

**MINUTES**  
**CITY OF MARENGO**  
**CITY COUNCIL**  
REGULAR MEETING  
Iowa County Annex Building  
August 11, 2021

**Call to Order** by Mayor Adam Rabe at 6:00 p.m. on August 11, 2021. Elected Officials Present: Greg Jergens, Sue Peterson, Bill Kreis, Chad Peska and Travis Schlabach. Absent: None. Quorum declared by Rabe.

**Staff and Press Present:** Admin. Karla Marck; Fin. Mgr. Ellen Young; Deputy City Clerk Adam Kerkove; Police Chief Ben Gray; Attorney Gage Kensler; Library Director Jackie Jordon.

**Members of the Public Present:** Allison Schlabach, Andrew Smith, Ardith Hausman, Ashlea Mente, Audrey Loffer, Barb McMeen, Barb Roggentien, Becky Schmuecker, Benjamin Wagner, Bonnie Walden, Carmen Grimm, Chuck Goss, Cindy Ballard, Courtney Stubblefield, Dan Slaymaker, Daniel Christiansen, Delbert King, Della Cooney, Don Slaymaker, Eric Disterhoft, Garth Grafft, James Petersen, Jennifer Culbertson, Jim Ford, Joanne Slockett, Jock Kanke, John Hinshaw, Joshua Stubblefield, Joyce King, Kathy Hobbs, Larry Fiser, Laura Dietrich, Leanne Slaymaker, Liz Kriegel, Lou McMeen, Mandi Kanke, Marilyn Rodgers, Matt Ryan, Natasha Hauschilt, Paula Long, Phyllis Rosenberry, Robbie Probasco, Robin Hobbs, Rosie Disterhoft, Scott Hamlin, Shelly Steele, Shirley Slaymaker, Terry Gulbertson, Tom Gross, Tom Ryan, Will Geoghagan.

**Pledge of Allegiance** led by Rabe.

**Approval of Agenda – August 11, 2021**

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

**Consent Agenda**

Included June 28, 2021 Council Minutes; Claims/Checks/Withdrawals of \$118,779.72. June 2021 Revenues totaling \$313,870.70. July 2021 Major Operating Departments Finance Reports. July 2021 Finance Expenditures & Revenue Report. Motion by Jergens to approve. Second by Peska. Vote. Ayes: Jergens, Peterson, Kreis, Peska, Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

**Open Forum**

Hinshaw inquired on which agency maintains trail on top of levee. Discussions occurred regarding Iowa County Conservation and Drainage District areas of responsibility for levee.

**Old Business**

- a) **Public Hearing and Second Reading: ORD 498 Chapter 92 – Amend Water Rates, Service Discontinued Fees**  
Public Hearing opened at 6:04 p.m. Discussions regarding whether fees are applied on holidays and weekends. Public Hearing closed at 6:05 p.m. Motion by Schlabach to approve and add language regarding reconnects only occur during normal city hall work days, not holidays or weekends. Second by Peterson. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Jergens, Peterson, Kreis, Peska, Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- b) **Public Hearing: Iowa State Revolving Fund Environmental Information; City of Marengo State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Application Review for Waste Water Treatment Facility (WWTF) Project**  
Public Hearing opened at 6:06 p.m. No questions or comments regarding environmental report were received. Public Hearing closed at 6:10 p.m.
- c) **Resolution 22-17: Voiding Res. #21-87 Approving Change of Library Director Position to Exempt for Purposes of the Fair Labor Standard Act (FLSA)**  
Kreis inquired on why council involved, as felt was position of the Library Board, not council. Marck stated this resolution is intended to void the prior recommended contract that was erroneously written. Council recommended to change director position to exempt status to assist with budgeting. Jordan stated that library board reviewed and requested no contract, but has agreed to library director position exempt status. Motion by Jergens to approve. Second by Peterson. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Jergens, Peterson, Kreis, Peska, Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- d) **Discussion: Need for Revision in Number of Days Allowed for Violators to Conform to Ordinance 151.02 – No Trees Planted in Parking or Street**  
Discussions occurred on need to provide more than 15 days due to potential variations in environmental elements that could impact survival of trees/bushes. Schlabach proposed to allow 90 days to remedy, and requested clerk to initiate procedures for changing ordinance. Additional discussions occurred on whether council should reconsider Duty to Cut Grass section of Chapter 151-Trees, and increase not to exceed length to 8 inches. Discussions occurred with no recommendation for change.

**New Business**

- a) **Resolution 22-15: Updates to Utility Billing Payment Policy**  
Motion by Jergens to approve. Second by Schlabach. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Jergens, Peterson, Kreis, Peska, Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- b) **Resolution 22-18: Setting Public Hearing for Amending Chapter 69-Parking Regulations, No Parking Zones – East May Street Parking**  
Motion by Schlabach to approve. Second by Peterson. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Jergens, Peterson, Kreis, Peska, Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- c) **Resolution 22-19: Setting Public Hearing to Revise Chapter 55-Animal Protection & Control, Licensing of Dogs and Cats**

Young stated proposing changes to simplify delinquent pet tags licensing fees. Removing accelerated fines based on number of months delinquent, and simply charging \$5 additional for months of April through October. Motion by Jergens to approve. Second by Peska. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Jergens, Peterson, Kreis, Peska, Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion carried.

d) **Resolution 22-20: Approval to Initiate Proceedings to Enable Adoption of Restated Plan for Marengo's Urban Development**

Marck stated that resolution is requesting approval to begin proceeding to reopen urban development plan to enable potential bonding and TIF funding for projects discussed by council to date. Projects to include: Hilton Street, removal of bricks and infrastructure (water/sewer) repairs; fire trucks; splash pad; and Miller Street. Schlabach inquired on adding aquatics facility to list of potential projects, due to number of public members present to discuss city swimming pool. Motion by Schlabach to approve with addition of aquatics/swimming facility to list of projects. Second by Kreis. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Jergens, Peterson, Kreis, Peska, Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion carried.

e) **6:30 P.M. Discussion & Open Forum: City Swimming Pool**

More than 25 members of the public and council discussed desires and limitations for opening of city swimming pool – new or repurposing existing. Rabe agreed to leading a community-based swimming pool committee to research costs and options; underlining that that the city cannot be only contributor, must have community buy-in to make it happen. Plans to announce committee members at next council meeting.

