

MINUTES
CITY OF MARENGO
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Marengo Council Chambers
August 9, 2023

Call to Order by Mayor Adam Rabe at 6:00 p.m. on August 9, 2023. Council Officials Present: Sue Peterson, Bill Kreis, John Hinshaw, Travis Schlabach, Matt Fults. Absent: None. Quorum declared by Rabe.

Staff and Press Present: Admin./Clerk Karla Marck; Deputy Clerk Allison Fry; Police Chief Ben Gray; Public Works Director Lonnie Altenhofen; Financial Manager Ellen O'Rourke; Attorney Gage Kensler; Library Director Jackie Jordan.

Members of the Public Present: Scott Hamlin.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Rabe.

Approval of Agenda – August 9, 2023

Motion by Peterson to approve. Second by Kreis. Ayes: Peterson, Kreis, Hinshaw, Schlabach, Fults. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Consent Agenda

Approval of minutes from July 26, 2023 City Council Meeting. Claims, checks and direct withdrawals totaling \$66,655.72. July 2023 Revenues Totaling \$230,413.67. July 2023 Major Operating Departments Finance Reports. July 2023 Finance Expenditures & Revenue Reports. IPAIT Report. Motion by Peterson to approve. Second by Fults. Vote. Ayes: Peterson, Kreis, Hinshaw, Schlabach, Fults. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Open Forum. Scott Hamlin commented that ITC is rebuilding transmission lines and free utility poles will be available.

Old Business

- a) **Resolution #24-09: Approving Acceptance of Bid for City of Marengo Public Works Building.** Motion by Schlabach to approve the lowest bid by Bushong Construction Co., Inc. Second by Fults. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Peterson, Kreis, Hinshaw, Schlabach, Fults. Nays: None. Motion Carried.
- b) **Public Hearing and First Reading ORD #519: Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Marengo, Iowa, Chapter 65 – Stop or Yield Required, Adding to Section 65.02 Court Avenue.** Public Hearing opened at 6:10 p.m. No public comments. Public Hearing closed at 6:11 p.m. Motion by Schlabach to approve. Second by Hinshaw. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Peterson, Kreis, Hinshaw, Schlabach, Fults. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- c) **Public Hearing and First Reading ORD #520: Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Marengo, Iowa, Chapter 77 – Operation of Off Road Vehicles and Golf Carts; Section 77.05, 77.08 and 77.11.** Public Hearing opened at 6:11 p.m. No public comments. Public Hearing closed at 6:13 p.m. Motion by Peterson to approve. Second by Fults. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Peterson, Kreis, Hinshaw, Schlabach, Fults. Nays: None. Motion carried.

New Business

- a) **Resolution #24-08: Authorizing Submission of FY23 City Street Financial Report.** Motion by Schlabach to approve. Second by Hinshaw. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Peterson, Kreis, Hinshaw, Schlabach, Fults. Nays: None. Motion Carried.
- b) **Consideration: Selling Fire Department Equipment Van.** Council talked about options for selling the equipment van and using electronic auction platform. No motion.
- c) **Resolution #24-10: Authorizing Street Closures for Gateway Challenge Triathlon.** Motion by Schlabach to approve closing Court Avenue north of North Street and North Street east of Court Avenue starting at 6:00 a.m. on September 16, 2023. Second by Fults. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Peterson, Kreis, Hinshaw, Schlabach, Fults. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Update Public Safety – Chief Ben Gray

For July 2023, Gray reported 25 incidents, 9 arrests, 38 citations, 82 warnings, 11 parking tickets, with a total of 40 outstanding parking tickets. There were 346 calls for service. A total of 16 nuisance property notices were served, 9 have been abated and 3 were acted on. A total of 13 duty to cut grass notices were posted; a total of 4 properties have been mowed by the City. No notices were posted for the week of July 3rd or the week of RAGBRAI.

Attorney/ Financial Manager/Administrator Reports

Attorney Kensler reported he and Chief Gray will be going to court for a municipal infraction. He is still working on C6Zero matters. City Administrator Marck reported she received Matt Fults' resignation. Filing period for individuals wanting to be on the ballot is August 28, 2023 through September 21, 2023. The S&P call was completed and a rating is forthcoming. Pool bids will be opened on October 5, 2023 and awarded October 25, 2023. The Catalyst Grant with IEDA will be signed. Will be initiating processes for the vacation of portions of West May Street to Compass Memorial Hospital. Marck stated have correspondence on file from assessor's office stating Miller/Schlabach Industrial park lot, (a.k.a. #3), as required in the Industrial Park policy, is expected to exceed minimum assessment value of \$175, 000 upon completion of next assessment cycle; and, detention pond was constructed prior to July 31 policy deadline.

