

**MINUTES
CITY OF MARENGO
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
April 14, 2021**

Call to Order by Mayor Adam Rabe at 6:00 p.m. on April 14, 2021. Elected Officials Present: Greg Jergens, Sue Peterson, Bill Kreis, Chad Peska and Travis Schlabach. Absent: None. Quorum declared by Rabe.

Due to current status of Governor Reynolds' COVID-19 Declaration of Disaster Emergency, meeting was held at the Marengo Public Library.

Staff and Press Present: Admin. Karla Marck; Fin. Mgr. Ellen Young; Police Chief Ben Gray; Public Works Director Lonnie Altenhofen; Att. John Pilkington; Susan Turnbull, Hometown Current; (6:23) pm. Jackie Jordan.

Members of the Public Present: Diana Kimm, Daniel Miller, Mike Peska.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Rabe.

Approval of Agenda – April 14, 2021

Motion by Peterson to approve. Second by Peska. Vote. Ayes: Jergens, Peterson, Kreis, Peska, Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Consent Agenda

Included March 30, 2021 Special Session – Approval Waste Water Improvement Funds Application Public Hearing Minutes; Claims/Checks/Withdrawals of \$116,026.93; March 2021 Revenues Totaling \$175,402.48; Approval of Application for July 3 Fireworks Permit for Marengo Fire Department. Motion by Schlabach to approve. Second by Peterson. Vote. Ayes: Jergens, Peterson, Kreis, Peska, Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Open Forum

Kimm requested to be on next council agenda for consideration of a variance at 152 W. Miller Street. Currently zoned as C-2, commercial highway, and requesting 10-15 year variance, not permanent zoning request change, to permit same uses as R-1, residential. Pilkington indicated would need to request variance from Board of Adjustments.

Old Business

- a) **Consideration: Request for Approval of City Park Fountain Design and Installation, Alan Schumacher**
Schlabach spoke due to absence of Schumacher. Stated meet with Altenhofen and developed a fountain solution that is usable and serviceable. Jergens inquired on plans for fencing around water retention areas, due to safety concerns. Discussion occurred regarding need for council to approve use of water for final design. All members agreed to allow water feature. Committee to submit drawing of proposed design for final council approval. Construction to begin after July 3 with completion targeted for September 2021.
- b) **Public Hearing and Third Reading ORD 492: Amending Chapter 47 – Park Regulations, adding Gateway Park Rules**
Public hearing opened at 6:28. Gray commented county conservation in process of updating, so will be updates soon. Public hearing closed at 6:31. Motion by Schlabach to approve. Second by Peterson. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Jergens, Peterson, Kreis, Peska, Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- c) **Public Hearing and Third Reading ORD 493: Amending Chapter 4 – 4.01 Scheduled Fines, adding Section 47.08 Park Rules**
Public hearing opened at 6:32. No comments. Public hearing closed at 6:33. Motion by Jergens to approve. Second by Peska. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Jergens, Peterson, Kreis, Peska, Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- d) **Public Hearing and Second Reading ORD 494: Revising Chapter 122 Peddlers, Solicitors and Transient Merchants**
Public hearing opened at 6:33. No comments. Public hearing closed at 6:33. Motion by Kreis to approve. Second by Peska. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Jergens, Peterson, Kreis, Peska, Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- e) **Resolution 21-74: Resolution to fix a date for a public hearing on proposal to enter into a Sewer Revenue Loan and Disbursement Agreement and to borrow money thereunder in a principal amount not to exceed \$560,000**
Marck stated that zero percent loan is for the design phase of the waste water plant. Schlabach reiterated that no V&K disbursements will be made until after loan processing completed. Motion by Schlabach to approve. Second by Peska. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Jergens, Peterson, Kreis, Peska, Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion carried.

