

**MINUTES**  
**CITY OF MARENGO**  
**CITY COUNCIL**  
REGULAR MEETING  
Marengo Public Library  
February 9, 2022

**Call to Order** by Mayor Adam Rabe at 6:00 p.m. on February 9, 2022. Council Officials Present: Jason Kriegel, Sue Peterson, Bill Kreis, John Hinshaw, and Travis Schlabach. Absent: None. Quorum declared by Rabe.

**Staff and Press Present:** Admin. Karla Marck; Deputy Clerk Adam Kerkove; Finance Manager Ellen Young; Public Works Director Lonnie Altenhofen; Chief Ben Gray; Attorney Gage Kensler; Library Director Jackie Jordon.

**Members of the Public Present:** Blake Krakow, Simon Williams.

**Pledge of Allegiance** led by Rabe.

**Approval of Agenda – February 9, 2022**

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

**Consent Agenda**

Included January 26, 2022 Council Meeting Minutes; Claims, checks and direct withdrawals totaling \$72,540.97. January 2022 Revenues totaling \$211,556.66. January 2022 Major Operating Departments Finance Reports. January 2022 Finance Expenditures & Revenue Report. Liquor License Application for Casey's Marketing Company dba Casey's General Store #2533. Liquor License Application for Dolgen Corp, LLC dba Dollar General Store #7128. Acceptance of Letter of Resignation Israel Ruiz. Discussions occurred regarding Ruiz employment contract and requirements for payback of police academy expenditures. Motion by Peterson to approve all items in consent agenda except Acceptance of Letter of Resignation Israel Ruiz, with approval pending Ruiz providing reimbursement plan for academy expenditures. Second by Schlabach. Vote. Ayes: Kriegel, Peterson, Kreis, Hinshaw, Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

**Open Forum**

No Comments.

**Old Business**

- a) **Consideration: Skate Park Funding, Blake Krakow & Simon Williams**  
Krakow and Williams submitted rough design and cost estimates with wood structures. Indicated concrete structures would reduce long term replacement costs and maintenance. Requested council funding commitment to enable ability to submit grant applications. Motion by Schlabach to commit minimum of \$15,000 and donate city property located at 993 Marengo Avenue for development of proposed skate park. Second by Kriegel. Vote. Ayes: Kriegel, Peterson, Kreis, Hinshaw, Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- b) **Public Hearing Resolution #22-43: FY23 Maximum Property Tax Levy**  
Young indicated hearing specific to maximum property tax levy approval. However, based on recent changes made to proposed FY23 police department budget, Total Tax Rate will be reduced. Original and final Tax Rate breakdowns provided in council packet. Motion by Schlabach to approve. Second by Peterson. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Kriegel, Peterson, Kreis, Hinshaw, Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**New Business**

- a) **Consideration: Public Works – Water, Sewer, Storm Budget Requests**  
Altenhofen provided overview of FY23 plans. General line item inquiries were made.
- b) **Resolution 22-44: Setting Public Hearing for FY23 Budget**  
Motion by Schlabach to approve. Second by Hinshaw. Vote. Ayes: Kriegel, Peterson, Kreis, Hinshaw, Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- c) **Consideration: To Transfer Our Investment Account Out of IPAIT Bank into the General Operating Funds and Grinnell State Bank Account**  
Young recommended due to current IPAIT rates. Motion by Schlabach to approve. Second by Kriegel. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Kriegel, Peterson, Kreis, Hinshaw, Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- d) **Consideration: Transfer \$13,893.04 from 605-Water Deposit Fund to 600-Water Fund to Cleanup and Balance the General Ledger with the Utility Billing System**  
Young indicated requested as part of Utility Billing system cleanup plans. Motion by Schlabach to approve. Second by Kriegel. Vote. Ayes: Kriegel, Peterson, Kreis, Hinshaw, Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- e) **Consideration: Acceptance of FY21 Auditor's Report – Financial Statements**  
Motion by Hinshaw to approve. Second by Peterson. Vote. Ayes: Kriegel, Peterson, Kreis, Hinshaw, Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion carried
- f) **Discussion: Funding of Commercial Building Improvement Grants**  
Hinshaw reported community development committee met with ICCD Director Kate Robertson and discussed areas of focus and priorities. Suggesting commercial as first priority (vs. residential) and reviewing options for downtown building improvement grants and vacant property ordinances.
- g) **Resolution 22-45: Hunter Mast to ILEA – Full Time Peace Officer**  
Motion by Schlabach to approve with correction to change Ruiz to Mast in second paragraph. Second by Hinshaw. Vote. Ayes: Kriegel, Peterson, Kreis, Hinshaw, Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**Update Public Safety – Chief Ben Gray**

For January, Gray reported 18 incidents, 5 arrests, 9 citations, 35 warnings, 17 parking tickets, with a total of 40 outstanding parking tickets. There was a total of 247 calls for service. Two snow emergencies have been declared, one citation occurred per each event. The new squad car is in the repair shop due to warrantied motor failure. Speed sign was installed on Eastern Avenue.

