

MINUTES
CITY OF MARENGO
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Marengo Council Chambers
February 11, 2026

Call to Order by Mayor Pro Tem Hinshaw at 6:00 p.m. on February 11, 2026. Council Officials Present: Jenni Olson, John Hinshaw, Shawn Huedepohl, Karen Wayson-Kisling, Will Geoghagan. Absent: Mayor Schlabach. Quorum declared by Hinshaw.

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, Library Director Jackie Jordan, Managing Editor Winona Whitaker, Hometown Media.

Members of the Public Present: Barry Goettsch

Pledge of Allegiance led by Hinshaw.

Approval of Agenda – February 11, 2026

Motion by Olson to approve. Second by Wayson-Kisling. Ayes: Olson, Wayson-Kisling, Huedepohl, Hinshaw, Geoghagan. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Consent Agenda – Approval of minutes from January 28, 2026 City Council Meeting.

Motion by Olson to approve. Second by Wayson-Kisling. Vote. Ayes: Olson, Wayson-Kisling, Huedepohl, Hinshaw, Geoghagan. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Resident Comments: No comments.

Old Business

a) **Discussion: FY27 Budget.** Informational discussion concerning the budget. The budget is balanced. No action taken.

b) **Consideration: Chief Ben Gray Contract Terms.** Motion by Olson to approve a one-year contract with a 3% increase. Second by Hinshaw. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Olson, Wayson-Kisling, Huedepohl, Geoghagan, Hinshaw. Nays: None. Motion carried.

New Business

a) **Public Hearing and Second Reading ORD #549: Amendment to Chapter 60 – Parking Regulations; Section 69.08 No Parking Zones.** Open the Public Hearing at 6:10 p.m. No public comments. Public Hearing closed at 6:11 p.m. Motion to approve by Wayson-Kisling. Second by Geoghagan. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Olson, Wayson-Kisling, Huedepohl, Geoghagan, Hinshaw. Nays: None. Motion carried.

b) **Public Hearing and Second Reading ORD #550: Amendment to Chapter 106 – Amendment to Chapter 106 – Collection of Solid Waste; Section 106.07 Landfill Fees.** Open the Public Hearing at 6:11 p.m. No public comments. Public Hearing closed at 6:12 p.m. Motion to approve by Olson. Second by Wayson-Kisling. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Olson, Wayson-Kisling, Huedepohl, Geoghagan, Hinshaw. Nays: None. Motion carried.

c) **Resolution #26-63: Approving to move forward with Selling Plots and Pricing.** Motion to sell single cemetery plots for \$700 each by Geoghagan. Second by Olson. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Olson, Wayson-Kisling, Huedepohl, Geoghagan, Hinshaw. Nays: None. Motion carried.

d) **Discussion: Re-Zoning Process & Procedures.** Discussion on how to proceed with re-zoning the City. Hinshaw and Huedepohl volunteered to be on a committee. No action taken.

e) **Consideration: Approving to move forward with Codification & Funding.** Motion to approve moving forward with keeping the City codes in compliance with the Code of Iowa and to use capital expenditures to fund it by Olson. Second by Geoghagan. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Olson, Wayson-Kisling, Huedepohl, Geoghagan, Hinshaw. Nays: None. Motion carried.

f) **Consideration: Approving 2026 MRC Scholarships.** Motion to approve two \$200 scholarships to be awarded by Wayson-Kisling. Second by Olson. Vote. Ayes: Wayson-Kisling, Olson, Hinshaw, Huedepohl, Geoghagan. Nays: None. Motion carried.

g) **Consideration: Disposition of property for 605 Court Avenue.** Council discussed using the same conditions as for the previous disposition of property. No action taken.

Approval of Monthly Bills

a) Claims, checks, and direct withdrawals totaling \$85,566.86. Motion to approve by Olson. Second by Wayson-Kisling. Vote. Ayes: Wayson-Kisling, Olson, Hinshaw, Huedepohl, Geoghagan. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Update Public Safety – Chief Ben Gray

For January 2026, Chief Gray reported 13 incidents, 3 arrests, 14 citations, 66 warnings, 1 parking ticket with a total of 58 outstanding parking tickets, 6 medical calls, 266 calls for service/3 handled exclusively by the Iowa County Sheriff's Office. Chief Gray participated in the monthly MHL meeting, conducted MMPI for a reserve applicant, attended 911 Board meeting, attended virtual IPIB Hearing, and attended RVIP quarterly meeting. PD hosted one job shadow (1 day) and currently has an intern working with them through March, both from Kirkwood.

Update Lucas/Franklyn Avenue – Lonnie Altenhofen They are currently working on the elevation for Franklyn Avenue. The bids will go out for the surface work when the elevation is finished.

