

**MINUTES**  
**CITY OF MARENGO**  
**CITY COUNCIL**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
Marengo Council Chambers  
October 11, 2023

**Call to Order** by Mayor Pro Tem Bill Kreis at 5:30 p.m. on October 11, 2023. Council Officials Present: Sue Peterson, John Hinshaw, Travis Schlabach. Absent: Mayor Adam Rabe. Quorum declared by Kreis.

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

**Members of the Public Present:** Melissa Russell, DVIP Development Coordinator; Jordan Geriane, DVIP Community Engagement Coordinator; Robin Hobbs; Russ Trimble; Abigail Maas; Adam Olson.

**Pledge of Allegiance** led by Kreis.

**Approval of Agenda – October 11, 2023**

Motion by Schlabach to approve. Second by Peterson. Ayes: Peterson, Hinshaw, Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

**Consent Agenda**

Approval of minutes from September 27, 2023 City Council Meeting. Claims, checks and direct withdrawals totaling \$128,726.12. Approval of Liquor License Application for Family Dollar Stores of Iowa, LLC dba Family Dollar 33124. Approval of Liquor License Application for Curtis Roggentien dba Curt's Old Style Tavern. Approval of Tax Abatement 1159 Court Avenue. Approval of Tax Abatement 273 Roberts Avenue. September 2023 Revenues Totaling \$1,534,649.48. September 2023 Major Operating Departments Finance Reports. September 2023 Finance Expenditures & Revenue Reports. IPAIT Report. Motion by Peterson to approve. Second by Hinshaw. Vote. Ayes: Peterson, Hinshaw, Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

**Open Forum** Robin Hobbs asked questions about the mowing Ordinances.

**Proclamation Domestic Violence Awareness Month.** Melissa Russell, DVIP Development Coordinator spoke to the Council about domestic violence.

**Old Business**

- a) **Consideration: Notice of Sale of City Property: 1982 GMC Van – Marengo Fire Department Equipment Van on Purple Wave Auction On-Line Service.** Motion by Schlabach to approve publishing notifications. Second by Hinshaw. Vote. Ayes: Peterson, Hinshaw, Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion Carried.
- b) **Consideration ORD Chapter 55 – Animal Protection and Control; 55.23 Offenses, item #3. Allow or permit such animal to defecate on public property.** Motion by Schlabach to approve initiating the change to Ordinance adding language to section 55.23 Offenses, item #3 to exclude parade routes and staging areas of Council approved parades. Second by Hinshaw. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Peterson, Hinshaw, Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- c) **Consideration: Compass Memorial Hospital Staging Area Agreement.** No action.
- d) **Consideration: Lucas Street Water Main Replacement Project.** Council requested that the Public Works Director seek bids. Motion by Schlabach to approve. Second by Hinshaw. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Peterson, Hinshaw, Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**New Business**

- a) **Consideration: Change date of November 22 Council Meeting to November 29 Due to Thanksgiving Holiday.** Motion by Schlabach to approve. Second by Hinshaw. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Peterson, Hinshaw, Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion Carried.
- b) **Consideration: FY24 Urban Renewal Report.** Motion by Schlabach to approve and change the title of the report from FY24 to FY23 Urban Renewal Report. Second by Hinshaw. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Peterson, Hinshaw, Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

**Update Public Safety – Chief Ben Gray**

For September 2023, Gray reported 33 incidents, 9 arrests, 48 traffic stops (9 citations/39 warnings), 12 citations, 56 warnings, 12 parking tickets, with a total of 42 outstanding parking tickets. There were 436 calls for service. A total of 24 nuisance property notices were served, 16 have been abated and 3 were acted on. A total of 5 duty to cut grass notices were posted. Attended several meetings including Jail Diversion Meeting and Mental Health Liaison Meeting. Assisted with Gateway Challenge Triathlon and all Iowa Valley Homecoming events.

**Attorney/ Financial Manager/Administrator Reports**

Financial Manager Ellen O'Rourke reported that the IPAIT investments did well earning interest. The auditors were here.

**Mayor/Council/Committee Reports**

No reports.

