

MINUTES
CITY OF MARENGO
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Marengo Council Chambers
January 10, 2024

Call to Order by Mayor Adam Rabe at 6:00 p.m. on January 10, 2024. Council Officials Present: Jenni Olson, Bill Kreis, John Hinshaw, Travis Schlabach, Karen Wayson-Kisling. Absent: None. Quorum declared by Rabe.

Staff and Press Present: Admin./Clerk Karla Marck; Deputy Clerk Allison Fry; Police Chief Ben Gray; Financial Manager Ellen O'Rourke; Attorney Gage Kensler. Absent: Public Works Director Lonnie Altenhofen; Library Director Jackie Jordan.

Members of the Public Present: Scott Hamlin, Matt Loffer.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Rabe.

Approval of Agenda – January 10, 2024

Motion by Schlabach to approve. Second by Olson. Ayes: Olson, Kreis, Hinshaw, Schlabach, Wayson-Kisling. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Swearing In: Karen Wayson-Kisling, City Council At-Large

Consent Agenda

Approval of minutes from December 27, 2023 City Council Meeting. Claims, checks and direct withdrawals totaling \$513,290.56. Approval of Liquor License Application for Wandling Wendell Post No 76 dba American Legion Post #76. December 2023 Revenues Totaling \$4,103,585.44. December 2023 Major Operating Departments Finance Reports. December 2023 Finance Expenditures & Revenue Report. IPAIT Report. Motion to approve by Olson. Second by Schlabach. Vote. Ayes: Olson, Kreis, Hinshaw, Schlabach, Wayson-Kisling. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Open Forum. Matt Loffer inquired about procedures for filing complaints against city officials.

Old Business

- a) **Resolution #24-51: Setting Public Hearing for Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Marengo, Iowa, Chapter 69-Parking Regulations; Section 69.08 No Parking Zones; Adding Item #24 Lafayette Avenue.** Motion by Schlabach to approve. Second by Wayson-Kisling. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Wayson-Kisling, Schlabach, Hinshaw. Nays: Olson, Kreis. Motion carried.
- b) **Public Hearing and Second Reading ORD #521: Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Marengo, Iowa, Chapter 55 – Animal Protection and Control; Section 55.23 Offenses.** Public Hearing opened at 6:19 p.m. No public comments. Public Hearing closed at 6:21 p.m. Motion by Olson to approve. Second by Hinshaw. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Olson, Kreis, Hinshaw, Schlabach, Wayson-Kisling. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- c) **Public Hearing and Second Reading ORD #522: Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Marengo, Iowa, Chapter 65 – Stop or Yield Required; Section 65.03 Four-Way Stop Intersections.** Public Hearing opened at 6:22 p.m. No public comments. Public Hearing closed at 6:24 p.m. Motion by Schlabach to approve. Second by Olson. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Olson, Kreis, Hinshaw, Schlabach, Wayson-Kisling. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- d) **Public Hearing and Second Reading ORD #523: Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Marengo, Iowa, Chapter – 55 Animal Protection and Control; Section 55.01 – Definitions; Section 55.03 – Apprehension and Impounding; and Section 55.05 – Redemption of Impounded Dogs and Cats.** Public Hearing opened at 6:25 p.m. No public comments. Public Hearing closed at 6:25 p.m. Motion by Schlabach to approve. Second by Olson. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Olson, Kreis, Hinshaw, Schlabach, Wayson-Kisling. Nays: None. Motion Carried.
- e) **Public Hearing and First Reading ORD #524: Setting Public Hearing for Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Marengo, Iowa, Chapter 70 – Parking Violations Alternate.** Public Hearing opened at 6:26p.m. No public comments. Public Hearing closed at 6:26p.m. Motion by Olson to approve. Second by Wayson-Kisling. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Olson, Kreis, Hinshaw, Schlabach, Wayson-Kisling. Nays: None. Motion Carried.
- f) **Public Hearing and First Reading ORD #525: Setting Public Hearing for Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Marengo, Iowa, Chapter 76 – Bicycle Regulations; Section 76.09 Riding on Sidewalks; Eliminating Item #1 Business District.** Public Hearing opened at 6:27p.m. No public comments. Public Hearing closed at 6:28p.m. Motion by Hinshaw to approve. Second by Olson. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Olson, Kreis, Hinshaw, Schlabach, Wayson-Kisling. Nays: None. Motion Carried.
- g) **Resolution #24-52: Approving Pay Application #2 for 2023 Marengo Pool Project.** Motion by Schlabach to approve. Second by Olson. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Olson, Kreis, Hinshaw, Schlabach, Wayson-Kisling. Nays: None. Motion Carried.
- h) **Consideration: Approval of Acquisition Grant for Purchase of 1049 Court Avenue.** Motion by Kreis to approve. Second by Hinshaw. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Olson, Kreis, Hinshaw, Wayson-Kisling. Abstain: Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

New Business

- a) **Resolution #24-54: Amending the Sanitary Landfill Joint Agreement for the Regional Environment Improvement Commission of Iowa County, Iowa.** Motion by Schlabach to approve. Second by Olson. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Olson, Kreis, Hinshaw, Schlabach, Wayson-Kisling. Nays: None. Motion Carried.
- b) **Consideration: Appointment of Adam Rabe to REIC Landfill Board.** Motion by Olson to approve. Second Schlabach. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Olson, Kreis, Hinshaw, Schlabach, Wayson-Kisling. Nays: None. Motion Carried.
- c) **Consideration: Chapter 55 – Animal Protection and Control – Cats at Large.** Olson suggested council to consider removing requirements for cats to be leashed when not on owner's property. No action taken.
- d) **Resolution #24-53: Naming “The Hometown Current” the Official City Newspaper.** Motion by Olson to approve. Second

by Schlabach. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Olson, Kreis, Hinshaw, Schlabach, Wayson-Kisling. Nays: None. Motion Carried. At 6:55 p.m. Mayor Rabe left meeting to attend REIC Landfill meeting and requested Mayor Pro-Tem Kries to conduct remainder of council meeting.

