

**MINUTES**  
**CITY OF MARENGO**  
**CITY COUNCIL**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
Marengo Council Chambers  
April 22, 2026

**Call to Order** by Mayor Schlabach at 6:00 p.m. on April 22, 2026. Council Officials Present: Shawn Huedepohl, Karen Wayson-Kisling, Will Geoghagan, John Hinshaw, Jenni Olson via phone. Absent: None. Quorum declared by Schlabach.

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

**Members of the Public Present:** Jamie Toledo from ITC, Matt Loffer.

**Pledge of Allegiance** led by Schlabach.

**Approval of Agenda – April 22, 2026**

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

**Consent Agenda**

Approval of Minutes from April 8, 2026, City Council Meeting. March 2026 Revenues Totaling \$690,208.93. March 2026 Major Operating Departments Finance Reports. March 2026 Finance Expenditures & Revenue Report. Savings Accounts Report. Approving Tax Abatement Application for 311 Roberts Avenue. Motion by Hinshaw to approve. Second by Wayson-Kisling. Vote. Ayes: Wayson-Kisling, Huedepohl, Geoghagan, Hinshaw, Olson. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

**Resident Comments:** Matt Loffer commented about ordinance changes.

**Old Business**

- a) **Public Hearing and Third Reading ORD #551: Amendment to Chapter 46 – Minors, by Revising Section 46.02 Cigarettes and Tobacco.** Opened the Public Hearing at 6:05 p.m. No public comments. Public Hearing closed at 6:06 p.m. Motion to approve by Hinshaw. Second by Wayson-Kisling. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Wayson-Kisling, Huedepohl, Geoghagan, Hinshaw, Olson. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- b) **Public Hearing and Third Reading ORD #552: Amendment to Chapter 4 – Scheduled Fines, Adding Item #58. Section 46.02 – Person Under 21 Using Tobacco/Vapor Products.** Opened the Public Hearing at 6:06 p.m. No public comments. Public Hearing closed at 6:07 p.m. Motion to approve by Hinshaw. Second by Geoghagan. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Wayson-Kisling, Geoghagan, Huedepohl, Hinshaw, Olson. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- c) **Public Hearing and Third Reading ORD #553: Amendment to Chapter 145 – Dangerous Buildings, Adding Item #6, Section 145.03 – Unsafe Buildings.** Opened the Public Hearing at 6:07 p.m. No public comments. Public Hearing closed at 6:08 p.m. Motion to approve by Hinshaw. Second by Geoghagan. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Wayson-Kisling, Geoghagan, Huedepohl, Hinshaw, Olson. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- d) **Resolution #26-92: Proposing to Dispose of Real Property and Publishing a Notice of Public Hearing – 699 Marengo Avenue.** The city has received 2 written bids. The stipulation starts the bidding at \$6,000. Motion to approve by Geoghagan. Second by Wayson-Kisling. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Wayson-Kisling, Huedepohl, Geoghagan, Hinshaw, Olson. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- e) **Resolution #26-93: Proposing to Dispose of Real Property and Publishing a Notice of Public Hearing – 605 Court Avenue.** No motion. Failed.
- f) **Public Hearing and Approval of Resolution #26-94: Approving FY26 Budget Amendments.** Opened the Public Hearing at 6:12 p.m. No public comments. Public Hearing closed at 6:13 p.m. Motion to approve by Hinshaw. Second by Wayson-Kisling. Vote. Ayes: Wayson-Kisling, Huedepohl, Geoghagan, Hinshaw, Olson. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- g) **Public Hearing and Approval of Resolution #26-95: Approving Certification of FY27 Budget.** Opened the Public Hearing at 6:14 p.m. No public comments. Public Hearing closed at 6:15 p.m. Motion to approve by Wayson-Kisling. Second by Geoghagan. Vote. Ayes: Wayson-Kisling, Huedepohl, Geoghagan, Hinshaw, Olson. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**New Business**