**Adjournment**

Motion by Schlabach. Second by Hinshaw to adjourn at 6:26 p.m. Vote. Ayes: Peterson, Hinshaw, Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

**City of Marengo Claims - 10/11/23**

<b>Fund Name</b>	<b>Fund</b>	
General Fund	001	31,012.97
General Fund Capital Expenditures	002	8,525.00
C6Zero Fund	013	137.63
Library Carryover/Donations	021	6,879.95
Road Use Tax Fund	110	2,140.25
Dual Main Project #2	337	42,670.22
Water Fund	600	7,922.03
Water Deposit Refund	605	145.00
Sewer Fund	610	1,054.30
Total:		100,487.35

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Description</b>
PAYROLL	\$ 28,238.77	9/29/2023
<b>EFT Payments</b>		
Grinnell State Bank	75.18	September 2023 Bank Fees
Iowa Department of Revenue	3,706.65	September 2023 Water/Sales Tax
Metlife	1,145.62	October 2023 Metlife Benefits
<b>EFT TOTAL:</b>	<b>4,927.45</b>	
Amazon Capital Services, Inc.	70.32	Screen Cover/Paper/Batteries/DVD's-PD/PW
Axon Enterprise, Inc.	288.00	Battery Pack-PD
Big G Foods	3.74	September 2023 Charges-PD
BP	257.56	September 2023 Fuel-PD/FD
Brian Miller Excavating, LLC	41,888.00	Payment #1-Dual Main Project-PW
BSN Sports	828.63	Volleyballs-MRC
Carquest	147.67	September 2023 Supplies-PW
Casey's General Store	821.06	September 2023 Fuel-PD
Clarie Gormley	45.00	Water Deposit Refund
Dakota Supply Group	710.26	Coupling/Valve Box/Adapter
Eurofins Environment Testing	572.20	Weekly Wastewater-PW
Ferguson Waterworks	1,201.27	Meter & Kit-PW
Goodwill Industries of the Heartland	146.25	September 2023 Janitorial Services-CH

Hawkins, Inc.	1,150.17	Water Plant Chemicals-PW
Heiman	7,947.02	Gear-FD
Iowa County Recorder	34.00	Recording Fees-Cemetery
Iowa One Call	147.60	One Calls-PW
Kirkwood Community College	170.00	Training-FD
Kollmorgen, Schlue, & Zahradnik, P.C.	1,296.00	Legal Fees
MARC	1,188.50	Curb Stop Oil-PW
Marco Technologies	1,292.50	CrowdStrike Implementation
Marengo Farm & Home	314.68	September 2023 Supplies-PW/CH
Masters Telecom, LLC	9.58	Voicemail-PD
Microbac Laboratories	275.00	Lead & Copper Testing-PW
Myia Alford	100.00	Water Deposit Refund
R.E.I.C. Iowa County Landfill	13,392.50	Q2-2023/2024 Landfill Fees
S & J Sanitation	182.00	September 2023 Trash/Dumpster
Standard Pest Control	35.00	Bug Spraying-CH/FD/PD
Staples	409.08	Ink-CH
Stratton Benscoter (Whitey's)	1,674.96	September 2023 Fuel/Diesel/Oil-PW/FD/PD
Swift True Value	826.15	September 2023 Supplies-PW/FD/MRC/Lib
TruGreen	704.00	Spray Parks/Fields-Park/MRC
USA BlueBook	64.10	Lead Tube Adapter-PW
WMPF Group, LLC	246.18	Minutes
<b>CHECK TOTAL:</b>	<b>78,438.98</b>	
Access Systems Leasing	292.47	Copy Machine
Amazon Capital Services, Inc.	1,346.04	Books
Demco	121.54	Lables/Tape/Dots/Puzzles
Garling Construction	8,525.00	Tuck Pointing
Quill	60.78	Paper Towels
S & J Sanitation	25.00	August 2023 Trash
USA Communications	50.09	Internet/Phones
Wirtanen Concrete, Inc.	6,700.00	Basement Floors
<b>LIBRARY TOTAL:</b>	<b>17,120.92</b>	
<b>GRAND TOTAL:</b>	<b>128,726.12</b>	



**Claims Total - Payroll & EFT's**

**\$ 95,559.90**

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Bill Kries, Mayor Pro Tem

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Attest: Karla Marck, City Administrator