

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

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

**Staff and Press Present:** Admin./Clerk Karla Marck; Deputy Clerk Allison Gerard; Financial Manager Ellen O'Rourke; Police Chief Ben Gray; Public Works Director Lonnie Altenhofen; Attorney Gage Kensler; Library Director Jackie Jordan; Managing Editor Winona Whitaker, Hometown Media. Absent: None

**Members of the Public Present:** Scott Hamlin; Lynn Cameron; Kegan Cameron.

**Pledge of Allegiance** led by Rabe.

**Approval of Agenda – July 10, 2024**

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

**Consent Agenda**

Approval of minutes from June 26, 2024, City Council Meeting. Claims, checks and direct withdrawals totaling \$279,971.98. June 2024 Revenue Totaling \$288,471.70. June 2024 Major Operating Departments Finance Reports. June 2024 Finance Expenditures & Revenue Report. IPAIT Report. Motion by Kreis to approve. Second by Wayson-Kisling. Vote. Ayes: Wayson-Kisling, Kreis, Hinshaw; Olson; Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

**Open Forum.** No comments.

**Old Business**

a) **Public Hearing & Second Reading ORD #532: Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Marengo, Iowa, Chapter 56 – Exotic Pets and Farm Animals; Section 56.01 Definitions, Item 3.E. Wild Animals; Removing Boa Constrictors.**

Public Hearing opened at 6:03 p.m. No public comments. Public Hearing closed at 6:03 p.m. Motion by Wayson-Kisling to approve. Second by Olson. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Wayson-Kisling, Kreis, Hinshaw, Olson. Nays: Schlabach. Motion carried.

b) **Public Hearing & Second Reading ORD #533: Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Marengo, Iowa, Chapter 68 – One-Way Traffic; Adding Item #1. May Street Between Marengo Avenue and Court Avenue from East to West.**

Public Hearing opened at 6:04 p.m. No public comments. Public Hearing closed at 6:04 p.m. Motion by Schlabach to approve. Second by Wayson-Kisling. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Wayson-Kisling, Kreis, Hinshaw, Olson, Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion carried.

c) **Public Hearing & Second Reading ORD #534: Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Marengo, Iowa, Chapter 65 – Stop or Yield Required; Section 65.03 Four-Way Stop Intersections; Franklyn Avenue and Marion Street.**

Public Hearing opened at 6:05 p.m. No public comments. Public Hearing closed at 6:05 p.m. Motion by Hinshaw to approve. Second by Olson. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Wayson-Kisling, Kreis, Hinshaw, Olson. Nays: Schlabach. Motion carried.

d) **Resolution #25-03: Setting Public Hearing to Amend 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 on the west side from Main Street to May Street and the east side from May Street south 160'.**

Motion by Hinshaw to approve. Second by Olson. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Wayson-Kisling, Hinshaw, Olson. Nays: Kreis, Schlabach. Motion carried.

**New Business**

a) **Resolution #25-01: Approving Recurring Transfer of Funds for FY25.** Motion by Schlabach to approve.

Second by Hinshaw. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Wayson-Kisling, Hinshaw, Kreis, Olson, Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion carried.

b) **Resolution #25-02: Approving Interfund Transfers for FY24.** Motion by Hinshaw to approve. Second by Wayson-Kisling. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Wayson-Kisling, Kreis, Hinshaw, Olson, Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion carried.

c) **Discussion: Maternity Leave vs. Paternity Leave.** Discussion on appropriate policy changes. No motion.

d) **Discussion: Nuisance Commercial Zoned Properties and Duty to Cut Grass.** Discussion on whether all zones should have the same requirements. No motion.

e) **Discussion: Release of Mandatory EPA Copper & Lead Service Line Survey.** Discussion about survey that City of Marengo is requesting the residents to fill out. No motion.

**Update Public Safety – Chief Ben Gray**

For June 2024, Gray reported 29 incidents, 11 arrests, 29 citations, 35 warnings, 3 parking tickets, with a total of 46 outstanding parking tickets. 309 calls for service. A total of 24 properties have had nuisance notices posted, 8 have been abated, 1 was voided by the council, and 15 are active. The City has mowed 14 properties. Gray reported the installation of cameras on City properties will begin soon. Gray attended EMA commission meeting which included a conversation about storm sirens. Testing and interviews continue for hiring an officer.

**Attorney/ Financial Manager/Administrator Reports.** Administrator Marck gave her time to Library Director Jordan so she could report on quotes for sealing the library windows.

**Mayor/Council/Committee Reports.** No reports.

**Adjournment**

Motion by Kreis. Second by Hinshaw to adjourn at 7:33 p.m. Vote. Ayes: Wayson-Kisling, Kreis, Hinshaw, Schlabach, Olson. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

**City of Marengo Claims - 7.10.24**

<b>Fund Name</b>	<b>Fund</b>	
General Fund	001	22,552.06
General Fund Capital Exp	002	13,800.00
Library Steven's Money	032	1,147.99
Road Use Tax Fund	110	72,126.44
Debt Service Fund	200	250.00
Pool Renovation/Donations	312	88,280.00
Industrial Park Development	323	285.00
Wastewater Treatment Plant	328	13,800.00
Public Works Building	338	1,205.88
Pool-May Street/Court Water Main	342	1,135.00
Water Fund	600	10,502.43
Water Deposit Refund	605	328.46
Sewer Fund	610	21,244.55
Storm Sewer Fund	740	1,600.00
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>248,257.81</b>

