

MINUTES
CITY OF MARENGO
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Marengo Council Chambers
January 28, 2026

Call to Order by Mayor Schlabach at 6:00 p.m. on January 28, 2026. Council Officials Present: Jenni Olson, John Hinshaw, Shawn Huedepohl, Karen Wayson-Kisling, Will Geoghagan. Absent: None. Quorum declared by Schlabach.

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: Kelly Kopetsky, Adam Olson, Derek Bral, Faith Schwabe, Audrey Loffer, Tim Mangold Sr., Laura Sauser, Jerry McKusker,

Pledge of Allegiance led by Schlabach.

Approval of Agenda – January 28, 2026

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

Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes from January 7, 2026, City Council Meeting. Approval of Minutes from January 14, 2026, Special City Council Meeting as amended. Acceptance of Mike McBride's Resignation from the Board of Adjustments. Approval of Alcohol License for Dolgencorp, LLC (Dollar General). December 2025 Revenues Totaling \$315,708.36. December 2025 Major Operating Departments Finance Reports. December 2025 Finance Expenditures & Revenue Report. IPAIT Report. Motion by Olson to approve. Second by Wayson-Kisling. Vote. Ayes: Olson, Wayson-Kisling, Huedepohl, Hinshaw, Geoghagan. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Resident Comments: Adam Olson read a statement defining ethics in public service. Matt Loffer spoke about code of conduct. Audrey Loffer commented about nuisances.

Presentation: Iowa County Community Development Update, Director Laura Sauser

Old Business

- a) **Public Hearing and Third Reading ORD #548: Amendment to Chapter 69 – Parking Regulations; Section 69.11 Limited Parking.** Open the Public Hearing at 6:19 p.m. Adam Olson had questions about the procedures of the ordinance. Matt Loffer commented about equal enforcement of parking regulations. Audrey Loffer commented about her nuisance warning. Will Geoghagan commented that if someone needs to park in the street for over 24 hours, they should communicate that to the police. Public Hearing closed at 6:49 p.m. Motion to approve by Hinshaw. Second by Wayson-Kisling. Vote. Ayes: Wayson-Kisling, Hinshaw, Huedepohl. Nays: Olson, Geoghagan. Motion carried.
- b) **Discussion: FY27 Budget and Timeline.** City Administrator commented the budget is going to come in as predicted. No action taken.
- c) **Resolution #26-47: Adopting a New Collective Bargaining Agreement Between City of Marengo & Chauffeurs, Teamsters and Helpers Local Union 238.** Motion to approve by Geoghagan. Second by Wayson-Kisling. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Olson, Wayson-Kisling, Huedepohl, Hinshaw, Geoghagan. Nays: None. Motion carried.

New Business

- a) **Resolution #26-57: Appointing Board of Adjustments Members.** Motion to approve by Wayson-Kisling. Second by Geoghagan. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Olson, Wayson-Kisling, Huedepohl, Geoghagan, Hinshaw. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- b) **Resolution #26-58: Approving Hiring of 2026 Aquatic Center.** Motion to hire Shawn Huedepohl by Olson. Second by Wayson-Kisling. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Olson, Wayson-Kisling, Geoghagan, Hinshaw. Abstain: Huedepohl. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- c) **Public Hearing and First Reading ORD #549: Amendment to Chapter 106 – Amendment to Chapter 106 – Collection of Solid Waste; Section 106.07 Landfill Fees.** Open the Public Hearing at 6:57 p.m. No public comments. Public Hearing closed at 6:58 p.m. Motion to approve by Wayson-Kisling. Second by Olson. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Olson, Wayson-Kisling, Huedepohl, Geoghagan, Hinshaw. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- d) **Public Hearing and First Reading ORD #550: Amendment to Chapter 60 – Parking Regulations; Section 69.08 No Parking Zones.** Open the Public Hearing at 6:58 p.m. No public comments. Public Hearing closed at 6:59 p.m. Motion to approve by Geoghagan. Second by Olson. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Olson, Wayson-Kisling, Huedepohl, Geoghagan, Hinshaw. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- e) **Resolution #26-59: Entering an Engineering Services Agreement with Veenstra & Kimm, Inc. for Lucas Street Improvements.** Motion to approve by Hinshaw. Second by Wayson-Kisling. Vote. Ayes: Wayson-Kisling, Olson, Hinshaw, Huedepohl, Geoghagan. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- f) **Resolution #26-60: Entering an Engineering Services Agreement with Veenstra & Kimm, Inc. for Franklyn Avenue Water Main Improvements.** Motion to approve by Olson. Second by Wayson-Kisling. Vote. Ayes: Wayson-Kisling, Olson, Hinshaw, Huedepohl, Geoghagan. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- g) **Consideration: For approval to send out Request for Proposals for both the Lucas Street and Franklyn Water Main once plans are finished.** Motion to approve by Olson. Second by Wayson-Kisling. Vote. Ayes: Wayson-Kisling, Olson, Hinshaw, Huedepohl, Geoghagan. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- h) **Resolution #26-61: Approving Pay Application #5 for Contract #1 – Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvements.** Motion to approve by Hinshaw. Second by Wayson-Kisling. Vote. Ayes: Wayson-Kisling, Olson, Hinshaw, Huedepohl, Geoghagan. Nays: None. Motion carried.