- a) **Public Hearing and First Reading of ORD 554: Amendment to Adding Chapter 111A – Electric Transmission Franchise; Adding Ordinance No. 554.** Opened the Public Hearing at 6:15 p.m. No public comments. Public Hearing closed at 6:18 p.m. Jamie Toledo from ITC was available to answer questions. Motion to approve by Wayson-Kisling. Second by Geoghagan. Vote. Ayes: Wayson-Kisling, Huedepohl, Geoghagan, Hinshaw, Olson. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- b) **Public Hearing and First Reading of ORD 555: Amendment to Chapter 77-Operation of Off-Road Vehicles & Golf Carts; Sections 77.01 #1, 77.02, 77.03, 77.05 #1, and 77.10.** Opened the Public Hearing at 6:19 p.m. No public comments. Public Hearing closed at 6:21 p.m. Motion to approve by Wayson-Kisling. Second by Geoghagan. Vote. Ayes: Wayson-Kisling, Huedepohl, Geoghagan, Hinshaw, Olson. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- c) **Resolution #26-96: Setting Public Hearing for Lucas Street Improvements and the Bid Date.** Bids will be due May 21<sup>st</sup> at 2 p.m. The Public Hearing will be held on May 27<sup>th</sup>. Motion to approve by Wayson-Kisling. Second by Geoghagan. Vote. Ayes: Wayson-Kisling, Huedepohl, Geoghagan, Hinshaw, Olson. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- d) **Consideration: Approving the Code of Conduct Policy.** Motion to approve by Geoghagan. Second by Wayson-Kisling. Vote. Ayes: Wayson-Kisling, Huedepohl, Geoghagan, Hinshaw, Olson. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- e) **Consideration: Approving for the City of Marengo to Provide and Install the Signs for the Marengo Trails Project and Purchase the Signs Out of Capital Expenditures not to exceed \$3,000.** Motion to approve by Geoghagan. Second by Olson. Vote. Ayes: Wayson-Kisling, Huedepohl, Geoghagan, Hinshaw, Olson. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**Approval of Monthly Bills:**

a) Claims, checks, and direct withdrawals totaling \$81,511.98. Motion to approve by Wayson-Kisling. Second by Geoghagan. Vote. Ayes: Wayson-Kisling, Huedepohl, Geoghagan, Hinshaw, Olson. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**Update Public Works – Director Lonnie Altenhofen**

For April 2026, Altenhofen reported 12 water shut offs, all residential water meters are now radio units except for 1 that will require a curb stop repair, 14 large meters to install next week, completed some dirt work from last fall’s water main work, water tower leak is fixed. Sewer work: Pulled pump 2 at lagoon lift station and lagoon project is slowly progressing. 26 locates, filled potholes, composting is being done at East lot and larger pieces will need to be hauled out. Final component of the pool play structure is fixed, ordered pool chemicals, pumps and lines have been checked with the rep., worked on playground equipment at City Park, fountain will be running soon.

**Update Marengo Public Library – Director Jackie Jordan**

Director Jordan reported that there are 19 programs scheduled for the summer reading program. The library is partnering with the American Legion to hold 3 of the programs at the Legion and using City Park for some of the programs. Chalk the walk will be held at Rose Haven this summer. The library closes at 2 p.m. on Thursdays and Fridays. AC has been serviced.

**Attorney/ Financial Manager/Administrator Reports.** Attorney Kensler reported he is working on municipal infractions and has been working with the City Administrator on various issues. City Administrator O’Rourke reported she has been working on pool features and maintenance and looking into a maintenance contract for the pool.