<b><u>Payee</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>
PAYROLL	<b>28,939.38</b>	7/5/2024 Payroll
PAYROLL	<b>2,531.04</b>	6/28/2024 Comp Payout
<b>EFT Payments</b>		
Grinnell State Bank	77.34	June 2024 Bank Fees
Iowa Department of Revenue	3,352.91	June 2024 Sales/Water Tax
Wellmark	12,385.86	July 2024 Insurance
Metlife	1,273.23	July 2024 Insurance
UMB	250.00	2017A GO Bond Fees
<b>EFT TOTAL:</b>	<b>17,339.34</b>	
<b>EFT Payments</b>		
Aaron Cronbaugh's Lawn Care	4,200.00	June 2024 Mowing-Cemetery
ACCO	342.33	Tube Housing-PW
Amazon Capital Business	65.10	Hand Soap-CH
Ampride	43.02	June 2024 Fuel-PD
Axon Enterprise, Inc.	288.00	Cartridge Battery Pack-PD
Big G Foods	40.18	June 2024 Supplies-PW/PD/MRC
Cameron's Repair, LLC	1,134.75	Vehicle Maintenance-FD
Carquest of Marengo	1,155.74	June 2024 Supplies-PW

Casey's General Store	255.31	June 2024 Fuel-PD
Commercial Recreation Specialists	88,280.00	Play Structure-Pool
Cyprex Services, LLC	283.46	Utility Bill Overpayment/Refund
Dakota Supply Group	242.00	Valve/Nipple/Plug-PW
Eurofins Environment Testing	627.84	Weekly Wastewater-PW
Galls	74.51	Shirt-PD
Goldstar Software	1,440.00	Fund Balance Upgrade-CH/PW
Goodwill Industries of the Heartland	243.75	Re-issue Check #42737
Goodwill Industries of the Heartland	146.25	June 2024 Janitorial Services-CH
Hawkins, Inc.	2,036.52	Water Plant Chemicals/Pump Heads-PW
Iowa County Attorneys Association	75.00	B.Gray Training-PD
Iowa County Recorder	34.00	Slaymaker-Recording Fee-Cemetery
Iowa Department of Natural Resources	267.16	FY25 Annual Water Use Fee-PW
Iowa Law Enforcement Academy	250.00	R.Miller Reserve Academy-PD
Iowa League of Cities	1,806.00	FY25 Membership Dues-CH
Iowa One Call	70.20	One Calls-PW
LL Pelling Co.	64,305.88	Seal Coat-PW
Lonnie Altenhofen	300.00	Clothing Allowance-Boots-PW
MacQueen	2,728.52	Jet Vac-PW
Marco Technologies, LLC	14,190.00	Computer Maintenance/Upgrade
Marengo Farm & Home, Inc.	255.38	June 2024 Supplies-PW/PD
Marengo Firefighters Assn.	217.50	Fire Calls-FD
Masters Telecom, LLC	9.22	Voicemail-PD
Microbac	153.00	Drinking Water Analysis-PW
Midwest Computer Brokers	48.90	Cleanup Days
Mike Berstler	45.00	Deposit Overpayment
Quill	183.77	Janitorial/Office Supplies-CH
RHT Technologies, LLC	1,205.88	Cat6 Cable Re-route to PD-PW Building Project
Roggentien Electric	14,825.65	June Maintenance/Pumps-PW
S&J Sanitation	195.50	June 2024 Trash/Dumpster
S&S Plumbing, Heating, & Air	412.99	AC Maintenance-FD
Sherwin-Williams	799.75	Paint for Line-PW
Stanard & Associates, Inc.	46.50	Selection Test-PD
Standard Pest Control	45.00	Bug Spraying-CH/PD/FD
State Hygienic Laboratory	29.00	Water Testing Well #12-PW
Steven E Krakow-Outdoor Creations	858.00	Mulch-MRC
Stratton Bencoter (Whitey's)	1,886.01	June 2024-Fuel/Diesel/Tires-PW/PD/FD/MRC
Summit Fire Protection	1,145.60	Fire Extinguishers-FD
Swift's True Value	570.71	June 2024 Supplies-PW/FD/Park/MRC
T&W Grinding & Compost Service	3,900.00	May-July 2024 Composting
Veenstra & Kimm, Inc.	15,220.00	Engineering
Vision Concrete, LLC	1,600.00	Street Patch-Main/Franklyn-PW
Windstream	10.29	Internet/Phones
WMPF Group, LLC	393.88	June 2024 Publications
<b>CHECK TOTAL:</b>	<b>228,983.05</b>	
Amazon Capital Business	1,389.44	Books/Printer/Fans/Programs
Quill	613.53	June 2024 Supplies
S&J Sanitation	30.00	May 2024 Trash

Swift True Value	45.96	Extension Cords/Window Caulk
USA Communications	28.24	Telephone Service
WMPF Group, LLC	72.00	Publication
<b>LIBRARY TOTAL:</b>	<b>2,179.17</b>	
<b>GRAND TOTAL:</b>	<b>279,971.98</b>	

**Claims Total - Payroll & EFT's**                      **\$248,501.56**

**Re-issued Check**                                              **\$230,918.47**

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Adam Rabe, Mayor

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Attest: Karla Marck, City Administrator