Update Public Safety – Chief Ben Gray

For December 2023, Gray reported 28 incidents, 9 arrests, 8 citations, 45 warnings, 10 parking tickets, with a total of 46 outstanding parking tickets. There were 253 calls for service. There was one complaint on a nuisance property. The new walk through entry door has been installed at police department. Range building has been delivered and is now in use. The application process for an officer has closed and interviews have been scheduled.

Attorney/ Financial Manager/Administrator Reports

Attorney Gage Kensler contacted the attorney for the C6Zero building concerning the retainage funds. The EPA has released the site. He will also be revising the officer training reimbursement agreements. Financial Manager Ellen O’Rourke stated the budget will be out soon. City Administrator Marck reported the committee schedules are out.

Mayor/Council/Committee Reports

Schlabach inquired about streaming meetings live.

Adjournment

Motion by Schlabach. Second by Olson to adjourn at 7:10 p.m. Vote. Ayes: Olson, Kreis, Hinshaw, Schlabach, Wayson-Kisling. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

City of Marengo Claims - 1/10/24

Fund Name	Fund	
General Fund	001	30,394.42
Police Equip/BLDG Fund	006	4,795.00
Road Use Tax Fund	110	5,358.56
Debt Service Fund	200	550.00
Pool Renovation/Donations	312	413,129.00
Wastewater Treatment Plant	328	14,010.00
Lucas/Lafayette Water Main Imp	339	64.00
Water Fund	600	10,886.91
Water Deposit Fund	605	75.00
Sewer Fund	610	5,126.22
Total:		484,389.11

Payee	Amount	Description
PAYROLL	\$ 28,901.45	1/5/2024
EFT Payments		
UMB Financial	550.00	December 2023-2017A & 2023A GO Bond Fees
Grinnell State Bank	101.26	December 2023 Bank Fees/2024 Safe Deposit Box
Wellmark	11,503.49	January 2024 Insurance
Metlife	1,181.45	January 2024 Insurance
Iowa Department of Revenue	3,415.27	December 2023 Sales/Water Tax
EFT TOTAL:	16,751.47	
Amazon Capital Services	139.98	Gloves/Kleenex/White Board/Markers-PD
Big G Foods	16.34	December 2023 Supplies-PW/PD

BP	357.10	December 2023 Fuel/Diesel-PD/PW/FD
Carquest of Marengo	440.45	December 2023 Supplies-PW
Casey General Store	384.52	December 2023 Fuel-PD
Custom Hose & Supplies, Inc.	9.35	Cascade System-FD
Dakota Supply Group	60.00	Meter Gasket-PW
Eurofins Environment Testing	413.10	Weekly Wastewater-PW
Ferguson Waterworks	3,563.23	Meters-PW
Goodwill Industries of the Heartland	146.25	December 2023 Janitorial Services-CH
Hawkins, Inc.	1,881.29	Water Plant Chemicals-PW
Iowa One Call	127.80	One Calls-PW
JEO Consulting Group	17,032.50	Marengo Pool Design
Kollmorgen, Schlue, & Zahradnik, P.C.	210.00	Easements
Liberty Doors, Inc.	4,795.00	Entry Door-PD
Marengo Farm & Home	289.17	December 2023 Supplies-PW/Pool
Marengo Firefighters Assn	112.50	Fire Call-FD
Masters Telecom, LLC	9.70	Voicemail-PD
NATW	35.00	2024 Dues-PD
OmniSite	152.00	2024 Wireless Service-PW
Portzen Construction	388,683.00	Payment #1-Pool
Quill	96.20	Hand Towels/Pens/Cleaner-CH
R.E.I.C. Iowa County Landfill	13,392.50	Q3-2023/2024 Landfill Fees
Roggentien Electric	25.00	Charge Check-PW
S & J Sanitation	182.00	December 2023 Trash/Dumpster
Standard Pest Control	45.00	Bug Spraying-CH/PD/PW
Stratton Benscoter (Whitey's)	2,152.05	December 2023 Fuel/Diesel/Brakes-PW/PD
Swift True Value Home Center	353.93	December 2023 Supplies-PW
T&W Grinding & Compost	3,900.00	Composting Fee
Terracon	7,413.50	Soil Testing-Pool
US Bank National Association	75.00	Water Deposit Refund
Veenstra & Kimm, Inc.	14,120.00	Engineering Fees

Windstream	280.12	Internet/Phones
WMPF Group, LLC	432.97	Publications
CHECK TOTAL:	461,326.55	
Access Systems	294.09	Copier Lease
Baker & Taylor	570.32	Books
Iowa Department of Inspections, Appeals	175.00	Permit/Annual Inspection
ILA	55.00	2024 Membership Fee
Quill	12.04	Goo Gone
Rabe Hardware	174.69	Urinal Repair
S & J Sanitation	25.00	November 2023 Trash
Swift True Value Home Center	14.95	Building Keys
TK Elevator	4,700.05	Power Supply Replacement
US Cellular	211.66	Hotspots
USA Communications	78.29	Phones/Fax
LIBRARY TOTAL:	6,311.09	
GRAND TOTAL:	513,290.56	

Claims Total - Payroll & EFT's \$ 467,637.64

Adam Rabe, Mayor

Attest: Karla Marck, City Administrator