MINUTES
CITY OF MARENGO
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Marengo Council Chambers
August 12, 2026

Call to Order by Mayor Travis Schlabach at 6:00 p.m. on August 12, 2026. Council Officials Present: John Hinshaw, Shawn Huedepohl. Will Geoghagan. Absent: Karen Wayson-Kisling, Jenni Olson. Quorum declared by Schlabach.
Staff and Press Present: Admin./Clerk Ellen O'Rourke; Deputy Clerk Alli Gerard; Police Chief Ben Gray; Attorney Gage Kensler; Public Works Director Lonnie Altenhofen; Library Director Jackie Jordan; Managing Editor Winona Whitaker, Hometown Media.
Members of the Public Present: Tim Mangold Sr., Adam Olson, Shannon Slockett, Jennie Dietze, Laura Dietrich, Bobbi Miller, Cullen Yardley, Navarre Sissel, Faith Schwabe, Julie Ryan, Jon Wood, Brendan Wood, Curtis McAtee, Austin Schlabach, Kelly Kopetsky, Tiffany Shine, Chris Shine.
Pledge of Allegiance led by Schlabach.
Approval of Agenda – August 12, 2026
Motion by Hinshaw. Second by Geoghagan. Ayes: Huedepohl, Hinshaw, Geoghagan. Nays: None. Motion Carried.
Consent Agenda
Approval of minutes from July 22, 2026, City Council Meeting. July 2026 Revenues Totaling $380,738.94. July 2026 Major Operating Departments Finance Reports. July 2026 Finance Expenditures & Revenue Reports. Savings Accounts Report. Approval of Liquor License for Lucky 6 Lanes, LLC. Motion by Geoghagan to approve. Second by Huedepohl. Vote. Ayes: Huedepohl, Hinshaw, Geoghagan. Nays: None. Motion Carried.
Resident Comments: No comments.
Old Business

a) **Consideration: Consideration for Approval for the Expansion Project, on Industrial Lot #1, to Proceed with Asphalt Millings.** Tabled. No action taken.
b) **Public Hearing: Proposing to Dispose of Real Property, Parcel #730607092, Locally Known as 605 Court Avenue.** Public Hearing opened at 6:02 p.m. Public Hearing closed at 6:05 p.m. Bid of $13,000 from JW Construction was accepted.
c) **Resolution #27-14: To fix a new Date for a Public Hearing on One or More Loan Agreements for the City Hospital Project "NEW ITEM".** Motion by Hinshaw to approve setting the public hearing for the September 9, 2026 meeting. Second by Geoghagan. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Huedepohl, Hinshaw, Geoghagan. Nays: None. Motion carried.

New Business

a) **Public Hearing and First Reading of ORD. 557: Amendment to the Code of Ordinances; Adding Chapter 76-E-Bicycle & E-Scooter Regulations; Ordinance 557.** Public Hearing opened at 6:07p.m. Several comments/questions concerning safety training, sidewalks, impounding were made by the public. Public Hearing closed at 6:28 p.m. Motion to approve by Hinshaw. Second by Geoghagan. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Huedepohl, Hinshaw, Geoghagan. Nays: None. Motion carried.
b) **Public Hearing and First Reading of ORD. 558: Amendment to the Code of Ordinances; Chapter 4 – Scheduled Fines, Changing Section 122.20(29) – Failure to Purchase Peddler's Permit to Section 122.21(29) – Peddlers, Solicitors, and Transient Merchant Violations.** Public Hearing opened at 6:54 p.m. No public comments. Public Hearing closed at 6:55 p.m. Motion to approve by Hinshaw. Second by Huedepohl. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Huedepohl, Hinshaw, Geoghagan. Nays: None. Motion carried.
c) **Consideration: Taking East Lot Hauling out to bid and using Reserve Funds to pay for it.** Motion by Geoghagan to approve. Second by Hinshaw. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Huedepohl, Hinshaw, Geoghagan. Nays: None. Motion carried.
d) **Consideration: Approving the quote from Astra Security for East Lot Camera and Installation for $6,424.50.** Motion by Hinshaw to approve. Second by Geoghagan. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Huedepohl, Hinshaw, Geoghagan. Nays: None. Motion carried.
e) **Consideration: Approving the quotes from American Fence Company for the East Lot and Water Treatment Plant Gates and Installation for $18,030.00.** No action taken.
f) **Resolution #27-12: Approving Pay Application #11 for Contract #1 – Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvements.** Motion by Geoghagan approving payment for $195,879.78 to Wendler Inc. Second by Huedepohl. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Huedepohl, Hinshaw, Geoghagan. Nays: None. Motion carried.
g) **Resolution #27-13: Approving Change Order #1 for Contract #1 – Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvements.** Motion by Hinshaw approving payment for $3,432.84 to Wendler Inc. Second by Geoghagan. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Huedepohl, Hinshaw, Geoghagan. Nays: None. Motion carried.
h) **Consideration: Approving to Dispose of Public Works 2001 Chevy Silverado Truck.** Motion by Geoghagan to sell on Purple Wave. Second by Huedepohl. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Huedepohl, Hinshaw, Geoghagan. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Approval of Monthly Bills

