

MINUTES
CITY OF MARENGO
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
January 27, 2021

Call to Order by Mayor Adam Rabe at 6:00 p.m. on January 27, 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; Library Director Jackie Jordan; Att. John Pilkington.

Members of the Public Present: John Atkinson

Pledge of Allegiance led by Rabe.

Approval of Agenda – January 27, 2021

Marck requested removal of agenda item “7.a. Discussion: City Park Fountain Update, Alan Schumacher and Committee,” as committee not in attendance due to scheduling conflict. Motion by Peterson to approve with requested change. Second by Kreis. Vote. Ayes: Jergens, Peterson, Kreis, Peska, Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Consent Agenda

Included January 13 council minutes with comment to change year from 2020 to 2021; Claims/Checks/Withdrawals of \$112,289.54. Motion by Peska to approve. Second by Jergens. Vote. Ayes: Jergens, Peterson, Kreis, Peska, Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Open Forum

No Comments.

Update Library Director-Jackie Jordan

Jordan reported since July have had 5,000 books in circulation; 1,650 patrons; 4,977 door count. Current value of the library's collection is \$458,519. To improve traffic flow, have moved food pantry pickup to the fairgrounds. Library hours now 10-6:00 M-Th; 10-5:00 F and 10-1 Sat. Still working with insurance company regarding repairs for derecho storm damage. Insurance wind and hail damage deductible is \$5,000. Discussions occurred regarding need for insurance deductible to be funded from general fund reserves vs. library budget.

Old Business

a) **Public Hearing and Third Reading ORD 487: Chapter 151-Trees, Modifying Planting Restrictions, Duty to Trim Trees, and Planting Permit Required**

Public hearing opened at 6:08. It was noted that change in trimming deadline from 5 days to 15 days was reflected in the current document. Public hearing closed at 6:09. Motion to approve by Jergens. Second by Peska. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Jergens, Peterson, Kreis, Peska, Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion carried.

b) **Public Hearing and Second Reading ORD 488: Chapter 146-Manufactured Homes Visible Compatibility**

Public hearing opened at 6:09. No comments. Public hearing closed at 6:09. Motion by Schlabach to approve. Second by Jergens. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Jergens, Peterson, Kreis, Peska, Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion carried.

c) **Resolution 21-52: Approving Donation of Old Fire Truck to Iowa County Historical Society**

Schlabach reported donation was recommended and approved by fire department, with request for right of first refusal if decision to sell. Motion by Schlabach to approve. Second by Peska. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Jergens, Peterson, Kreis, Peska, Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion carried.

New Business

a) **Resolution 21-53: Approving 2021 and 2022 Cemetery Mowing Contract Bid**

Altenhofen reported that received 4 bids with 1 rejected due to spraying bid only and 1 retracted due to error in quoting. Lowest bidder was Countryside Lawncare from Atkins, IA at \$20,000. Motion by Schlabach to approve. Second by Peska. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Jergens, Peterson, Kreis, Peska, Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion carried.

b) **Discussion: City's Adoption of Gateway/Iowa Co. Conservation Regulations**

Gray stated with current 28E agreement city needs to adopt Iowa County Conservation Rules and Regulations to allow for regulation enforcement. Indicated intent to adopt via ordinance. Will also need some revisions to address specific Gateway needs.

c) **Discussion: Sync July 3 and July 4 Firework End Times**

Gray indicated two separate end times adds element of confusion for enforcement. Requesting same end times. Pilkington stated that the current end times align with state laws, state does not allow to go past 10:00 p.m. on July 3. Council discussed ability to change July 4 from 11:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Marck to begin public hearing process for proposed change.

d) **Resolution 21-54: Update Finance Policy - \$15K Allocated to Police Academy**

Young stated requested policy update to insure monies allocated annually for police academy, if turnover occurs. Schlabach inquired on whether monies accumulate year-over-year, Young indicated no. Motion by Jergens to approve. Second by Peska. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Jergens, Peterson, Kreis, Peska, Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Public Works – Director Lonnie Altenhofen

Altenhofen reported took Christmas lights down; fixed street light in front of PD; water plant well #11 needs new meter (on order), causing minor issues; Miller Street sewer lift station has been requiring repeated cleanouts – don't flush wipes!; will be hauling snow piles.

Attorney/ Financial Manager/Administrator Reports

Marck stated confirmed with FEMA flood map project manager that aware of levee accreditation. Revised maps will be released following 90-day appeals process. Indicated can continue to regulate with current maps. Iowa Co. Conservation has released requests for proposals to local contractors for Gateway campground project. Utility Committee will be meeting Jan 29 at 11:15 to discuss project specifications for the Drainage District South Ditch improvement project.

Mayor/Council/Committee Reports

Rabe stated landfill rates are increasing from \$18 to \$20 per capita, will need to adjust city services billings.

Adjournment

Motion by Schlabach. Second by Peska to adjourn at 6:34 p.m. Vote. Ayes: Jergens, Peterson, Kreis, Peska, Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

City of Marengo Claims - 1/27/2021

Fund Name	Fund	
General Fund	001	8,865.41
Police Equip/BLDH Fund	006	638.13
Road Use Tax Fund	110	62,288.52
Water Fund	600	11,077.22
Water Deposit Fund	605	8.74
Sewer Fund	610	7,410.26
Storm Sewer Fund	740	309.00
Total:		90,597.28

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>
PAYROLL	21,692.26	1/22/2021 Payroll
EFT Payments		
United Healthcare	12,196.16	January 2021 Health Insurance
Grinnell State Bank	30.00	NSF Fees
Iowa Department of Revenue	2,790.00	December 2020-Water/Sales Tax
EFT TOTAL:	15,016.16	
Alliant Energy	13,251.77	Electric
Axon Enterprise	1,400.00	Tasers-PD
City of Marengo Petty Cash	95.65	January 2021 Petty Cash-CH/PW/PD
Coast to Coast Solutions	638.13	Mood Cups/Erasers-PD
Dave Schmitt Construction	52,401.08	Pay Estimate 9 Lucas/Lafayette
Dollar General	10.65	Toilet Paper-PD/PW
Ferguson Waterworks	840.19	Meter & Gasket-PW

Heiman	975.00	Flow Test-FD
Iowa One Call	50.40	One Calls-PW
Iowa Valley Community Schools	160.00	Kelley/Gray 2021 Membership-PD
Jackie Jordan	6.72	Insurance Reimbursement
Kinzenbaw Earthmoving	1,026.11	Curb Stop Repairs-PW
Marco Technologies	563.55	Email/Azure/Copier
Marengo Post Office	480.00	Bulk Mail/Stamps-PW/CH
Masters Telecom	20.93	Voicemail-PD
Mayberry Electric	2,253.14	Street Lights-PW
Mid-States Organized Crime	100.00	2021 Annual Membership-PD
REC	32.89	Welcome Sign Electric
Sami's (Prime Star)	9.16	November 2020 Fuel-PD
TestAmerica	386.40	Weekly Wastewater-PW
Tyler Mangold	8.74	Water Deposit Refund
Veenstra & Kimm, Inc	632.00	Engineering Fees
Windstream	238.61	Internet/Phones
CHECK TOTAL:	75,581.12	
LIBRARY TOTAL:	0.00	
GRAND TOTAL:	112,289.54	

Claims Total - Payroll & EFT's \$ 75,581.12

Adam Rabe, Mayor

Attest: Karla Marck, City Administrator