

MARENGO CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
City Council Chambers
132 E. Prairie Street
Marengo, IL 60152
April 22, 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, Michael 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. Also present is Jimmy Mangum, WWTP Foreman. City Engineer Tim Hartnett was absent.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – *April 8, 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 Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Mike DeSerto, to approve the list of bills, in the amount of \$168,037.68. 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 the Fiscal Year 2019/2020 Budget

Administrator Blakemore reviewed the final copy of the proposed budget for 2019/2020 with the City Council, and explained the proposed transfer of funds under consideration.

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Matt Keenum, to approve the Fiscal Year 2019/2020 Budget. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

Nays: 0

The motion passed.

b. Motion to Approve Budgetary Transfers Prior to the End of FY 2018/2019

This item is made to approve the proposed action of the transfers as outlined in the Agenda Supplement.

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Steve Mortensen, to approve the budgetary transfers prior to the end of FY 2018/2019. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

c. Motion to Approve Transfer of Certain Funds from General Fund and Water Sewer Fund to Capital Improvement Fund, Water/Sewer Capital Improvement Fund, Police Pension Fund, and Retirement Fund.

This item outlines the specific fund transfers.

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Steve Mortensen, to approve the transfer of certain funds from the General Fund and Water Sewer Fund to Capital Improvement fund, Water/Sewer Capital Improvement Fund, Police Pension Fund, and Retirement Fund. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

d. Motion to Approve an Ordinance Making the Supplemental Appropriations for FY 2018/2019

Finance Director Snelten reviewed the Supplemental Appropriations document, explaining the change in the renaming of Summerfest and Christmas Market to Community Events, and combining the donated amounts into one total of \$13,080. Other items shown on the appropriations are reallocations of surplus and excess line items.

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Mike DeSerto, to approve an ordinance making the Supplemental Appropriations for FY 2018/2019. The aldermen voted as follows:

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

MAYOR'S STATEMENT AND REPORT

Mayor Koziol noted that pot holes around town are in the process of being filled by Schroeder Asphalt Services who contacted the City and donated labor and material to do this, and extended a big thank you from the City to Schroeder Asphalt for their donation. This is the last official meeting for Chief Solarz, who is retiring. Mayor Koziol expressed his appreciation to Chief Solarz for his service. There will be a coffee on the 4th of June to show the City's appreciation for his service.

DEPARTMENT HEAD AND STAFF REPORTS

Finance Director Jennifer Snelten noted that the Budget Trend and the Treasurer's Reports for March had been included in the board packet. There were no questions on either of these documents.

Jimmy Mangum, WWTP Foreman, advised that EPS (which is on the North end of town) expressed interest in using the City's WWTP for the disposal of water flushing that is done at their plant. They currently send wastewater from the bathrooms to the City. Attorney McArdle talked about the agreement that is being proposed, and noted that there are basic safeguards included in that agreement. There were suggestions made to the proposed agreement, and this will be looked at and proposed to EPS.

Chief of Police Rich Solarz reported that all the officers have qualified on the range. This Saturday is the official DEA Drug Take Back program for prescription drugs - from 10 am to 2 pm. He also reminded everyone that the City has had a disposal box in the lobby of the police department for several years. The City does not accept liquids, needles or inhalers.

City Administrator Joshua Blakemore thanked Chief Solarz for his service to the community. The next regularly scheduled Council meeting will be on the 13th of May. Newly elected Council members (for the 1st and 2nd wards) will be sworn in that evening, and the appointment of new Council members (for the 3rd and 4th wards) will be sworn in as well. The official printed and bound copies of the approved budget for FY 2019/2020 should be ready to hand out to the Council at that meeting. There is a need for the Council to go into executive session this evening.

Acting City Attorney David McArdle will have an item to discuss in executive session.

REPORTS AND STATEMENTS FROM CITY COUNCIL

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a. Discussion of Personnel Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1)
- b. Discussion of Pending or Imminent Litigation Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (11)

Alderman Nicole DeBoer made a motion at 7:34 PM, seconded by Alderman Mike DeSerto, to go to Executive Session for the purpose of a discussion on personnel (pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c) (1) and pending or imminent litigation (pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (11). The aldermen voted as follows:

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

ROLL CALL FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION

Present, at 8:32 PM, are Mayor John Koziol; Aldermen Mike DeSerto, Matt Keenum, Brett Martin, Todd Hall, Nicole DeBoer, Mike Miller and Steve Mortensen. Also in attendance are City Administrator Joshua Blakemore and Attorney David McArdle. Alderman Dennis Hammortree was absent.

DISCUSSION FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION

Attorney McArdle clarified how the next meeting will be done – opening with the current Aldermen, approval of the minutes from this meeting and the paying of bills. Following a short break, the Council will approve the vote on the newly elected Aldermen, who till then be sworn in and will take their seats. Following that, the Mayor will make advice the Council of the two persons being presented for appointment to the two vacancies on the Council. The Council will then vote on the appointments.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Mike DeSerto made a motion at 8:34 PM, seconded by Alderman Steve Mortensen, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed with a voice vote.



 Constance J. Boxleitner
 City Clerk

The City Council approved these minutes on May 13, 2019.