

**MINUTES  
CITY OF MARENGO  
CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2016**

**Call to Order** by Mark Swift at 6:00 p.m. on November 9, 2016. Elected Officials Present: Greg Jergens, Sue Peterson, Bill Kreis, Dan Slaymaker, and Jennifer Olson. Elected Officials Absent: None. Quorum declared by Mark Swift.

**Staff and Press Present:** City Administrator Deven Markley, Financial Manager Tamara Patterson, Police Chief Galen Moser, Assistant City Attorney John Pilkington and Brian Rathjen of the Marengo Pioneer Republican.

**Members of the Public Present:** Gabe Ritter, Alicia Russ, Jalise Megchelsen, Kyra Alexander, Payton Roberts, Emma Krutsinger, Awnika Hall, Caleigh Smith, Cherisse Ward, Elizabeth Jensen, Jackye Bowlin, Jay Coghlan, Dawson Coghlan, Tessie Coghlan, Jerry McKusker, and Tyler Barr.

**Pledge of Allegiance** led by, Mark Swift.

**Approval of Agenda – November 9, 2016**

Motion by Olson: Second by Peterson to approve Agenda. Ayes: Olson, Slaymaker, Kreis, Peterson, Jergens. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

**Fire Department Report – Dan Slaymaker**

Fire Dept. Training Officer and Councilman Dan Slaymaker reported the department had gone to three fires. All were small and taken care of with no troubles. The department also had a training fire on West Hilton on November 5; it provided a good training opportunity to all members of the department.

**Consent Agenda**

Motion by Jergens: Second by Peterson to approve Consent Agenda. Ayes: Jergens, Peterson, Kreis, Slaymaker, Olson. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

**Open Forum**

Jerry McKusker came in and spoke about his desire to have the city look into replacing the bulbs in the chandeliers at the library. He said fixing the lights would not only improve the appearance but make it safer to go in and out at night. Deven said the city is aware of the issue and is looking into options to replace the lights as the bulbs are quite expensive. Jerry asked if retrofitting might be a better long-term option. Council agreed it might be worth looking into.

**Old Business**

a). **Public Hearing and 2nd Reading of Ordinance #447: Amending Ch. 68, One-Way Traffic**

Mayor Swift questioned the wording of the ordinance. The way it read as suggested, the one-way would be eliminated altogether. This is not the intention of the hospital's original request. John Pilkington suggested starting the ordinance process over. To do so, council could either make a motion to approve where the motion does not obtain a second or make a motion and second to approve and vote nay. Motion by: Slaymaker to approve second reading of Ord. 447. Motion received no second and does not pass on to 3rd reading.

**New Business**

a). **Claims, checks, and direct withdrawals totaling \$61,973.13**

Motion by Olson: Second by Slaymaker to approve claims, checks, and direct withdrawals. Ayes: Slaymaker, Kreis, Jergens, Olson, Peterson. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

b). **Initial Approval of Subdivision Along M Avenue**

Deven explained Jay and Tessie Coghlan were purchasing the property to build a house. As it is currently understood, they must go through a subdivision plat process to build. Councilwoman Sue Peterson questioned why the process was required when there is only one lot being divided off. She feels this may be burdensome to people looking to purchase property and build in Marengo. John and Deven were unaware of the initial reasoning and were following precedent set previously. They informed Council they would look into how the process could be streamlined. Motion by Olson: Second by Slaymaker to approve subdivision plans along M Avenue. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Slaymaker, Kreis, Jergens, Olson, Peterson Nays: None. Motion Carried.

c). **Resolution #17-28: Approving Final Sale of Property at 345 W. Randolph**

Deven explained this would formalize the sale as it was not previously done in a resolution. John further explained this would help smooth things out for the purchaser of the property when they go on to sell. Motion by Slaymaker: Second by Peterson to approve resolution 17-28. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Slaymaker, Kreis, Jergens, Olson, Peterson Nays: None. Motion Carried.

d). **Resolution #17-28: Approving Final Sale of Property at 345 W. Randolph**

Chief Galen Moser spoke of his efforts to get Tyler Barr on the force. Tyler was introduced at a previous meeting. Galen noted Tyler showed great interest in law enforcement and is eager to get started serving Marengo. Galen recommended approval. Motion by Peterson: Second by Peterson to approve resolution 17-29. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Slaymaker, Olson, Jergens, Kreis, Peterson Nays: None. Motion Carried.