Attorney/ Financial Manager/Administrator Reports. Attorney Kensler reported that he is working on drafting several agreements for the city, court cases, and establishing the new pool as the official pool park designation for federal grant purposes. City Administrator O'Rourke reported the new Financial Manager, Jade McCaw, has started; there were no shutoffs for January; bills went out on time this month and the new software is up and running.

Mayor/Council/Committee Reports. No reports.

Adjournment

Motion by Olson. Second by Wayson-Kisling to adjourn at 6:38 p.m. Vote. Ayes: Wayson-Kisling, Huedepohl, Hinshaw, Geoghagan, Olson. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

City of Marengo Claims-2.11.26

| Fund Name | Fund | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|--------------------|
| General Fund | 001 | \$9,800.01 |
| General Fund Capital Expenditures | 002 | \$2,558.93 |
| Bahr-Library Gifts/Memorals | 033 | \$1,123.68 |
| Road Use Tax Fund | 110 | \$5,609.34 |
| Pool Renovation/Donations | 312 | \$3,906.98 |
| Wastewater Treatment Plant | 328 | \$25,649.20 |
| 4" Main Project | 344 | \$3,790.00 |
| Franklin & Lucas Street | 346 | \$4,809.34 |
| Water Fund | 600 | \$2,748.77 |
| Sewer Fund | 610 | \$191.68 |
| | Total: | \$60,187.93 |

| Payee | Amount | Description |
|------------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|
| Payroll | \$25,378.93 | 1.30.26 Payroll |
| Payroll | | |
| EFT Payments | | |
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| EFT TOTAL: | 0.00 | |
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| Amazon | \$43.03 | Airfilter-PD |
| Ampride | \$49.46 | January 2026 Fuel - FD and PD |
| Astra | \$256.75 | Camera Fees - GF, PD, PW |
| Carquest of Marengo | \$686.74 | January 2026 Supplies - PW |
| Casey General Store | \$528.99 | Fuel-PD |
| Charles Capper Auto | \$75.77 | 24 tahoe oil change-PD |
| Dakota Supply | \$3,790.00 | Howard Hydrant-PW |
| Eurofins | \$573.60 | Weekly Waste Water-PW |
| Iowa Co Auditor | \$1,193.26 | 2025 Election-CH |
| Iowa Co Recorder | \$22.00 | Recording Fee-CH |
| Iowa Dept of Natural Resources | \$85.00 | 2026 Permit Renewal-PW |
| Iowa One Call | \$57.60 | One Calls-PW |
| Jetco | \$954.75 | WTP maintenance-PW |
| KSZ | \$4,735.96 | Legal Fees-CH |
| Marco | \$667.23 | Email/Azure/Crownstrike |
| Marengo Farm & Home | \$485.44 | January 2026 Supplies - PW |
| Masters Telecom | \$17.63 | Telephone/VM-PD |
| Office Express | \$58.80 | Kleenex and paper towels-CH |
| Office of Auditor of State | \$625.00 | FY24 Audit-CH |
| Quill | \$36.95 | Office Supplies-CH |
| Roggentien Electric | \$1,680.36 | Maintenance - Well #12, Batteries-PW |
| S&S Plumbing, Heating and Air Cond | \$3,906.98 | Reznor for pool |
| Stanard & Associates | \$25.00 | Drug Screen - PD |
| Standard Pest Control | \$45.00 | pest control-CH PD FD |
| Stratton Benscoter (Whitey) | \$883.54 | Fuel and Diesel-PW |
| Swift True Value | \$170.93 | January 2026 Supplies - PW |
| Tyler Tech | \$2,558.93 | Software upgrade-CH |

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| United Rentals | \$2,841.60 | Skid Broom Rental-PW |
| USA Communications | \$27.34 | Internet/Phone-PW |
| Veenstra & Kimm | \$30,458.54 | Engineering Fees-PW |
| CHECKS TOTAL: | 57,542.18 | |
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| UTILITY BILLING REFUNDS: | \$0.00 | |
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| TKE | \$448.18 | Elevator maintenance |
| Access Systems | \$257.24 | Copier |
| Amazon | \$1,393.67 | Laptop/Books/Childrens Library |
| Quill | \$427.05 | Coffee Bar/Book Repair/Janitorial Supplies |
| US Cellular | \$87.58 | Hotspots |
| USA Communications | \$32.03 | Phone/Fax/Internet |
| LIBRARY TOTAL: | 2,645.75 | |
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| GRAND TOTAL: | 85,566.86 | |
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Claims Total - Payroll & EFT's **\$ 60,187.93**

John Hinshaw, Mayor Pro Tem

Attest: Ellen O'Rourke, City Administrator