New Business

- a) **Consideration: Family Hair Utility Billing Credit Request**
Peska requested credit due to faulty meter. Motion by Schlabach to grant \$137.12 credit as an offer of compromise based upon the associated costs and risks for both parties for testing of the meter. In consideration of this compromise, council plans to enact a new meter replacement policy, and this decision is not to be construed as precedent for future considerations. Second by Kreis. Vote. Ayes: Jergens, Peterson, Kreis, Schlabach. Abstain: Peska. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- b) **Resolution 21-71: Set Public Hearing for FY21 Budget Amendment**
Young stated amendments were reviewed by finance committee, and sent out via email to all council members. Motion by Jergens to approve. Second by Peska. Vote. Ayes: Jergens, Peterson, Kreis, Peska, Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- c) **Resolution 21-72: Approval of Bids and Sale of F-350 Truck**
Altenhofen stated highest bid of \$6,884.00 was submitted by S&S Plumbing and recommended approval of sale. Motion by Jergens to approve. Second by Kreis. Vote. Ayes: Jergens, Peterson, Kreis, Peska. Abstain: Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- d) **Resolution 21-73: Approving City Hall Re-Organization**

Marck read Resolution 21-73. Motion by Schlabach to approve. Second by Jergens. Vote. Ayes: Jergens, Peterson, Kreis, Peska, Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion carried.

e) Resolution 21-75: Approving Purchase of Fireworks Liability and Detonation Insurance

Marck reminded council fireworks rider was removed, and account credited, in 2020 as city did not sponsor fireworks due to COVID gathering restrictions. This request is reinstating fireworks insurance. Motion by Jergens to approve. Second by Peska. Vote. Ayes: Jergens, Peterson, Kreis, Peska, Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion carried.

f) Resolution 21-76: Setting Public Hearing for Fire Department Fees for Service

Schlabach indicated fire department is still in process of finalizing fees for service plans and requested to table the resolution. Motion by Jergens to table. Second by Schlabach. Vote. Ayes: Jergens, Peterson, Kreis, Peska, Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Update Public Safety – Chief Ben Gray

Gray stated 402 W. Washington garage was removed and plans in progress for cleanup of 799 Short Avenue property. Officer Ruiz received his taser certification and will be attending academy training in May. Receiving applications for police officer position until April 20. For March, Gray reported 40 incidents, 8 arrests, 11 citations, 35 warnings, 12 parking tickets, with a total of 39 outstanding parking tickets. There was a total of 439 calls for service. Held monthly reserve meeting. Two reserves have received module training through a State Center grant.

Attorney/ Financial Manager/Administrator Reports

Marck stated will be releasing Nationwide nuisance retainer for 460 E. Main property. Reported that as of 1:50 p.m. on April 14, there were 93 votes to allow burning and 38 votes to ban, will continue with burning survey through the week.

Mayor/Council/Committee Reports

Rabe stated will be moving back to council chambers at city hall beginning with May 12 meeting.

Adjournment

Motion by Kreis. Second by Peska to adjourn at 7:16 p.m. Vote. Ayes: Jergens, Peterson, Kreis, Peska, Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

City of Marengo Claims - 4/14/2021

Fund Name	Fund	
General Fund	001	24,866.51
Insurance Levy Fund	005	58,827.00
Police Equip/BLDG Fund	006	2,847.02
Road Use Tax Fund	110	8,787.73
Water Fund	600	12,259.30
Water Deposit Fund	605	34.27
Sewer Fund	610	12,016.20
Storm Sewer Fund	740	604.91
Total:		120,242.94

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>
PAYROLL	23,955.38	4/2/2021 Payroll
EFT Payments		
Grinnell State Bank	61.68	March 2021 Bank Fees
Iowa Department of Revenue	3,006.00	March 2021 Sales & Water Tax
Metlife	1,217.87	April 2021 Metlife Benefits
EFT TOTAL:	4,285.55	
Alan Moore	500.00	Fence Repair from Storm-Park

