

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

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, Mike DeSerto, 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, and Finance Director Jennifer Snelten. City Engineer Tim Hartnett was absent.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Marty Mohr, with the Cemetery Board, advised that the City Cemetery Clean-Up Day will be on April 13th, from 9 am to 5 pm. Anyone interested in helping out, please join them. Posters will be placed around town to inform the residents.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – *March 11, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes*

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Matt Keenum, 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 Steve Mortensen made a motion, seconded by Alderman Nicole DeBoer, to approve the list of bills, in the amount of \$47,136.03. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

Nays: 0

The motion passed.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. *Motion to Approve a Request from Settlers' Days Inc for Spring Fling*
- b. *An Ordinance Amending Section 107, Repeal of Existing Ordinance, of the City of Marengo's Subdivision Ordinance*

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Steve Mortensen, to approve the Consent Agenda items. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

Nays: 0

The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. *Motion to Approve an Ordinance Amending Chapter 33, Liquor Control and Liquor Licensing, Increasing the Number of Class A Liquor Licenses*

Sam Patel, the owner / operator of the property at 20009 E. Grant Hwy (under construction currently) has applied for a Class A Liquor License for the proposed Armenetti Liquor Store. He has passed a thorough background examination, and will remit applicable fees, proof of insurance coverage, and the state license once they are approved for the local license.

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Todd Hall, to approve an Ordinance Amending Chapter 33, Liquor Control and Liquor Licensing, increasing the number of Class A Liquor Licenses. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

Nays: 0

The motion passed.

- b. *Presentation and Discussion on Draft of FY 2019/2020 Budget – Water & Sewer Fund, and other Miscellaneous Funds*

Administrator Blakemore reviewed the proposed FY2019/2020 Budget for the various miscellaneous funds – Capital Improvement Fund, Police Pension Fund, Other various Police Funds, Motor Fuel Tax Fund, Audit fund, Debt Service Fund, Capital Improvements – Prospect Street Fund, Revolving Loan Fund, Community Events Fund, SSA #2, the Eastern Corridor TIF and the Downtown TIF, and the various letters of credit. He reviewed each of the items, answering questions from the Council.

Administrator Blakemore then went over the draft for the Water & Sewer Funds, reviewing the annual usage. The fund balance for the W/S Funds is projected to increase from 45.9 days to 49.7 days. The projection is that by the end of 2020, the cash reserve should be 50.8 days. He then reviewed the various line items for Expenditures – Water Personnel, Equipment, Supplies & Maintenance, WWTP Personnel, WWTP Equipment etc., W/S Equipment Sinking Fund and a Contingency fund. He then reviewed the worksheets for the various line items. The last item reviewed was the payment chart titled “20 Year Projected Fund Balance – WWTP Expansion Fund.” The full budget will be on the agenda for the second meeting in April, for approval by the Council.

MAYOR’S STATEMENT AND REPORT

Mayor Koziol had nothing to report this evening.

DEPARTMENT HEAD AND STAFF REPORTS

Finance Director Jennifer Snelten reported good news regarding the City’s 2019 Bond Rating Review. The City’s outlook was revised from negative to stable, and affirmed the “A+” rating of the existing General Obligation Bonds. There were no questions from the Treasurer’s Report that was in the board packet. She spoke briefly about the investments that were changed, explaining the reasoning behind each change. A copy of the Budget Trend for February 2019 was in the board packet.

Chief of Police Rich Solarz spoke about the T1 line which runs to McHenry (contract is through Call One), is due to expire soon, so he is in the process of getting quotes. April 18th there will be a Department Qualified Shoot at the gun range in Belvidere. The next DEA “Drug Take Back” is scheduled for April 27th. The CAD system is being updated, so all the officers will be attending a 1-day training session in April. The Sexual Assault Training Class schedule was received, and everyone on the force should be trained by the 2020 mandate.

City Administrator Joshua Blakemore reported that Mayor Koziol and he will be heading to Springfield on Tuesday for “Lobbyist Day – Part 2”. There are several meetings scheduled. The IGA with Woodstock, for IT Services, has been accepted. Marengo has had a meeting with Woodstock regarding our possibly joining the Enterprise Zone. The contract that the City has with MDC (Marengo Disposal Company) expires in September, so we are putting together an RFP for refuse. The toll-way project has started.

Acting City Attorney David McArdle noted that the Council would be going into Executive Session this evening.

REPORTS AND STATEMENTS FROM CITY COUNCIL

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion at 7:46 PM, seconded by Alderman Matt Keenum, to go to Executive Session for a discussion of pending or imminent litigation pursuant to 5 ILCS 120.2 (c) (11). The aldermen voted as follows:

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

Nays: 0:


The motion passed.

ROLL CALL

Returning from Executive Session at 8:14 PM, are Mayor John Koziol; Aldermen Mike DeSerto, Nicole DeBoer, Brett Martin, Mike Miller, Steve Mortensen, Matt Keenum, Dennis Hammortree and Todd Hall. Also present are City Administrator Joshua Blakemore and Attorney David McArdle.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion at 8:15 PM, which was seconded by Alderman Todd Hall, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed with a voice vote.



Constance J. Boxleitner
City Clerk

The City Council approved these minutes on April 8, 2019.