a) Claims, checks, and direct withdrawals totaling $275,966.09. Motion to approve by Hinshaw. Second by Geoghagan. Vote. Ayes: Huedepohl, Hinshaw, Geoghagan. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Update Public Safety – Chief Ben Gray
For July 2026, Chief Gray reported 38 incidents, 7 arrests, 26 citations, 28 warnings, 4 parking tickets with a total of 65 outstanding parking tickets, 6 medical calls, 346 calls for service/10 handled exclusively by the Iowa County Sheriff's Office. The Marengo Police participated in the July 3rd events. Chief Gray reported he participated in PowerDMS demo, held monthly MHL meeting, posted 70 notices for duty to cut grass with 14 properties mowed by Public Works, and added several nuisance properties.

Attorney/ Financial Manager/Administrator Reports. City Attorney Kensler is still working with the DNR regarding the old pool and working on multiple infractions. City Administrator O'Rourke complimented the Public Works Dept for their swift cleanup from today's storm and arranging cleanup on August 17th to help citizens.

Mayor/Council/Committee Reports. Councilperson Hinshaw reported on the Cemetery Board meeting. He said the mausoleum's roof needs repaired, and the cost will be $100,000. The Board is looking into other options.

Adjournment

Motion by Hinshaw. Second by Geoghagan to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. Vote. Ayes: Huedepohl, Hinshaw, Geoghagan. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

City of Marengo Claims-8.12.26

Fund Name	Fund	
General Fund	`001	$45,607.30
General Fund Capital Expenditures	002	$9,166.00
Police Equip/BLDG Fund	006	$2,215.00
Road Use Tax Fund	110	$10,984.43
Wastewater Treatment Plant	328	$51,170.50
Franklin & Lucas Street	346	$88,249.48
Water Fund	600	$15,777.28
Sewer Fund	610	$7,048.26
Storm Sewer Fund	740	$789.25
	Total:	**$231,007.50**

Payee	Amount	Description
Payroll	$44,914.76	7.31.26
PAYROLL TOTAL:	**44,914.76**	
EFT Payments		
Grinnell State Bank	$96.51	July 2026 Bank Fees
Iowa Department of Revenue	$5,159.86	July 2026 Water/Sales Tax
Metlife Insurance	$1,678.35	August 2026 Insurance
Wellmark Insurance	$15,848.69	August 2026 Insurance
EFT TOTAL:	**22,783.41**	
911 Customs	$2,215.00	Vest - PD
Aaron Cronbaugh's Lawn Care	$5,250.00	Cemetery Mowing July 26
ACCO	$1,153.06	Liquid Chlorine - POOL
Amazon	$266.11	Sunscreen/TP - POOL/Concessions Supplies - MRC
Ampride	$179.73	Gas - PD
Astra	$1,604.75	Camera Repairs - PW, Parks Camera Fees
Atlantic Coca-Cola	$231.71	Pop - POOL
Big G	$297.99	July 2026 Supplies - Pool, CH, PD
Bloom	$217.50	Protien Bites & Popsicles - POOL
Brian Miller Excavating	$87,553.38	Franklin Watermain Pay App
Cameron's Repair	$1,421.56	Pool Signs - POOL
Carquest	$3,708.48	PW Truck Supplies
Casey's	$789.91	Fuel - PD
Charles Capper	$133.57	Oil Change 24 Tahoe - PD
CMI	$78.00	Mouthpieces - PD
Core & Main	$140.00	PVC Strongback - PW

