MINUTES
CITY OF MARENGO
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Marengo Council Chambers
August 26, 2026

Call to Order by Mayor Schlabach at 6:00 p.m. on August 26, 2026. Council Officials Present: Karen Wayson-Kisling, Jenni Olson, John Hinshaw, Shawn Huedepohl. Absent: Will Geoghagan. 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, Managing Editor Winona Whitaker, Hometown Media.
Members of the Public Present: Kelly Kopetsky, Scott Hamlin, Julie Suttles, Shannon Slockett, Navarre Sissel, Tiffany Shine, Barb McMeen, Phyllis Anderson.
Pledge of Allegiance led by Schlabach.
Approval of Agenda – August 26, 2026
Motion by Olson to approve. Second by Hinshaw. Ayes: Wayson-Kisling, Olson, Huedepohl, Hinshaw. Nays: None. Motion Carried.
Consent Agenda
Approval of Minutes from August 12, 2026, City Council Meeting. Motion by Hinshaw to approve. Second by Olson. Vote. Ayes: Wayson-Kisling, Olson, Huedepohl, Hinshaw. Nays: None. Motion Carried.
Resident Comments: No comments.
Old Business

a) **Resolution #27-15: Final Disposition of Real Property, Parcel #730607092, Locally Known as 605 Court Avenue.** Motion approved by Olson. Second by Huedepohl. Vote. Ayes: Wayson-Kisling, Olson, Huedepohl, Hinshaw. Nays: None. Motion carried.
b) **Public Hearing and Second Reading of ORD. 557: Amendment to the Code of Ordinances; Adding Chapter 76A - E-Bicycle & E-Scooter Regulations; Ordinance 557.** Opened Public Hearing at 6:03 p.m. City Hall received comments from the public and Council will consider those comments. Closed the Public Hearing at 6:08 p.m. Motion by Wayson-Kisling to approve. Second by Huedepohl. Ayes: Wayson-Kisling, Huedepohl, Hinshaw. Nays: Olson. Motion Carried.
c) **Public Hearing and Second 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.** Opened Public Hearing at 6:12 p.m. No public comments. Closed the Public Hearing at 6:13 p.m. Motion by Wayson-Kisling to approve. Second by Olson. Ayes: Wayson-Kisling, Olson, Huedepohl, Hinshaw. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

New Business

a) **Consideration: Appeal by Toni Gunningham, Under Chapter 55-Removal of Dog from City.** A postal worker spoke about her incident with the dogs along with 2 other residents. Motion by Olson to approve denying the appeal and start the process for removal of the dogs. Second by Wayson-Kisling. Vote. Ayes: Wayson-Kisling, Olson, Huedepohl, Hinshaw. Nays: None. Motion carried.
b) **Resolution #27-16: Approving Electrical Service Bid for City Park.** Motion to reject all bids by Wayson-Kisling. Second by Olson. Vote. Ayes: Wayson-Kisling, Olson, Huedepohl, Hinshaw. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Approval of Monthly Bills:

a) Claims, checks, and direct withdrawals totaling $279,844.16. Motion to approve by Wayson-Kisling. Second by Hinshaw. Vote. Ayes: Wayson-Kisling, Olson, Hinshaw. Abstain: Huedepohl. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Update Public Works – Director Lonnie Altenhofen
For August 2026, Altenhofen reported that they replaced finished water meter in the plant, replaced an air check valve on tank #3, have been finding some lost valves and replacing them, the Lucas and Franklyn project is progressing, the lagoon project is slow but dirt work has begun around the new UV and controls building and the south lagoon dredging will start soon, completed storm damage cleanup, pool is drained and will start winterizing it, and completed 113 locates and 14 shut offs.
Update Marengo Public Library – Director Jackie Jordan. No report.
Attorney/ Financial Manager/Administrator Reports. No reports.
Mayor/Council/Committee Reports. No reports.
Adjournment: Motion by Olson. Second by Wayson-Kisling to adjourn at 6:40 p.m. Vote. Ayes: Wayson-Kisling, Olson, Huedepohl, Hinshaw. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

City of Marengo Claims-8.26.26

Fund Name	Fund	
General Fund	`001	$16,910.11
Economic Development Fund	010	$2,000.00
Road Use Tax Fund	110	$5,049.93
Wastewater Treatment Plant	328	$195,879.78
Franklin & Lucas Street	346	$675.14
Water Fund	600	$8,765.30
Sewer Fund	610	$5,113.09

Storm Sewer Fund	740	$876.92
	Total:	**$235,270.27**

Payee	**Amount**	**Description**
Payroll	$44,573.89	8.14.26
PAYROLL TOTAL:	**44,573.89**	
EFT Payments		
Grinnell State Bank	$7.25	L Olson-NSF Fee
EFT TOTAL:	**7.25**	
ACCO	$473.80	Liquid Chlorine - POOL
Alliant Energy	$23,696.76	Electricity
Amazon	$29.98	Pepper Spray - PD
Capper Auto	$850.00	Truck Liners - PW
Community Crisis Services	$353.08	July 2026 Law Enforcement Liaison - PD
Conner Knapp	$150.14	Boots - PW
Core & Main	$544.00	Locate Supplies - PW
Dakota Supply	$2,388.25	Flip Coupling - PW
East Miller Print	$57.00	J Boswell Business Cards - PD
Galls	$151.74	ILEA - PD
Gazette	$36.75	NPH-CMH & W Washington - CH
Iowa County Treasurer	$2,019.60	Drainage Assessment - CH
J.P. Cooke Company	$129.95	2027 Pet Tags
Jetco	$1,047.25	Flow Meter - PW
Kim Ballard	$175.00	8.7.26 Pool Party Refund - POOL
Marco	$147.96	Copier Lease - CH
Marco Tech	$416.58	August 2026 Email & Azure
Marengo Chamber of Commerce	$2,000.00	FY27 City Contribution
REC	$29.46	Aug 26 Welcome Sign Electric
S & S Plumbing	$675.14	Franklin Watermain
State Hygienic Lab	$66.00	Water Testing - PW
Syncere Printing	$788.40	Flag Football Shirfts - MRC
Tonya Feltner	$10.00	Refund - Animal Control
Town & Country Wholesale	$48.87	Concessions - POOL/MRC
Trugreen	$310.00	Ground Spraying - POOL/PARKS
Tyler Business Forms	$597.62	Utility Post Cards - PW
Verizon	$629.74	Desk/Cell Phones
Wendler	$195,879.78	Contract 1-WWTP Improvements-11
WEX	$491.29	July 2026 Fuel - PD
Williamsburg Rec	$600.00	Flag Football League - MRC
Windstream	$468.88	Internet
CHECKS TOTAL:	**235,263.02**	

LIBRARY TOTAL:	**$0.00**	
UTILITY BILLING REFUNDS:	**0.00**	
GRAND TOTAL:	**279,844.16**	

Claims Total - Payroll & EFT's **$235,263.02**

Travis Schlabach, Mayor

Attest: Ellen O'Rourke, City Administrator