**Mayor/Council/Committee Reports**

Mayor Swift spoke briefly about TIF districts in town as well as explained for the students in attendance what TIF is and how it can be used. Councilman Bill Kreis questioned whether it was legal to take the Jones Property out of TIF when it was done in 2008. His concern stems from revenues lost as well as the legal aspect of how it affects city funding. Deven and John said they could not answer the question at this time but will contact bond counsel and previous attorneys who had worked on the matter to seek an answer. Councilman Greg Jergens thanked the

Marengo Fire Department for taking the time to provide an escort out of town for the volleyball girls. Mayor Swift thanked Mrs. Bowlin and her class for coming to the meeting and learning about the local government process.

**Financial Manager/Attorney/Administrator Reports**

Financial Manager Tamara Patterson spoke about an outstanding check report she would be regularly supplying to Council. Mayor Swift questioned the time frame for checks on the report. Dan Slaymaker suggested any checks over 30 days outstanding be reported; the rest of council agreed. She also said she will be starting work on the yearly TIF report. Deven reported City Hall will be closed on Friday for Veteran’s Day. He and Tamara had a health insurance meeting the day of the council meeting and suggested moving the meeting on November 21 up to 5:00 p.m. to allow the insurance agent to come in and talk to Council about options the city may take. Council agreed. City Staff has been working to help businesses Prime Star and Hawkeye Pizza and Steakhouse open up. Prime Star is already open and Hawkeye is expected to open shortly. Deven will pass on information about ribbon cuttings once he receives feedback from the businesses.

**Police Department Report - Chief Galen Moser**

Galen reported the two reserve candidates have been riding with officers quite often. He was happy with the department’s and the city’s participation in Fall Fest and is looking forward to it next year. He updated council on weapons training opportunities for the new reserves as well.

**Adjournment**

Motion by Slaymaker; Second by Olson to adjourn at 6:32 p.m.. Ayes: Slaymaker, Olson, Jergens, Kreis, Peterson. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

**City of Marengo Claims - 11/9/16**

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>
PAYROLL	26,271.30	11/04/2016 Payroll
Access Systems	30.11	City Hall Copier Counts
Ampride	17.00	MPD - Gasoline
Brown's Hardware	483.88	MFD - Mtce Supplies/Park - Hardware
BSN Sports	740.20	MRC - Summer Ball Equipment
CarQuest	449.58	Shop - Equip & Vehicle Mtce/Mower Oil
Carus Corporation	570.00	Calciquest Liquid
Caseys	379.04	MPD - Gasoline
Charles Capper Auto	162.71	MPD - F150 & Explorer Mtce & Repair
City of Marengo	37.56	Petty Cash Reimbursement for Postage/ Water- Lab, Sewer - Testing, City Hall - Equipment
Elliott Equipment Co.	278.54	Street Sweeper- Squeegee Rubber
Fire Safety USA	2,100.00	Fire Equipment
Interstate Power & Light	7,217.27	City Gas & Lights
Iowa County Recorder	12.00	Cemetery Deed Recording
Keystone Laboratories	36.00	Drinking Water Analysis
Marengo Fire Fighters Assn	172.50	10/26 & 10/29 Fire Calls
Marengo Farm & Home	173.38	Streets, Water, Sewer, Pool Supplies
Marengo Post Office	606.00	Water - Postage
Pronto	588.51	MPD - Gasoline
Quill	252.34	City Hall & MPD Office Supplies
REC	15.74	City Park Lighting

S & J Sanitation	123.75	City Monthly Trash Service
Star Leasing LLC	85.00	Monthly Copier Lease
Stratton Benscoter	367.75	Streets & Park Gas & Tire Repair
US Cellular	324.92	City Cell Phone Service
Windstream	837.78	City Phone Service - City Hall, PD, Pool, MRC, Water
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>42,332.86</b>	

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Mark Swift, Mayor

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Attest: Deven Markley, City Administrator