

MINUTES
CITY OF MARENGO
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Marengo Council Chambers
January 11, 2023

Call to Order by Mayor Adam Rabe at 6:00 p.m. on January 11, 2023. Council Officials Present: Matt Fults, Sue Peterson, Bill Kreis, John Hinshaw, Travis Schlabach. Absent: None. Quorum declared by Rabe.

Staff and Press Present: Admin./Clerk Karla Marck; Deputy Clerk Allison Fry; Finance Manager Ellen Young; Attorney Gage Kensler; Police Chief Ben Gray; Public Works Director Lonnie Altenhofen.

Members of the Public Present: Doug Kinzenbaw; Barry Goettsch; Jerry McKusker.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Rabe.

Approval of Agenda – January 11, 2023

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

Consent Agenda

Approval of minutes from December 28, 2022 City Council Meeting. Claims, checks and direct withdrawals totaling \$96,766.65. December 2022 revenues Totaling \$319,041.01. December 2022 Major Operating Departments Finance Reports. December 2022 Finance Expenditures & Revenue Reports. Motion by Peterson to approve. Second by Kreis. Vote. Ayes: Fults, Peterson, Kreis, Hinshaw, Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Open Forum

McKusker inquired on what is being done, following 810 South Street explosion, to insure DNR will allow to pump water to avoid flooding town; Schlabach reported those concerns have been escalated with the DNR, and weekly meetings are being held with DNR, city, and county staff to address. In addition, McKusker inquired on laws specific to driving lawn mowers on sidewalks.

Old Business

- a) **Resolution #23-41: Authorizing Marengo Memorial Hospital d/b/a Compass Memorial Healthcare to proceed with undertaking Hospital Capital Improvement Projects**
Motion by Peterson to approve. Second by Fults. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Fults, Peterson, Kreis, Hinshaw. Nays: None. Abstain: Schlabach. Motion carried.
- b) **Resolution #23-40: Setting Public Hearing for Setting FY24 Maximum Property Tax Levy**
Motion by Schlabach to approve. Second by Peterson. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Fults, Peterson, Kreis, Hinshaw, Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- c) **Resolution #23-42: Providing for the Levy of Taxes to pay General Obligation Swimming Pool Bonds, Series 2023**
Motion by Schlabach to approve. Second by Fults. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Fults, Kreis, Hinshaw, Schlabach. Nays: Peterson. Motion carried.
- d) **Resolution #23-43: Adopting the Community Attraction and Tourism (CAT) Grant Application**
Motion by Schlabach to approve. Second by Hinshaw. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Fults, Kreis, Hinshaw, Schlabach. Nays: Peterson. Motion carried.

New Business

- a) **Consideration: General Fund Reserve Reallocation Options; Capital Expenditures vs. Economic Development**
Motion by Schlabach to approve General Fund Reserves reallocation of \$250,000 with 75% reallocated towards Capital Expenditures Fund and 25% towards Economic Development Fund. Second by Fults. Vote. Ayes: Fults, Peterson, Kreis, Hinshaw, Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- b) **Resolution #23-44: Designating “The Hometown Current” as the official Newspaper for the City of Marengo**
Motion by Fults to approve. Second by Schlabach. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Fults, Peterson, Kreis, Hinshaw, Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- c) **Consideration: Snow Removal Bids for City Buildings**
Motion by Fults to obtain two separate bids for removing snow at library and city hall. Second by Schlabach. Vote. Ayes: Fults, Peterson, Kreis, Hinshaw, Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Update Public Safety – Chief Ben Gray

For December, Gray reported 31 incidents, 11 arrests, 7 citations, 20 warnings, 9 parking tickets, with a total of 40 outstanding parking tickets. There were 282 calls for service. Currently working nuisance properties and 810 E. South Street and 295 E. Miller St.

Attorney/ Financial Manager/Administrator Reports

Kensler stated continuing to search for former officer Ruiz location to address early contract termination penalties.

Mayor/Council/Committee Reports

Rabe reported have received inquires regarding solar farm project within city’s 2-mile area of influence zone; Marck to meet with solar project teams and to provide council with additional information. Marck reported have been holding weekly meetings with DNR regarding 810 South Street explosion cleanup efforts; meeting with state officials on Jan 19 regarding potential funding options. The Army Corp of Engineers public comments period has closed for the waste water treatment plant.