Mayor/Council/Committee Reports

Hinshaw reported RAGBRAI will be sending MarenGO an additional \$10,000 for being a meeting town.

Adjournment

Motion by Kreis. Second by Hinshaw to adjourn at 6:55 p.m. Vote. Ayes: Peterson, Kreis, Hinshaw, Schlabach, Fults. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

City of Marengo Claims - 8/9/2023

Fund Name	Fund	
General Fund	001	22,825.77
Road Use Tax Fund	110	4,548.81
Pool Renovation/Donations	312	3,485.38
Industrial Park Development	323	512.00
Wastewater Treatment Plant	328	4,600.00
Water Fund	600	29,794.47
Water Deposit Fund	605	1.73
Sewer Fund	610	662.31
Storm Sewer Fund	740	218.95
Total:		66,649.42

Payee	Amount	Description
PAYROLL		8/4/2023
EFT Payments		
Grinnell State Bank	80.75	NSF Fee-M.Pounds/July 2023 Bank Fees
EFT TOTAL:	80.75	
2023 RAGBRAI Law Enforcement Pay	7,200.00	Law Enforcement Pay
Aaron Cronbaugh Lawn Care/Snow Removal	3,150.00	June/July 2023 Mowing-Cemetery
Alliant Energy	4,168.67	Electric
Amazon Capital Business	54.90	Floor Tape/Pickelball-MRC
Ben Gray	37.58	Donuts-RAGBRAI
Ben Gray	6.30	Re-issue Check
Big G Foods	141.91	July 2023 Supplies-PD/RAGBRAI
BP	511.06	July 2023 Fuel-PD/FD
Carquest of Marengo	35.96	July 2023 Supplies-PW
Casey's General Store	706.08	July 2023 Fuel-PD
East Miller Print & Design	212.50	Door Hangers-PD

Eurofins Environment Testing	604.30	Weekly Wastewater-PW
Goodwill Industries of the Heartland	195.00	July 2023 Janitorial Services-CH
Hawkins, Inc.	1,386.75	Water Plant Chemicals-PW
Iowa County Sheriff	2,353.00	FY24 Radio Monitoring-PD
Iowa County Treasurer	130.00	2023-Special Assessments
Iowa Department of Natural Resources	210.00	FY24 NPDES Permit-PW
Iowa One Call	63.00	One Calls-PW
JEO Consulting, Inc.	3,485.38	Marengo Pool Design-Pool
Kirstin Carter	1.73	Water Deposit Refund
Kollmorgen, Schlue, &Zahradnik	2,520.00	June/July 2023 Legal
LRS Portables	1,440.00	July 3rd Bathrooms
Marco Technoloies	244.28	July 2023 Email/Azure
Marengo Farm & Home	234.60	July 2023 Supplies-PD/PW
Marengo Firefighters Assn	75.00	Fire Call-2279 F15 BLVD
Marengo Ready Mix	500.00	Sand-Volleyball Court-MRC
Masters Telecom, LLC	9.57	Voicemail
Microbac Laboratories, Inc.	31.00	Drinking Water Analysis-PW
Northway Well & Pump, Co.	26,895.00	Well #11 Rehabilitation
Quill	104.67	July 2023 Supplies-CH
Roggentien Electric	995.26	July 2023 Maintenance-PW
Ryley Botsford	25.67	Chemical Spray-PD
S & J Sanitation	182.00	July 2023 Trash/Dumapter
Standard Pest Control	35.00	Bug Spraying-CH/PD/FD
State Hygenic Laboratory	14.50	Water Testing Well #11-PW
Stratton Benscoter (Whitey's)	543.95	July 2023 Fuel/Tire Repair
Swift True Value	2,045.42	July 2023 Supplies-FD/PW/MRC/RAGBRAI
Veenstra & Kimm, Inc.	5,112.00	Engineering Fees
Victor Lumber	69.36	Stakes for SignsRAGBRAI
Windstream	173.14	Internet/Phones
WMPF Group, LLC	670.43	July 2023 Proof of Publications

CHECK TOTAL:	66,574.97	
LIBRARY TOTAL:	0.00	
GRAND TOTAL:	66,655.72	

Claims Total - Payroll & EFT's

\$ 66,574.97

\$6.30	Re-issue Check
\$66,568.67	Without Re-issued check

Adam Rabe, Mayor

Attest: Karla Marck, City Administrator