

MINUTES
CITY OF MARENGO
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Marengo Council Chambers
April 8, 2026

Call to Order by Mayor Travis Schlabach at 6:00 p.m. on April 8, 2026. Council Officials Present: Jenni Olson, John Hinshaw, Shawn Huedepohl, Karen Wayson-Kisling, Will Geoghagan. 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: Greg & Michelle Wayson, Dillon Blythe, Cole & Kayla Miller, Doug Kinzenbaw

Pledge of Allegiance led by Schlabach.

Approval of Agenda – April 8, 2026

Motion by Hinshaw to approve with the deletion of Resolution #26-92. Second by Wayson-Kisling. Ayes: Olson, Wayson-Kisling, Huedepohl, Hinshaw, Geoghagan. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Consent Agenda

Approval of minutes from March 25, 2026 City Council Meeting FY27 Tax Levy Hearing. Approval of minutes from March 25, 2026 City Council Meeting. Acceptance of resignation from Roberta Stetler. Approving Tobacco License for Dolgencorp, LLC, dba Dollar General. Motion by Geoghagan to approve. Second by Olson. Vote. Ayes: Olson, Wayson-Kisling, Huedepohl, Hinshaw, Geoghagan. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Resident Comments: Dillon Blythe made comments about his lot at Industrial Park. Council recommended discussing it at a streets committee meeting.

Old Business

a) **Public Hearing: Proposing to Dispose of Real Property, Parcel #730405010, Locally Known as 699 Marengo Avenue.**

Opened the Public Hearing at 6:16 p.m. No bids were brought to City Hall. No bids received during the public hearing. Closed the Public Hearing at 6:25 p.m. No action taken.

b) **Public Hearing and Second Reading ORD #551: Amendment to Chapter 46 – Minors, by Revising Section 46.02**

Cigarettes and Tobacco. Opened the Public Hearing at 6:24 p.m. No public comments. Public Hearing closed at 6:25 p.m. Motion to approve by Hinshaw. Second by Olson. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Olson, Wayson-Kisling, Huedepohl, Geoghagan, Hinshaw. Nays: None. Motion carried.

c) **Public Hearing and Second 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 6:26 p.m. No public comments. Public Hearing closed at 6:27 p.m. Motion to approve by Olson. Second by Wayson-Kisling. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Olson, Wayson-Kisling, Huedepohl, Geoghagan, Hinshaw. Nays: None. Motion carried.

d) **Public Hearing and Second Reading ORD #553: Amendment to Chapter 145 – Dangerous Buildings, Adding Item #6,**

Section 145.03 – Unsafe Buildings. Opened the Public Hearing at 6:27 p.m. No public comments. Public Hearing closed at 6:28 p.m. Motion to approve by Wayson-Kisling. Second by Geoghagan. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Olson, Wayson-Kisling, Huedepohl, Geoghagan, Hinshaw. Nays: None. Motion carried.

New Business

a) **Public Hearing: Proposing to Dispose of Real Property, Parcel #730607092, Locally Known as 605 Court Avenue.** Open the Public Hearing at 6:28 p.m. No public comments. No bids were brought into City Hall. No bids received during the public hearing. Public Hearing closed at 6:29 p.m. No action taken.

b) **Consideration: Approving the Schedule for Lucas Street Improvements.** Requests for Proposals will be due on May 21, 2026 and completion in August. Motion to approve by Geoghagan. Second by Olson. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Olson, Wayson-Kisling, Huedepohl, Geoghagan, Hinshaw. Nays: None. Motion carried.

c) **Resolution #26-89: Approving Hiring of MRC Seasonal Maintenance Workers.** Motion to hire Christopher Shine and Christopher Kurka by Olson. Second by Wayson-Kisling. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Olson, Wayson-Kisling, Huedepohl, Geoghagan, Hinshaw. Nays: None. Motion carried.

d) **Discussion: Discussing Where to Allocate Economic Development Off-the-Top Funds.** Council agreed to recommendations for ICCD-\$10K, Chamber \$2K, and Tear Downs-\$15K for FY27. Motion to approve by Wayson-Kisling. Second by Hinshaw. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Olson, Wayson-Kisling, Huedepohl, Geoghagan, Hinshaw. Nays: None. Motion carried.

e) **Consideration: Approving the use of Capital Expenditure Funds for Shed at Lions Park in the Amount of \$3,495.** Motion to approve by Olson. Second by Geoghagan. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Olson, Wayson-Kisling, Huedepohl, Geoghagan, Hinshaw. Nays: None. Motion carried.

f) **Discussion: Discussing the Code of Conduct Policy.** Council requested changes be made to the policy and it is brought to the next council meeting reflecting those changes. No action taken.

g) **Resolution #26-90: Approving Purchase of Public Works Cub Cadet ProZ 960L EFI Mower for \$12,400.** Motion by Olson. Second by Geoghagan. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Olson, Wayson-Kisling, Huedepohl, Geoghagan, Hinshaw. Nays: None. Motion carried.

h) **Resolution #26-91: Approving Pay Application #7 for Contract #1 – Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvements.** Motion by Wayson-Kisling. Second by Geoghagan. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Olson, Wayson-Kisling, Huedepohl, Geoghagan, Hinshaw. Nays: None. Motion carried.

i) **Resolution #26-92.** Deleted.