- i) **Resolution #26-62: Amendment to 28E Cooperative Agreement Between City of Marengo and City of Belle Plaine, Iowa for Insect Spraying Services - 2026.** Motion to approve by Olson. Second by Wayson-Kisling. Vote. Ayes: Wayson-Kisling, Olson, Hinshaw, Huedepohl, Geoghagan. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Approval of Monthly Bills:

- a) Claims, checks, and direct withdrawals totaling \$232,417.23. Motion to approve by Olson. Second by Geoghagan. Vote. Ayes: Wayson-Kisling, Olson, Hinshaw, Huedepohl, Geoghagan. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Update Public Works – Director Lonnie Altenhofen

For January 2026, Altenhofen reported 16 water shut offs, Well #12 is down so motor can be repaired, CEU at Clow Co. in Oskaloosa, prepared water use report for DNR, 112,600,000 gal pumped last year, lagoon cleaning started again, 1 locate this month and park Christmas decorations were put away.

Update Marengo Public Library – Director Jackie Jordan

Library is renewing accreditation with the State (currently at a Tier 3 which is the highest), Board is finalizing the new Strategic Plan; the library will be reducing hours especially if Director Jordan cannot be there.

Attorney/ Financial Manager/Administrator Reports. No reports.

Mayor/Council/Committee Reports. Cemetery Board meeting was held. Board agreed to sell single plots. The planting of trees was denied. Supervisor Yoder is looking into cemetery software.

Old Business cont.

- d) **Consideration: Motion to enter into CLOSED Session Pursuant to Iowa Code 21.5(1)(c) to discuss strategy with Counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation.** Motion by Wayson-Kisling to open the closed session at 7:22 p.m. Second by Geoghagan. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Olson, Wayson-Kisling, Huedepohl, Hinshaw, Geoghagan. Nays: None. Motion carried. Motion by Wayson-Kisling to return to open session at 7:44 p.m. Second by Olson. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Olson, Wayson-Kisling, Huedepohl, Hinshaw, Geoghagan. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Consideration: Motion on Actions to be Taken from Closed Session. Olson to approve obtaining bids up to \$7500 for a fence. Second by Geoghagan. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Olson, Wayson-Kisling, Huedepohl, Geoghagan. Nays: Hinshaw. Motion carried.

New Business cont.

- j) **Consideration: Motion to Enter into Closed Session under Iowa Code 21.5(1)(i) “To evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual’s reputation and that individual requests a closed session.”** Motion by Geoghagan to open the closed session at 7:47 p.m. Second by Olson. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Olson, Wayson-Kisling, Huedepohl, Hinshaw, Geoghagan. Nays: None. Motion carried. Motion by Hinshaw to return to open session at 8:04 p.m. Second by Geoghagan. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Olson, Wayson-Kisling, Huedepohl, Hinshaw, Geoghagan. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Consideration: Motion on Actions to be Taken from Closed Session. Motion by Geoghagan to table it. Second by Olson. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Olson, Wayson-Kisling, Huedepohl, Hinshaw, Geoghagan. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Adjournment

Motion by Olson. Second by Wayson-Kisling to adjourn at 8:08 p.m. Vote. Ayes: Olson, Wayson-Kisling, Huedepohl, Hinshaw, Geoghagan. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

