

MARENGO CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
City Council Chambers
132 E. Prairie Street
Marengo, IL 60152
February 25, 2019

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 Matt Keenum, Mike Miller, Nicole DeBoer, Mike DeSerto, 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 and Finance Director Jennifer Snelten. City Engineer Tim Hartnett was absent.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A resident spoke about the possible contract with the lawn mowing company, and wondered if it would be less expensive to hire an employee to do the lawn mowing and possibly assist with snow removal. Administrator Blakemore advised what the cost would be to hire a union employee and it would be more.

Kim Kolner, with the McHenry County Department of Planning and Development spoke to the Council about an upcoming meeting on the 13th of March for the task force.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 11, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes

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

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

Nays: 0

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, in an amount totaling \$93,286.68. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

Nays: 0

The motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. *Motion to Approve an Ordinance Amending Section 11,02 (E) of the Marengo Zoning Ordinance creating a special use in the B-1 Central Business Zoning District for a Federal Firearm License Type 07 Manufacturing, as required by Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms (ATF) Regulations and Amending the Current Special Use Permit Pursuant to said text amendment to L.B. Marengo, LLC at 131 East Prairie Street*

Administrator Blakemore opened the discussion regarding the amending of the Marengo Zoning ordinance, and the special use in the B-1 Central Business Zoning District, as requested by Richard & Jen Lindner – L.B.Marengo, LLC. The amendment would allow for the following: (1) assembling fire arms from purchased components, (2) Modification to the gun slides, bolts, triggers, stock and firing pins, (3) Production of drop in components for guns to improve functionality of the gun, (4) Product development, and (5) assembly of already made components and sale of same. Mark Saladin, attorney for the Lindner’s, clarified information on gunsmithing (with additional comments from Richard Lindner), and answered questions from the members of the Council. This amendment to the Special Use in the B-1 Central Business Zoning District is necessary per requirements from ATF regulations.

Alderman Dennis Hammortree made a motion, seconded by Alderman Nicole DeBoer, to approve an Ordinance amending Section 11.02 (E) of the Marengo Zoning Ordinance creating a special use in the B-1 Central Business Zoning District for a Federal Firearm License Type 07 Manufacturing, as required by Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms (ATF) Regulations and amending the current Special Use Permit pursuant to said text amendment to L.B. Marengo, LLC at 131 East Prairie Street. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

b. Motion to Approve an Ordinance granting a Special Use in the B-1 Central Business District allowing a tattoo parlor at 200 South State Street, and a variation to Chapter 24.02 of the Marengo City Code, Automatic Sprinkler System Code 2015 IBC 903.1

Administrator Blakemore spoke about this request, noting that the business is currently located on the East side of town, and is in the process of purchasing the building at 200 S. State Street. The additional space, per owner Gary Wagley, will provide them with more floor space. They are looking at expanding the jewelry that they offer, as well as possibly adding another tattoo artist. They are hoping to close on the purchase of the building in the next 2 months.

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Matt Keenum, to approve an ordinance granting a Special Use in the B-1 Central Business District allowing a tattoo parlor at 200 South State Street, and a variation to Chapter 24.02 of the Marengo City Code, Automatic Sprinkler System Code 2015 IBC 903.1. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

c. Motion to Approve an Ordinance Amending Chapter 33, Liquor Control and Liquor Licensing
Mayor Koziol advised that this item is being removed from the agenda this evening.

d. Motion to Approve an Extension of the Agreement with Acres Group for Mowing Services for 2019

Administrator Blakemore noted that staff is recommending extending the current contract with Acres Group for 2019, with the cost staying consistent with last year - \$40,170. The current contract does include a clause, “The Owner will have the right to renew this Contract/Proposal for two additional one-year renewal terms...” In reviewing the previous proposals submitted by various companies, the Council agreed to renew with Acres Group and waive the competitive bid process.

Alderman Mike Miller made a motion, seconded by Alderman Nicole DeBoer, to approve an extension of the agreement with Acres Group for mowing services for 2019 (in the amount of \$40,170, and to waive the competitive bid process. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

Nays: Hammortree

The motion passed.

e. Third Quarter Budget Report for Fiscal Year 2018/2019

Finance Director Snelten went over the Third Quarter Budget Report with the Council. She noted the following information:

- (1) General Fund Revenue – 84.38% of the projected, which is down 12.59% compared to last year
- (2) General Fund Expenses – 75.57% of the projected, which is up .10% compared to last year
- (3) Water-Sewer Fund Revenue – 76.01% of the projected, which is down .24% compared to last year
- (4) Water-Sewer Fund Expenses – 72.83% of the projected, which is down 1.6% compared to last year

MAYOR'S STATEMENT AND REPORT

Mayor Koziol had nothing to report this evening.

DEPARTMENT HEAD AND STAFF REPORTS

Finance Director Jennifer Snelten reminded the Council that there is a bond rating call on Thursday with Standard & Poors (S & P) on Thursday.

Chief of Police Rich Solarz had submitted a written report, and had nothing further to add.

City Administrator Joshua Blakemore spoke briefly about the revolving loan fund project, and the probable need to use a Grant Administrator (plus engineering). He explained the costs involved in using an administrator. The current amount under consideration is \$321,000. The projects being considered involve parking lot repairs and sidewalk improvements. He spoke about the recent meeting regarding the toll way project. Preliminary work is to start around the 15th of March. Information on the work being done at the WWTP was discussed. We have sent letters to Williams Bros and Ovivo, and are awaiting responses from both.

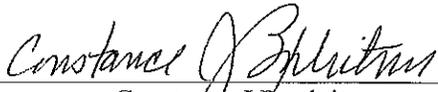
Attorney David McArdle had nothing to report.

REPORTS AND STATEMENTS FROM CITY COUNCIL

Alderman DeSerto asked if there had been any response regarding the need for the two open aldermen positions (Wards 3 and 4). Mayor Koziol replied that he has not heard from anyone.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Mike DeSerto, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed with a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.



Constance J Boxleitner
City Clerk

The City Council approved these minutes on March 11, 2019.