Dakota Supply Group	$856.15	July 2026 Supplies - PW
Dorsey	$18,049.00	Sewer Revenue Bond - PW
Eurofins	$593.60	Weekly Wastewater - PW
Ferguson	$3,797.90	Meters - PW
Galls	$1,884.32	ILEA J Boswell, Uniforms - PD
GameTime	$103.78	Rock Wall Replacement Parts - Parks
Gazette	$674.68	7.8.26 Minutes
Gilbert Auto	$2,434.89	2019 F250 Truck Maint - FD
Hawkins	$2,117.66	Water Plant Chemicals - PW
Heartland Co-op	$162.00	Weed Killer - MRC/PW
Iowa Association of Municipal Utilities	$940.00	2026 Water Member Dues - PW
Iowa Co Recorder	$17.00	Recording Fee-Cemetery J Smith
Iowa Dept of Natural Resources	$210.00	NPDES Permit - PW
Iowa One Call	$95.40	One Calls - PW
Iowa Prison Industries	$192.50	MGO PD Sign -PD
iPrint Tech	$590.00	Toner - PW
Joyce Smith	$500.00	Cemetery Deed Refund
Kinzenbaw Earthmoving	$373.72	Lime for Horseshoe - Parks
Legal Solutions of Iowa	$3,685.00	June-July Legal - CH
Marco Tech	$8,738.07	Azure and Email
Marengo Farm & Home	$505.10	July 2026 Supplies -POOL/PW
Marengo Post Office	$734.00	July 2026 Postage
Masters	$17.64	Voicemail - PD
Microbac	$335.00	Drinking Water Analysis - PW
Momar	$3,674.07	Bug Spray - PW
Print Source (E Miller Print)	$41.19	Business Cards - PW
Racom	$300.00	Havin Keyboard - PD
Siren	$216.73	Ranger Upfit - PD
Standard Pest Control	$45.00	Pest Control - PD/CH/FD
State Chemical Solutions	$732.26	Block Worx - PW
Streamline Aquatics	$935.14	Basketball Backboard - POOL
Swifts	$406.64	July Supplies - POOL, MRC, PW
Town & Country Wholesale	$802.61	Pool Concessions - POOL
Tyler Tech	$2,460.00	Software Upgrade - CH
United Industries	$1,473.46	Lounge Chairs - POOL
Unity Point Health	$285.00	Pre Employment - PD
USA Communications	$118.24	Internet/Phone - PW/POOL
V&K	$33,817.60	Engineering Fees
Verizon	$609.74	Desk/Cell Phones
VISA	$247.71	July Charges
Whitey's	$2,215.42	Fuel/Diesel - MRC/FD/PW
Windstream	$15.21	Water Loop Tower Internet
CHECKS TOTAL:	**201,244.18**	

Access Systems	$652.55	Copier
Amazon	$1,633.09	July 2026 Supplies
Eastern Iowa Gutters	$1,888.00	Gutter Repair/Cleaning
Johnson Controls	$976.85	Fire Alarm Service
Marco	$35.70	Email
Oriental Trading	$77.26	Summer Prizes
Overdrive	$1,006.15	Bridges E Content Fee
Quill	$250.80	July 2026 Supplies
Standard Pest Contrrol	$48.15	Pest Control
TKE	$207.74	Elevator Maintenance
US Cellular	$87.58	Hotspots
USA Communications	$116.04	Phone/Fax
LIBRARY TOTAL:	**$6,979.91**	
Dylan Bacon	$43.83	Deposit Refund
UTILITY BILLING REFUNDS:	**43.83**	
GRAND TOTAL:	**275,966.09**	

Claims Total - Payroll & EFT's **$208,224.09**

Travis Schlabach, Mayor

Attest: Ellen O'Rourke, City Administrator