

MINUTES
CITY OF MARENGO
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
August 25, 2021

Call to Order by Mayor Adam Rabe at 6:00 p.m. on August 25, 2021. Elected Officials Present: Greg Jergens, Sue Peterson, Bill Kreis, and Travis Schlabach. Absent: Chad Peska. Quorum declared by Rabe.

Staff and Press Present: Admin. Karla Marck; Fin. Mgr. Ellen Young; Deputy City Clerk Adam Kerkove; Police Chief Ben Gray; Public Works Director Lonnie Altenhofen; Attorney Gage Kensler; Grace Atkinson, The Current.

Members of the Public Present: Tom Ryan; Cindy Ballard; Curt Rheingans; Jason Kriegel; Will Geoghagan; Jenn Geoghagan; Benjamin Wagner; Lou McMeen.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Rabe.

Approval of Agenda – August 25, 2021

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

Consent Agenda

Included August 11, 2021 Council Minutes; Claims/Checks/Withdrawals of \$161,341.39. Motion by Peterson to approve. Second by Jergens. Vote. Ayes: Jergens, Peterson, Kreis, Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Open Forum

Ryan inquired on how to obtain council records from 2004-2007, stating should contain information regarding discussions with Poweshiek Water Association offerings, as he feels city should be farther along in providing quality water services. Reported concerns with water quality in his bird bath within 48-hour periods. Discussions regarding potential causes and the water department's routine regulatory monitoring, testing, and compliance occurred. Ryan also requested that pool committee research the Fairbank, IA swimming pool.

Old Business

a) **Public Hearing and Third Reading: ORD 498 Chapter 92 – Amend Water Rates, Service Discontinued Fees**

Public Hearing opened at 6:08 p.m. Marck reminded council that per motion and approval from August 11 meeting, language was added limiting reconnection of delinquent services to weekdays and no holidays. Public Hearing closed at 6:10 p.m. Motion by Schlabach to approve. Second by Kreis. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Jergens, Peterson, Kreis, Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion carried.

b) **Resolution 22-21: Setting Public Hearing to Amend Chapter 151-Trees – Planting Restrictions; Adding 90 Days Clause for Violators to Complete Action**

Peterson voiced concerns with 90 days being too long. Discussions regarding intent to allow for a sufficient amount of time, due to weather variations and potential impact to plant survival, occurred. Motion by Kreis to approve. Second by Schlabach. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Jergens, Kreis, Schlabach. Nays: Peterson. Motion carried.

c) **Public Hearing and First Reading: ORD 499 Amending Chapter 69-Parking Regulations, No Parking Zones – East May Street, South Sides**

Public Hearing opened at 6:13 p.m. No comments. Public Hearing closed at 6:14 p.m. Gray inquired on whether to add request for no parking on east side of Roberts Avenue. Kensler recommended to initiate Roberts Avenue request via separate resolution. Motion by Schlabach to approve. Second by Kreis. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Jergens, Peterson, Kreis, Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion carried.

d) **Public Hearing and First Reading: ORD 500 Revise Chapter 55-Animal Protection & Control, Licensing of Dogs and Cats Fees**

Public Hearing opened at 6:15 p.m. Kreis indicated typo in Section 1 of document - word CATS is missing. Public Hearing closed at 6:17 p.m. Motion by Kreis to approve with correction of wording in Section 1, adding CATS. Second by Peterson. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Jergens, Peterson, Kreis, Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion carried.

e) **Resolution 22-14: FY21 Police Department Funds Carry Over**

Young stated formalizing requests previously discussed. Motion by Jergens to approve. Second by Schlabach. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Jergens, Peterson, Kreis, Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion carried.

New Business

a) **Resolution 22-16: Setting Public Hearing to Delete Chapter 160-Flood Plain Regulations and Replace said Section with New Chapter 160-Floodplain Management**

Marck indicated part of FEMA/DNR floodplain mapping project, as updated floodplain ordinances are required for FEMA sponsored loans. Proposed updates were recommended by FEMA/DNR. Motion by Schlabach to approve. Second by Kreis. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Jergens, Peterson, Kreis, Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion carried.

b) **Discussion: Minimum City Services Billing with Temporary Water Service Shut Offs**

Schlabach stated Utility Committee had discussed concerns regarding discontinued billing of ALL city services fees - composting, landfill, debt, insect spraying, storm sewer - when residents request temporary water service shut-offs for rental transitions or extended vacations. Current monthly billing for the non-water/sewer usage-based services is \$41.50, and committee is recommending council to consider billing the \$41.50 - even if water services are shut off. Marck to develop documents for adopting policy.

c) **Discussion: CDBG-CV Grant**

Marck reported has reviewed CDBG-CV Grant offerings and requested council consideration for submitting grant application in conjunction with the high school for new HVAC system. Marck to proceed.