Alan Page	1.12	Water Deposit Refund
Alliant Energy	9,743.60	Electric
Amazon Business	342.97	March 2021 Supplies-PD/PW
Barco Municipal Products, Inc	307.22	Light Bar for Truck-PW
Big G Foods	41.88	March 2021 Supplies-PD/PW
BP	401.53	March 2021 Fuel-PD
Branden Eldridge	25.00	Reimbursement for Late Fee-MRC
Brian Miller Excavating	1,744.51	Services for 2273 Hwy 6 Trl-FD
Brown Supply Co.	78.00	Service Plug/Man Hole Cover-PW
Casey's General Store	243.91	March 2021 Fuel-PD
Charles Capper Auto Center, Inc	305.49	Bedliner/Service-PW/PD
City of Marengo	9.00	Cash Drawer-CH
City of Marengo Petty Cash	87.70	Postage/Letter/Tickets-PW/PD
Elliott Equipment Co.	168.64	Bearing Flange for Sweeper-PW
English River Gunsmithing, LLC	150.00	Gas Block-PD
Gabe's Gun Shop, LLC	330.00	Ammo-PD
Galls	396.96	Uniforms-PD
Goodwill Industries of the Heartland	120.00	March 2021 Janitorial Services-CH/Lib
Hawkins, Inc	947.94	Chemicals/Cylinders-PW
High Performance Patch	516.25	Street Patch-PW
IA Department of Public Safety	300.00	Radio Monitoring-PW
Isacc Kelley	69.54	Check Reissue
Israel Ruiz	130.00	Shoes for Academy-PD
Jetco	4,227.90	Well 11 Flowmeter-PW
Johnston Hy-Vee	2,018.50	I.Ruiz Academy Meals-PD
Keystone Laboratories, Inc	38.40	Drinking Water Analysis-PW
MARC	157.96	Striping Paint-PW
Marco Technologies	1,053.52	Copier Lease/Email/Azure/Webroot/Barracuda
Marengo Farm & Home	221.02	March 2021 Supplies-CH/PD/PW
Marengo Firefighters Assn	322.50	Fire Calls-FD

Marengo Insurance Center	58,249.00	April 20-21 Insurance
Marengo Post Office	527.00	March 2021 Postage-CH/PW
Masters Telecom	20.93	Voicemail-PD
Nationwide	578.00	Surety Bond June '21-'22
OTB Arms	380.00	Ammo-PD
Our Town Publications	770.05	March 2021 -Min/Ord/Ads-CH/Cemetery
Pro Hydro Testing	720.00	Hydro Testing-PW
Quill	66.62	Office Supplies-CH
REIC Landfill	11,376.00	Q4-2020/2021 Landfill Fee
Richard Hautekeete	3.15	Water Deposit Refund
River Products Company, Inc.	1,357.08	Rock-PW
Robert Gunzenhauser	30.00	Water Deposit Refund
Roggentien Electric	2,084.09	March 2021 Service-PW/FD
Sami's (Prime Star)	137.15	January 2021 Fuel-PD
Standard Pest Control	25.00	Bug Spraying-CH/PD/FD
Steve Buswell	71.09	Water Overpayment-PW
Stratton Benescoter (Whitey's)	361.15	March 2021 Fuel-PW/FD
Summit	1,024.00	Annual Extinguisher Service
Swift True Value	717.52	March 2021 Supplies-PD/CH/PW/FD
TestAmerica	732.90	Weekly Wastewater-PW
Veenstra & Kimm, Inc	10,591.00	Engineering Services
Verizon Wireless	476.62	Desk & Cell Phones-CH/PD/PW
VISA	528.48	March 2021 Charges-PD
Windstream	194.04	Internet/Phones
Zachariah Arrels	5.00	Parking Ticket Refund-PD
CHECK TOTAL:	116,026.93	
LIBRARY TOTAL:	0.00	
GRAND TOTAL:	144,267.86	

Claims Total - Payroll & EFT's \$116,026.93

\$115,957.39
Without Re-issue Check

Bill Kreis, Mayor Pro Tem

Attest: Karla Marck, City Administrator