

**MINUTES**  
**CITY OF MARENGO**  
**CITY COUNCIL**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
February 24, 2021

**Call to Order** by Mayor Adam Rabe at 6:00 p.m. on February 24, 2021. Elected Officials Present: Greg Jergens, Sue Peterson, Bill Kreis, Chad Peska and Travis Schlabach. Absent: None. Quorum declared by Rabe.

Due to current status of Governor Reynolds' COVID-19 Declaration of Disaster Emergency, meeting was held at the Marengo Public Library.

**Staff and Press Present:** Admin. Karla Marck; Fin. Mgr. Ellen Young; Police Chief Ben Gray; Public Works Director Lonnie Altenhofen; Att. John Pilkington.

**Members of the Public Present:** Alan Schumacher, Jerry McKusker

**Pledge of Allegiance** led by Rabe.

**Approval of Agenda – February 24, 2021**

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

**Consent Agenda**

Included February 10, 2021 council minutes; Claims/Checks/Withdrawals of \$80,501.00. Motion by Peska to approve. Second by Peterson. Vote. Ayes: Jergens, Peterson, Kreis, Peska, Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

**Open Forum**

McKusker inquired on plans for excess storm sewer bond monies from the Drainage District levee project. Schlabach indicated monies are currently planned to be used for 1) cleaning and right sizing the Drainage District's storm water ditch that runs east from Eastern Avenue on the south edge of town; 2) May Street storm sewer repairs; 3) Green Lift Station project and 4) additional storm sewer projects, based on available money. McKusker then asked if going to address Lions Park flood pump. Discussions occurred indicating was considered, however costs exceeded available monies.

**Old Business**

a) **Discussion: City Park Fountain Update, Alan Schumacher and Committee**

Schumacher provided new heavy-duty design concept to address concerns stated in previous discussions. Petersen indicated that fountain design still includes reservoirs and indicated concerns with on-going maintenance; suggested "bubble" fountain concept with no basin to reduce maintenance requirements. A diagram with "bubble" water feature concept and seating was provided. Jergens indicated safety concerns with a bottom basin design concept -like a wading pool. Schumacher indicated not planning for basin at base of fountain. Discussions occurred regarding water consumption, and the need for better understanding of fountain circulation and filtering requirements. Kreis stated he feels people want a fountain. Rabe suggested next steps to include decision on whether council wants a water feature in the park. Altenhofen to research state of Iowa water filtration requirements.

b) **Public Hearing and First Reading ORD 489: Chapter 70.06 – Impounding Vehicles, Adding Costs**

Marck stated that ordinance 486 duplicated use of section 70.06, item #5, deleting "Costs" section. Need to add "Costs" back into section 70.06. Public hearing opened at 6:25. No comments. Public hearing closed at 6:25. Motion by Schlabach to approve. Second by Peska. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Jergens, Peterson, Kreis, Peska, Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion carried.

c) **Public Hearing and First Reading ORD 490: Chapter 41.12 – Public Health and Safety, Fireworks End Times**

Marck stated current city ordinance has 10:00 p.m. fireworks end time on July 3 and 11:00 p.m. on July 4, per Iowa Code. Requesting July 4 change to 10:00 to simply enforcement. Public hearing opened at 6:26. No comments. Public hearing closed at 6:27. Motion by Jergens to approve. Second by Peska. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Jergens, Peterson, Kreis, Peska, Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion carried.

d) **Public Hearing and First Reading ORD 491: Chapter 123 – House Movers Remove Bonding Requirements & Increase Insurance Requirements**

Public hearing opened at 6:27. No comments. Public hearing closed at 6:27. Motion by Jergens to approve. Second by Schlabach. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Jergens, Peterson, Kreis, Peska, Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion carried.

e) **Public Hearing Resolution 21-61: Taking additional action on proposal to enter into a General Obligation Sewer Improvement Loan Agreement and repurposing**

Public hearing opened at 6:28. McKusker stated feels that it sets a bad precedent when the city moves money from one fund to another; feels extra monies should be spent on storm sewer projects. Schlabach stated support for McKusker's statement. Public hearing closed at 6:30. Motion by Jergens to approve. Second by Peterson. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Jergens, Peterson, Kreis, Peska. Nays: Schlabach. Motion carried.

f) **Resolution 21-63: Setting Public Hearing for Amending Chapter 47-Park Regulations, adding Gateway Park Rules**

Gray indicated that amendment adopts Iowa County Conservation regulations for enforcement at Gateway. Some regulations will need revisions to better address Gateway's specific requirements, however will take additional time. Proposing to adopt, as is, and revise as updates released from conservation board. Motion by Peska to approve. Second by Jergens. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Jergens, Peterson, Kreis, Peska, Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion carried.