Public Works – Director Lonnie Altenhofen

Altenhofen opened discussions by showing council goose neck connector and explaining DNR/EPA expectations for eliminating connectors and 4” lines. Estimated will cost city \$6.2M to remove the city’s 4” lines. Reported 8” water main reconstruction is continuing at corner of May and Court; scope of work was expanded due to unexpected need to reconnect residential service lines from 4” lines to the 8” main. Reported completed 100 locates last month for the 7 different utility project crews that have been in the area. Indicated sent out RFP for new loader.

Attorney/ Financial Manager/Administrator Reports

Kensler reported 1001 E Main property owner has indicated plans to abandon; will begin city abandon property processes. Kerkove reported that ordered 6 laptops and a tablet for use by council as part of the state’s Buy IT program to counter potential impacts from future pandemics.

Mayor/Council/Committee Reports

a) **Pool Committee Update**

The pool committee met on August 24, 2021. Members present included: Adam Rabe, Karla Marck, Sue Petersen, Ben Wagner, Courtney Stubblefield, Leanne Slaymaker, Jason Kriegel, John Hinshaw, Holly Hinshaw, Lou McMeen. Rabe reported that committee discussed whether to consider renovation of existing pool or building new. Kriegel had reported to committee that based on discussions with multiple pool vendors regarding structural integrity of the existing facility and preliminary cost estimates ranging from \$250,000 (without mechanical updates) to \$970K with mechanical updates and no bath house, recommendations are to build new. Committee decided to not pursue renovation and work towards designing a new facility. Committee will meet with Burbach Aquatics on September 15 and Pool Tech on Sept 29. Will report back to council in October.

b) **City Council and Mayor Election Filing Deadline: Aug 23 through Sept 16 @ 5:00 p.m. for Filing of Affidavits of Candidacy and Petition Paper**

Marck reminded that city council and mayor nominations and petitions can be filed August 23 through September 15. Jergens stated he will be resigning effective September 9. Marck indicated that Jergens’ vacant seat will now be on the November 2 ballot.

Adjournment

Motion by Schlabach. Second by Jergens to adjourn at 6:49 p.m. Vote. Ayes: Jergens, Peterson, Kreis, Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

City of Marengo Claims - 8/25/2021

Fund Name	Fund	
General Fund	`001	10,436.86
Police Equip/Bldg Fund	006	1,060.14
Road Use Tax Fund	110	11,168.01
Levee Project	326	91,898.38
May Street Improvement	330	2,286.44
Water Fund	600	12,521.66
Water Deposit Fund	605	19.95
Sewer Fund	610	7,604.21
Storm Sewer Fund	740	133.14
Total:		137,128.79

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>
PAYROLL	\$ 24,212.60	8/20/21 Payroll
EFT Payments		
United Healthcare	15,118.24	August 2021 Health Insurance
Iowa Workforce Development	1,369.38	L.Lille 2021-Q2 Unemployment Benefits

EFT TOTAL:	16,487.62	
911 Custom	841.00	Hat Badges-PD
Alliant Energy	10,619.78	Electric
Ben Gray	116.48	Mileage to Academy Graduation-PD
Brian Miller Excavating	91,898.38	Levee Improvements
Brown Supply Co.	1,688.00	Water Supplies-PW
BSN Sports	296.39	Volleyballs-MRC
Chrissy Ross	19.06	Water Deposit Refund
Cody Atkinson	0.89	Water Deposit Refund
Compass Memorial Healthcare	98.00	Ruiz Pre-employment Screening-PD
Goodwill Industries of the Heartland	180.00	July 2021 Janitorial Supplies-CH/Lib
High Performance Patch	476.00	Signs-PW
Iowa County Treasurer	1,204.00	2021 Special Assessments-CH
Iowa Valley Community Schools	400.00	2022 Scholarship-MRC
Jetco	2,932.90	Well #12 Communications-PW
LL Pelling	4,129.50	Street/Line Painting-PW
Marco Technologies	306.18	Webroot/Copier/Inbound Email Issues
Marengo Post Office	300.00	Bulk Mail Emergency Alerts-CH
Masters Telecom	20.93	Voicemail-PD
Racom Corporation	180.00	Antenna-PD
REC	30.93	Welcome Sign Electric
Schimberg Co.	3,657.26	PVC Ball/Corp-PW
Signarama	219.14	Car Graphics-PD
Smartsign	149.60	ORV/Golf Cart Permits-PD
Steven Krakow	160.00	Mulch-Park
TestAmerica Laboratories	420.00	Weekly Wastewater-PW
Windsteam	296.75	Internet/Phones
CHECK TOTAL:	120,641.17	

LIBRARY TOTAL:	0.00	
GRAND TOTAL:	161,341.39	

Claims Total - Payroll & EFT's \$120,641.17

Adam Rabe, Mayor

Attest: Karla Marck, City Administrator