City of Marengo Claims-1.28.26

Fund Name	Fund	
General Fund	001	\$21,757.36
General Fund Capital Expenditures	002	\$3,160.52
PD Squad Car Fund	011	\$10,922.82
Road Use Tax Fund	110	\$14,460.76
Wastewater Treatment Plant	328	\$84,732.76
Water Fund	600	\$51,678.70
Water Deposit Refund	605	\$64.81
Sewer Fund	610	\$12,724.59
Storm Sewer Fund	740	\$416.28
Total:		\$199,918.60

Payee	Amount	Description
Payroll	\$27,542.56	1.16.26 Payroll
Payroll	4,956.07	1.16.26 Vacation Payout
EFT Payments		
Grinnell State Bank	\$43.75	January 2026 Return Fees
Iowa Department of Revenue	\$3,502.77	December 2025 Sales & Water Tax
EFT TOTAL:	3,546.52	

Alliant Energy	\$19,262.99	Electric
Amazon Capital Business	\$2,726.54	Office Supplies/Salt Sand Spreader-CH/PW
Astra Security	\$527.50	December 2025-January 2026 Camera Fees
Ben's Repair	\$108.15	Welded Plow Bracket-PW
Big G Foods	\$75.48	December 2025 Supplies-CH/PD/PW
Cameron's Repair, LLC	\$2,000.21	98 Dump Truck-PW
Carquest of Marengo	\$368.64	December 2025 Supplies-PW
Central Iowa Union	\$638.57	Publications
Conner Knapp	\$475.79	Clothing/Water Grade 2 Course-PW
Don's Truck Sales	\$1,364.94	Oil Pan/Supplies/Lift Arm-PW
East Miller Print & Design	\$41.00	Business Cards-CH
ECICOG	\$1,950.00	CDBG Administration-WWTP
Ferguson Waterworks	\$17,500.00	Meters-PW
HACH	\$2,870.75	Water Plant Supplies-PW
Hawkins, Inc	\$1,543.23	Water Plant Chemicals-PW
Heiman, Inc.	\$3,182.36	Equipment-FD
Iowa County Recorder	\$68.00	Recording Fees-Cemetery
Iowa Law Enforcement Academy	\$150.00	MMPI Evaluation-PD
Kinzenbaw Earthmoving, Inc.	\$3,765.24	Hauled Rock & Snow-PW
Lonnie Altenhofen	\$175.00	Aquatic CEU's-Pool
Marengo Rotary Club	\$310.00	2026 Dues-CH
Marco	\$160.58	Copier Lease-CH
Marco Technologies	\$142.50	Card Reader Install-CH
Marengo Farm & Home	\$323.50	December 2025 Supplies-PW/Park
Marengo Firefighters Assn	\$157.50	Fire Call-FD
Microbac Laboratories	\$58.50	Drinking Water Analysis-PW
Mid-States Organized Crime	\$100.00	2026 Dues Membership-PD
Midwest Breathing Air LLC	\$715.08	Compressor Service-FD
Momar	\$3,557.72	Bug Spray-PW
Northway Well & Pump, Co	\$28,708.43	Well #11-PW
Office Express	\$4.99	Desktop Calendar-CH
Quill	\$188.64	Post Cards-CH
Racom	\$11,039.07	Battery/Body Cameras-FD/PD
REC	\$42.60	Welcome Sign Electric
Riggs Towing & Recovery	\$397.50	Squad Car Tow-PD
Stanard & Associates, PC	\$10.00	Test Certificates-PD
Standard Pest Control	\$60.00	Bug Spraying-CH/PD/FD
State Hygienic Laboratory	\$31.00	Water Testing-PW
Swift True Value Home Center	\$152.95	December 2025 Supplies-PW/CH/Xmas
T&W Grinding & Compost Service	\$3,900.00	Nov'25-Jan'26 Composting
Tyler Technologies	\$3,160.52	Software Upgrade
Verizon Wireless	\$657.67	December 2025-Desk/Cell Phones
Visa	\$379.52	January 2026 Charges-BG
Wendler, Inc.	\$82,782.76	Contract 1-WWTP Improvements
Windstream	\$471.85	Internet/Phones
CHECKS TOTAL:	196,307.27	
Derek Schwarting	\$30.71	Water Deposit Refund
Marvin Kimm	\$34.10	Water Deposit Refund

UTILITY BILLING REFUNDS:	\$64.81	
LIBRARY TOTAL:	0.00	
GRAND TOTAL:	232,417.23	

Claims Total - Payroll & EFT's **\$196,307.27**

Travis Schlabach, Mayor

Attest: Ellen O'Rourke, City Administrator