**Mayor/Council/Committee Reports.** Councilperson Hinshaw asked the Council if they would like to explore land development in the city. Councilperson Olson questioned whether we could put a dog park in the former butterfly garden lot. She was told to look into it and bring it back to the Council.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Wayson-Kisling. Second by Olson to adjourn at 6:58 p.m. Vote. Ayes: Wayson-Kisling, Huedepohl, Geoghagan, Hinshaw, Olson. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

**City of Marengo Claims-4.22.26**

<b>Fund Name</b>	<b>Fund</b>	
General Fund	001	\$26,394.10
General Fund Capital Expenditures	002	\$628.46
Insurance Levy Fund	005	\$578.00
Road Use Tax Fund	110	\$10,049.48
Water Fund	600	\$15,044.98
Sewer Fund	610	\$7,969.74
Storm Sewer Fund	740	\$623.70
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$61,288.46</b>

<b><u>Payee</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>
Payroll	\$20,223.52	4.10.26 Payroll
<b>EFT Payments</b>		
Grinnell State Bank	\$70.32	March 2026 Bank Fees
Wellmark	\$18,893.29	April 2026 Insurance
Metlife	\$1,988.54	April 2026 Insurance
Iowa Department of Revenue	\$3,295.61	March 2026 Water & Sales Tax
NAICOPTins	277.50	2025 Perpetual Care Cemetery Report
<b>EFT TOTAL:</b>	<b>24,525.26</b>	
3E Delaware Generators	\$725.00	Service Generator - PW
Alliant Energy	\$15,705.51	Electricity
Amazon	\$1,679.89	Magnetic locator - PW Toner - CH
Ampride	\$161.05	Fuel - PD
Big G	\$129.95	March 2026 Supplies - PD/CH/PW
BSN Sports	\$902.14	Summer Ball Supplies - MRC
Budden Jerseys	\$3,463.00	Summer Ball Uniforms - MRC

Carquest	\$628.06	March 2026 Supplies - PW/FD
Casey's	\$665.59	March 2026 Fuel - PD
CommUnity Crisis Services & Food Bank	\$353.08	March 2026 Law Enforcement Liaison - PD
Critical Hire	\$200.00	MMPI - PD
Custom Hose & Supply	\$383.45	Grass Truck Hose Assembly - FD
Dakota Supply	\$51.00	Meter Gasket - PW
Gazette	\$330.19	Publishings - CH
Iowa County Recorder	\$102.00	Recording Fees - Cemetery Knapp
Iowa Law Enforcement Academy	\$295.00	H Jepson Training Renewals, MMPI Transfer - PD
Kiefer Aquatics	\$2,314.85	Suits/Whistles/Hip Packs - POOL
Kinzenbaw Earthmoving	\$256.60	Rock - PW
Marco	\$147.96	Copier Lease - CH
Marco Tech	\$168.00	Equipment Repair - PD
Marengo Farm and Home	\$234.08	March 2026 Supplies - PD/PW
Marengo Fire	\$1,087.50	3/24/26-3/30/26 Fire Calls - FD
Microbac	\$39.00	Drinking Water Analysis - PW
Nationwide	\$578.00	2026 Insurance Renewal
REC	\$42.55	Welcome Sign Electric
River Products	\$522.95	Rock - PW
Shawn Huedepohl	\$133.75	SSMCT7 Training - Pool
State Hygenic Lab	\$31.00	Water Testing - PW
Swift True Value	\$1,008.17	March 2026 Supplies - FD/MRC
Tiffany Shine	\$191.53	SSMCT7 Training - MRC
Toyne	\$822.00	1st Response Truck Repair - FD
Tyler Tech	\$628.46	Software Upgrade
Verizon	\$646.55	Desk/Cell phones
VISA	\$848.62	Car Wash/Training/Meeting - PD Food License - MRC
WEX	\$825.91	3/7/26-4/6/26 Fuel - PD/FD
Windstream	\$460.81	Internet/Phone
<b>CHECKS TOTAL:</b>	<b>36,763.20</b>	
<b>UTILITY BILLING REFUNDS:</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	
<b>LIBRARY TOTAL:</b>	<b>0.00</b>	
<b>GRAND TOTAL:</b>	<b>81,511.98</b>	

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

**\$36,763.20**

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Travis Schlabach, Mayor

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Attest: Ellen O'Rourke, City Administrator