Approval of Monthly Bills

a) Claims, checks, and direct withdrawals totaling \$373,184.95. Motion to approve by Wayson-Kisling. Second by Geoghagan. Vote. Ayes: Wayson-Kisling, Olson, Hinshaw, Huedepohl, Geoghagan. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Update Public Safety – Chief Ben Gray

For March 2026, Chief Gray reported 20 incidents, 3 arrests, 23 citations, 70 warnings, 9 parking tickets with a total of 62 outstanding parking tickets, 12 medical calls, 295 calls for service/7 handled exclusively by the Iowa County Sheriff’s Office. Chief Gray participated in the monthly MHL meeting, conducted MMPI for a reserve applicant, participated in online meeting re: Lexipol City Policy Manual, attended county Chief’s Meeting, finished the Marengo Police Department 2025 Annual Report, and handed out Easter baskets.

Attorney/ Financial Manager/Administrator Reports. City Administrator O’Rourke reported the re-zoning of the city appears to be a bigger project than previously anticipated and may take several years to complete.

Mayor/Council/Committee Reports. Mayor Schlabach reported that the fire department is considering adding on to the station with a possible addition to City Hall.

Adjournment

Motion by Olson. Second by Wayson-Kisling to adjourn at 7:08 p.m. Vote. Ayes: Wayson-Kisling, Huedepohl, Hinshaw, Geoghagan, Olson. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

City of Marengo Claims-4.8.26

Fund Name	Fund	
General Fund	001	\$32,464.62
General Fund Capital Expenditures	002	\$2,286.00
Police Equip/BLDG Fund	006	\$2,849.30
Economic Development Fund	010	\$23,400.00
Road Use Tax Fund	110	\$4,556.21
Wastewater Treatment Plant	328	\$272,512.35
Franklin & Lucas Street	346	\$5,602.00
Water Fund	600	\$1,734.99
Sewer Fund	610	\$395.00
Total:		\$345,800.47

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>
Payroll	\$27,322.58	3.27.26 Payroll
EFT Payments		
Grinnell State Bank	\$11.00	K.Alford NSF Fee
EFT TOTAL:	11.00	
Amazon	\$14.97	Fly Traps - PD
Astra	\$256.75	Camera Fees
Bear Creek	\$3,885.30	Replace Cabinets/Counters - PD
Brian Miller Excavating	\$23,400.00	605 Court Ave Tear Down - PW
Brite	\$439.00	Driver License Reader Kit - PD
Cameron's Repair	\$974.26	#3 Pump Truck - FD
Dakota Supply Group	\$790.10	Pentagon Plug, blades, manhole- PW
Eurofins	\$593.60	Weekly Wastewater - PW
High Performance Patch	\$630.00	Road Patching - PW
Iowa Co Recorder	\$68.00	Recording Fees - Cemetary
Iowa Law Enforcement Academy	\$150.00	MMPI - PD
Kollmorgen, Schule & Zahradnik	\$4,249.96	Legal Fees - CH

Lorilee Rosene	\$2,600.00	Lifeguard Training - Pool
Marco Tech	\$1,091.29	Crowdstrike, annual Barracuda renewal
Marengo Fire	\$690.00	Fire Calls; G Ave, F Ave, 100th St, NN Ave - FD
Marengo Post Office	\$917.00	Postage - PW
Masters	\$17.62	voicemail - PD
Niemeyer Electric	\$2,009.07	electrical maintenance - PW
REIC Iowa Co Landfill	\$18,262.50	Q4 2026 Lanfill Assessment
Roggentien Electric	\$139.20	Pump Engine Repair - FD
S&S Plumbing	\$204.66	De-Winterizing - MRC
Stratton Bencoter "Whitey's"	\$1,495.92	Fuel - PW/FD Tire Repair - FD
Tyler Tech	\$1,250.00	Software Upgrade - CH
USA Communications	\$27.34	Phone - PW
V&K	\$23,134.33	Engineering Fees
Wendler	\$255,574.02	Contract 1-WWTP Improvements
Windstream	\$15.21	Internet - PW
CHECKS TOTAL:	342,880.10	
Jerry Jordan	\$44.39	Water Deposit Refund
Austin Schlabach	\$17.51	Water Deposit Refund
UTILITY BILLING REFUNDS:	\$61.90	
Access	\$283.24	Copier Lease
Amazon	\$1,641.77	books/summer program
MidAmerica Books	\$137.70	books
Quill	\$421.54	Coffee Pods, janitorial supplies, outdoor flags
Ryan Waldrop	\$175.00	Tree Trimming and Clean up
Swift	\$100.03	Tools/Hardware
US Cellular	\$88.18	Hotspots
USA Communications	\$61.91	Phone/Fax
LIBRARY TOTAL:	2,909.37	
GRAND TOTAL:	373,184.95	

Claims Total - Payroll & EFT's \$345,789.47

Travis Schlabach, Mayor

Attest: Ellen O'Rourke, City Administrator