the loan repayment options for the interest accrued on the loan for the WWTP. The first option is for a Lump Sum Payment, in the amount of \$110,115.13. The second option is for a Lump Sum Payment – revised (to spread the amount due into 6 payments). The third option was to amend the Debt Authorization Ordinance. The Council agreed that option 2 is the best option.

Alderman Matt Keenum made a motion, seconded by Alderman Nicole DeBoer, to approve the amended repayment options to the new Option 2 (Pay the CPI in a lump sum payment spread over the next 6 payments in November 2018, 2019 & 2020, and May 2019, 2020 & 2021). The aldermen voted as follows:

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

Nays: Hammortree

The motion passed.

*c. Motion to Accept Proposal for 2018/2019 Liability and Casualty Insurance Program*

Administrator Blakemore reviewed the basic information with the Council, noting that the total cost for the coverage will be \$86,573. This is an increase of \$1,985 (2.5%) over last year. This is about \$300 more than what had been budgeted. Two additional coverage options were discussed – Cyber Coverage (\$1,242) and Data Compromise Coverage (\$646). The Council opted to not add them at this time.

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Todd Hall, to accept the proposal for the 2018/2019 Liability and Casualty Insurance Program, at a cost of \$86,573. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

Nays: 0

The motion passed.

*d. Discussion and Direction on Revolving Loan Fund Closeout Grant Application Project*

The Revolving Loan Fund that was closed out in January has a final amount of \$321,620.93. A review of acceptable projects showed that repairs to downtown sidewalks and adjacent parking lots would meet the requirements. An outline of proposed areas was presented to the Council for their review and recommendations. If the entire proposed areas were completed, the total amount of the project would be \$328,839. If the bids come in close to the projected amount, any excess funds could be taken from contingency or capital improvement funds. In summarizing the Council's comments, Administrator Blakemore noted that there will be discussions with the property owners bordering Parking Lot A, to get some joint work done, make the work on Taylor Street an alternate option, extend the sidewalk around West Washington Street to go around Parking Lot A.

*e. Motion to Approve the City of Marengo Police Pension Fund Funding Policy*

Finance Director Snelten reviewed the proposed policy, and explained why this was being pursued. After checking with other municipalities and she found it would be to our advantage to incorporate this policy.

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Matt Keenum, to approve the City of Marengo Police Pension Fund funding policy. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

Nays: 0

The motion passed.

**MAYOR'S STATEMENT AND REPORT**

Mayor Koziol thanked all the individuals that worked on and helped make the City float a big success for the Settler's Day Parade. He has interviewed 2 individuals to finish out the term of 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward Alderman. Attorney McArdle advised that the position must be filled within 60 days of the vacancy.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD AND STAFF REPORTS**

*Finance Director Jennifer Snelten* noted that there was an error in the formula used in figuring the vision benefit of the health insurance package. The actual total renewal will have a decrease of \$2,363.00. She also thanked all the persons who helped in putting the float together.

*Chief of Police Rich Solarz* reported that the new squad car is in. No major issues during the Settler's Days activities. The DEA Drug Take Back will be on the October 27<sup>th</sup>. The Department will be participating again this year in the No-Shave-November. The eligibility list for the sergeant exam has been posted. The new patrol list has also been posted.

*City Engineer Tim Hartnett* advised that the information originally sent to the Council was incomplete, so the complete list was handed out. H.R.Green has submitted the 98% plans to the toll way last Thursday. The project is on track for the November letting of the project. Oct 9<sup>th</sup>, HR Green, Admin Blakemore, reps from M<sup>CCD</sup>, the Village of Union, McHenry County, P & D, I.D.N.R, Army Corp of Engineers, McHenry County Soil & Water, Seneca Township, and property owners, will be meeting to discuss the Marengo Union ditch, and how to solve the ongoing problems.

*City Administrator Joshua Blakemore* updated the Council on the Stevenson flood zone area and also spoke on the toll way project. October 22<sup>nd</sup>, our next meeting date, the agenda packet might be a day late in going out, as Mayor Koziol and Administrator Blakemore will be attending ICSC that day. Strand Associates will be meeting with Mayor Koziol, Jason Vohs, Jimmy Mangum and Administrator Blakemore to update the City on their findings and recommendations. They will be attending the next Council meeting to update the entire Council. The City has been invited to attend the Chamber Lunch next Monday as the guest speakers. He thanked everyone involved in the City Float for Settlers Days. Interviews are underway for the water foreman position, and will be posting the wastewater treatment plant foreman by the end of this week. The City is still waiting on a response from 300 West LLC / Arnold Engineering on the requested LOC.

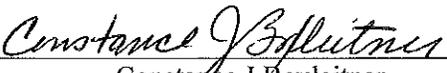
*Attorney David McArdle* spoke about the current status of the Solar Farm LOC, noting that the petitioner has run into a snag on procuring the LOC, but has made an offer of a cash deposit alternative. He handed out a document (regarding the Nelligan property) that addressed this issue, and noted that money was being wired tomorrow, and that the City will post the funds when received. This will be on the next agenda for ratification if the Council is in agreement.

**REPORTS AND STATEMENTS FROM CITY COUNCIL**

None

**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 8:02 PM.

  
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Constance J Boxleitner  
City Clerk

The City Council approved these minutes on October 22, 2018.