**Attorney/ Financial Manager/Administrator Reports**

Kensler reported attended one city trial and property owner at 170 W. Randolph nuisance has contacted city, indicating attempting to sell property.

**Mayor/Council/Committee Reports**

Rabe stated that next pool committee meeting to be Feb 15 at 6:00 at Library. Announced Congresswomen Hinson will be holding a town hall meeting at high school on Friday, February 11 at 9:15 a.m. Schlabach indicated desire to accept 4” Dual Main project bids at February 23 council meeting.

**Adjournment**

Motion by Kreis. Second by Kriegel to adjourn at 7:13 p.m. Vote. Ayes: Kriegel, Peterson, Kreis, Hinshaw, Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

**City of Marengo Claims - 2/9/2022**

<b>Fund Name</b>	<b>Fund</b>	
General Fund	001	8,654.27
Road Use Tax Fund	110	11,292.97
Water Fund	600	3,094.57
Water Deposit Fund	605	67.89
Sewer Fund	610	1,023.75
Total:		24,133.45

<b><u>Payee</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>
PAYROLL	\$ 24,934.70	1/21/2022
PAYROLL	\$ 23,472.82	2/4/2022
<b>EFT Payments</b>		
Grinnell State Bank	81.44	Boeding/Hook NSF Fees/January 2022 Bank Fees
Metlife	1,258.58	February 2022 Metlife Ins
<b>EFT TOTAL:</b>	<b>1,340.02</b>	
Amazon Business	31.99	Rug-CH
Ampride	440.75	January 2022 Fuel-PD
Big G Foods	12.25	January 2022 Supplies-PD/CH
Brown Supply Co.	1,705.00	Plow Blade/Guard/Xtender-PW
Carquest of Marengo	254.31	January 2022 Supplies-PW/FD
Casey's General Store, Inc.	409.11	January 2022 Fuel-PD
Elite Sports	225.00	Camp Shirts-MRC
Eurofins Environment Testing	537.60	Weekly Wastewater-PW
Goodwill Industries of the Heartland	236.00	January 2022 Janitorial Services-CH/Lib
Hawkins, Inc.	1,779.74	Water Plant Chemicals-PW
Keystone Laboratories, Inc.	42.25	Drinking Water Analysis-PW
Kollmorgen, Schlue, & Zahradnik	2,256.68	Legal/2021 W-2's/1099's
Marengo Body Shop	995.67	D.Roggentien Truck Repair-PW
Marengo Chamber of Commerce	250.00	2022 Membership Dues-CH
Marengo Farm & Home	307.57	January 2022 Supplies-PW

Marengo Firefighters Assn	112.50	Fire Calls-FD
Marengo Ready Mix, Inc.	2,425.30	Hauled Snow/Salt/Sand-PW
Marengo Rotary Club	250.00	2022 Membership Dues-CH
Masters Telecom, LLC	9.49	Voicemail
Matt Parrott-Storey Kenworthy	70.51	Box-PD
Mayberry Electric, Inc.	1,476.28	Shop Lights-PW
Midwest Breathing Air, L.L.C.	783.94	Breathing Air Compressor-PW
Our Town Publications	409.14	Jan 2022 Ord/Mins
Quill	70.63	Office/Janitorial Supplies-CH
Roggentien Electric	143.92	Battery Supplies-PW
S & J Sanitation	149.60	January 2022 Trash
S & S Plumbing, Heating, & Air	634.65	Old Water Plant Heat-PW
SA-SO	3,027.23	Solar Beacon/Panel-PW
Standard Pest Control	25.00	Bug Spraying-CH/PD/FD
Steve Carl	67.89	Water Deposit Refund
Stratton Benscoter (Whitey's)	1,084.64	January 2022 Fuel/Diesel-PW
Swift True Value	62.86	January 2022 Supplies-FD/PW
VH Blackinton Co., Inc.	12.00	Badge-PD
Windstream	149.37	Internet/Phones
<b>CHECK TOTAL:</b>	<b>20,448.87</b>	
Access Systems Leasing	214.43	Copier Lease
Amazon	641.87	Books
BerganKDV Technology	389.60	Technology Services
Demco	35.90	Office Supplies
Quill	279.96	Office/Janitorial Supplies
S & J Sanitation	24.20	Dec. 2021 Trash
S & S Plumbing, Heating & Air	221.80	Fixed Faucets
US Cellular	514.38	Wifi Hotspots
USA Communications	22.42	Internet/Phones
<b>LIBRARY TOTAL:</b>	<b>2,344.56</b>	
<b>GRAND TOTAL:</b>	<b>72,540.97</b>	

**Claims Total - Payroll & EFT's      \$ 22,793.43**

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Adam Rabe, Mayor

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Attest: Karla Marck, City Administrator