New Business cont.

d) Consideration of Motion to Enter into closed Session under Iowa code 21.5(c) To discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the government body in that litigation. Schlach v. Marengo

Motion by Hinshaw to enter into Closed Session. Second by Peterson. Council Officials Present: Matt Fults, Sue Peterson, Bill Kreis, John Hinshaw. Absent: Travis Schlach. Staff and Press Present: Admin./Clerk Karla Marck; Deputy Clerk Allison Fry. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Fults, Peterson, Kreis, Hinshaw. Nays: None. Motion carried. Session closed at 6:50 p.m. Motion by Kreis to come out of closed session. Second by Peterson. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Fults, Peterson, Kreis, Hinshaw. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Session opened at 7:22 p.m. Motion by Fults to request city attorney seek outside council support for litigation. Second by Hinshaw. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Fults, Peterson, Kreis, Hinshaw. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Adjournment

Motion by Fults. Second by Peterson to adjourn at 7:23 p.m. Vote. Ayes: Fults, Peterson, Kreis, Hinshaw. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

City of Marengo Claims - 1/11/23

Fund Name	Fund	
General Fund	001	5,705.53
Library Gifts & Memorials	033	186.76
Road Use Tax Fund	110	1,533.81
Pool Renovations/Donations	312	18,575.00
Water Fund	600	5,256.34
Water Deposit Fund	605	75.00
Sewer Fund	610	532.09
Total:		31,864.53

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>
PAYROLL	\$ 11,294.17	12/16/2022 Special Pay/Council Pay
PAYROLL	\$ 25,411.08	12/23/2022 Payroll
PAYROLL	\$ 28,196.87	1/6/2023 Payroll
EFT Payments		
Grinnell State Bank	98.26	December 2022 Bank Fees/2023 Safe Deposit Box
Iowa Department of Revenue	3,220.76	December 2022 Water/Sales Tax
Metlife	1,098.84	January 2023 Metlife Benefits
EFT TOTAL:	4,417.86	
Big G Foods	8.24	Water/Tissues-PD
BP	728.78	December 2022 Fuel-PD/PW/FD
Carquest	172.88	December 2022 Supplies-PW
USA BlueBook	318.57	Cleaner for Valve Boxes-PW
Caseys General Store	169.51	December 2022 Fuel-PD
Eurofins Environment Testing	699.20	Weekly Wastewater-PW
Goodwill Industries of the Heartland	289.25	December 2022 Janitorial Services-CH/Lib
JEO Consulting Group	18,575.00	Marengo Pool Design-Pool
John Marks	75.00	Utility Deposit Overpayment
Keystone Laboratories	439.25	Drinking Water Anaylsis/Stage 2-PW
Marco Technologies	242.64	December 2022 Email/Azure

Marengo Farm & Home	134.15	December 2022 Supplies-PW/PD
Marengo Post Office	275.00	Bulk Mailing Permit-PW
Marengo Rotary Club	310.00	2023 Rotary Dues
Masters Telecom	9.56	Voicemail-PD
Midwest Breathing Air LLC	690.20	Compressor Service-FD
Quill	115.38	Envelope Sealer/Paper/Calendars-CH/PW
S & J Sanitation	181.00	December 2022 Trash/Dumpster
Sirchie	88.88	Marking Tape-PD
Standard Pest Control	35.00	Bug Spraying-PD/CH/FD
Stratton Benscoter (Whitey's)	1,158.38	December 2022 Fuel/Diesel-PW/FD
Swift True Value Home Center	483.15	December 2022 Supplies-PW/FD/CH
VISA	166.37	December 2022 Charges-PD
Windstream	158.46	Internet/Phones
CHECK TOTAL:	25,523.85	
Access Systems	6.75	Copier Supplies
Amazon	260.00	Books
Know Buddy Resources	61.97	Books
Quill	315.01	December 2022 Supplies
S & J Sanitation	48.40	November 2022 Trash
S & S Plumbing Heating & Air	473.11	Trane Control Board
The Penworthy Company	186.76	Books
USA Communications	46.22	Internet/Phones
US Cellular	524.60	Hotspots
LIBRARY TOTAL:	1,922.82	
GRAND TOTAL:	96,766.65	

Claims Total - Payroll & EFT's

\$ 27,446.67

Adam Rabe, Mayor

Attest: Karla Marck, City Administrator