**Public Safety – Chief Ben Gray**

For July, Gray reported 30 incidents, 2 arrests, 5 citations, 19 warnings, 9 parking tickets, with a total of 36 outstanding parking tickets. There was a total of 353 calls for service. Year-to-date, have worked a total of 21 nuisance and/or junk vehicles properties, with 10 currently active. A dangerous property notice was served at 170 W. Randolph Street. The dangerous property at 699 Marengo was abated by the homeowner, garage was demolished. A total of 19 notices for duty to cut grass were served.

**Attorney/ Financial Manager/Administrator Reports**

Kensler reported has received correspondence from heir of abandoned property at 1001 E Main, will proceed with next steps. Marck reported that city council nominations and petitions can be filed August 23 through September 15.

**Mayor/Council/Committee Reports**

None.

**Adjournment**

Motion by Peterson. 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 - 8/11/2021**

<b>Fund Name</b>	<b>Fund</b>	
General Fund	`001	54,765.38
Insurance Levy Fund	005	1,000.00
Police Equip/Bldg Fund	006	3,539.99
Library Fights & Memorials	033	250.00
Road Use Tax Fund	110	7,365.62
May Street Improvement	330	7,002.00
Water Fund	600	18,795.45
Sewer Fund	610	1,745.13
Total:		94,463.57

<b><u>Payee</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>
PAYROLL	<b>\$ 24,316.15</b>	8/6/21 Payroll
<b>EFT Payments</b>		
Grinnell State Bank	61.92	July 2021 Bank Fees
Iowa Department of Revenue	3,101.00	July 2021 Water/Sales Tax
Metlife	1,446.22	August 2021 Metlife Benefits
Keystone Savings Bank	6,991.24	2021 PD Car Loan Payment
<b>EFT TOTAL:</b>	<b>11,600.38</b>	

911 Custom	117.00	Concealable Carrier-PD
Big G Foods	76.99	July 2021 Supplies-MRC/PD
BP	476.76	July 2021 Fuel-PD/FD
Brown Supply Co.	7,002.00	Piping/Supplies-PW
Carquest	126.99	July 2021 Supplies-PD/PW
Casey's	349.03	July 2021 Fuel-PD
Hawkins, Inc	10.00	Chlorine Cylinders-PW
Heartland CoOp	49.00	Spray Fields-MRC
High Performance Patch	49.50	Street Sign-PW
Iowa Department of Natural Resources	210.00	FY22 NPDES Permit Fee-PW
Karl Chevrolet	36,216.00	2021 Tahoe-PD
Keystone Laboratories	38.40	Drinking Water Analysis-PW
Kollmorgen, Schlue, & Zahradnik, PC	1,627.50	July 2021 Legal
MARC	158.09	Wasp/Hornet Killer-PW
Marengo Body Shop	4,539.99	2018 PD Squad Graphic Repair-PD
Marengo Farm & Home	424.48	July 2021 Supplies-PD/PW/Park
Marengo Post Office	355.00	Bulk Mail/Stamps-CH/PW
Marengo Rotary Club	150.00	Q2/Q3 2021-Dues
Northway Well & Pump	15,000.00	Well #10 & #11 Maintenance-PW
Our Town Publications	498.74	July 2021 Mins/Ord
Quill	65.93	Paper/Pens/Mop-CH
Racom Corporation	1,625.00	Radio-CH
Roggentien Electric	7,145.78	Lights/Truck Lights-PW/FD
Roto-Rooter	914.85	Camera Inspection-PW
S & J Sanitation	136.00	July 2021 Trash
Standard Pest	25.00	Bug Spraying-PD/FD/CH
Staples	315.75	Ink-CH
State Hygienic Lab	27.00	Well Testing-PW
Stratton Benscoter (Whitey's)	597.90	July 2021 Fuel-PW/MRC/Parks
Swift True Value	186.39	July 2021 Supplies-FD

Verizon Wireless	566.21	July 2021 Desk/Cell Phones-PD/CH/PW
VISA	1,674.11	July 2021 Charges-CH/PD/FD
<b>CHECK TOTAL:</b>	<b>80,755.39</b>	
Amazon	819.48	Books
Breanna Lorenzen	150.45	Program
Oriental Trading	221.49	Program Supplies
Quill	838.32	July 2021 Supplies
S & J Sanitation	22.00	June 2021 Trash
Standard Pest Control	40.00	Bug Spraying
USA Communication	16.06	Internet/Phones
<b>LIBRARY TOTAL:</b>	<b>2,107.80</b>	
<b>GRAND TOTAL:</b>	<b>118,779.72</b>	

**Claims Total - Payroll & EFT's      \$ 82,863.19**

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Adam Rabe, Mayor

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Attest: Karla Marck, City Administrator