g) **Resolution 21-64: Set Public Hearing for Amending Chapter 4-Scheduled Fines adding Section 47.08 Park Rules**

Gray stated requesting to add specific Gateway Park rule fines to city code to enable enforcement. Peterson inquired on need to include fine for dog owners picking up after dogs. Gray indicated can enforce via city ordinances, as Gateway in the city

limits, and will add to the request to list of updates for conversation board consideration. Schlabach noted differences in fines between city ordinance and conservation board's for use of fireworks. Discussions occurred regarding need and plans for posting rules. Motion by Jergens to approve. Second by Chad. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Jergens, Peterson, Kreis, Peska, Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**New Business**

- a) **Discussion: Chapter 122-Peddlers, Solicitors and Transient Merchants Updates**  
Gray reviewed proposed changes, indicating intent to encourage mobile vendors, and organized events, while protecting residents from potential door-to-door scams. Schlabach noted that school groups would be exempt of permitting requirements. Request to set public hearing was made.
- b) **Resolution 21-62: Conditional Job Offer to Israel Ruiz for Full Time Officer Position**  
Motion by Jergens to approve contract. Second by Travis. Vote. Ayes: Jergens, Peterson, Kreis, Peska, Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- c) **Resolution 21-65: Conditional Job Offer to Jorge Perez-Adams for Full Time Officer Position**  
Motion by Schlabach to approve contract. Second by Jergens. Vote. Ayes: Jergens, Peterson, Kreis, Peska, Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**Update Public Works – Director Lonnie Altenhofen**

Altenhofen reported had two water main breaks – Marengo Avenue and Lincoln Avenue. DNR inspection is scheduled for March 11 for water plant. Working on waste water plant permit renewal. CEU classes in progress for completion by April 1. Continue to address flushable wipes/rags clogs at Miller Street lift station. Inquiring on costs of pump with chopper. Will be gathering costs for snow removal.

**Attorney/ Financial Manager/Administrator Reports**

No comments.

**Mayor/Council/Committee Reports**

Schlabach reported that Utilities Committee held waste water treatment plant project kickoff meeting on February 18. Bids starting in fall. Gray stated deadline for demolition of dangerous building at 402 W. Washington is April 30, 2021.

**Adjournment**

Motion by Jergens. Second by Schlabach to adjourn at 6:53 p.m. Vote. Ayes: Jergens, Peterson, Kreis, Peska, Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

**City of Marengo Claims - 2/24/2021**

<b>Fund Name</b>	<b>Fund</b>	
General Fund	001	8,672.90
Road Use Tax Fund	110	30,225.02
Water Fund	600	6,700.63
Water Deposit Fund	605	75.00
Sewer Fund	610	12,124.52
Storm Sewer Fund	740	377.56
Total:		58,175.63

<b><u>Payee</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>
PAYROLL	22,325.37	2/19/2021 Payroll
<b>EFT Payments</b>		
United Healthcare	13,722.53	February 2021 Health Insurance
<b>EFT TOTAL:</b>	<b>13,722.53</b>	
Alliant Energy	12,393.28	Electric
Ampride	117.87	January 2021 Fuel-PD

Brian Miller Excavating	22,529.25	Hauling Snow/Ash/Logs-PW
Brown Supply Co	586.00	Chains/Flange/Bolt Pack-PW
Cheryl Brown	75.00	Water Deposit Refund
Compass Memorial Healthcare	98.24	Drug Test-PW
Elite Sports	110.50	Basketball Camp T-Shirts
Galls, Inc	770.90	Uniforms-PD
HDC Printed Products	121.60	Work Order Forms-PW
Iowa County Abstract	450.00	Lot 11 Roberts Ave Abstract
Iowa Law Enforcement	50.00	Training-PD
Iowa One Call	36.00	One Calls-PW
Marco Technologies	20.00	February 2021 Webroot
Marengo Post Office	510.00	Postage-PW/CH
Masters Telecom	20.93	Voicemail-PD
REC	32.82	Welcome Sign Electric
S&J Sanitation	234.00	January 2021/Past Due Trash
TestAmerica	420.00	Weekly Wastewater-PW
Titan Machinery	38.50	Loader Antenna-PW
Veenstra & Kimm	5,798.00	Engineering Fees
Windstream Iowa Comm	40.21	Internet/Phones
<b>CHECK TOTAL:</b>	<b>44,453.10</b>	
<b>LIBRARY TOTAL:</b>	<b>0.00</b>	
<b>GRAND TOTAL:</b>	<b>80,501.00</b>	

Claims Total - Payroll & EFT's      \$ 44,453.10

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Adam Rabe, Mayor

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Attest: Karla Marck, City Administrator