

MINUTES
CITY OF MARENGO
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
June 9, 2021

Call to Order by Mayor Adam Rabe at 6:00 p.m. on June 9, 2021. Elected Officials Present: Greg Jergens, Sue Peterson, Bill Kreis, Chad Peska and Travis Schlabach. Absent: None. Quorum declared by Rabe.

Staff and Press Present: Admin. Karla Marck; Fin. Mgr. Ellen Young; Adam Kerkove, Deputy City Clerk; Police Chief Ben Gray; Att. John Pilkington.

Members of the Public Present: Doug (Dewey) Stahl, Gage Kensler, Tracey Achenbach.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Rabe.

Approval of Agenda – June 9, 2021

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

Consent Agenda

Included May 26, 2021 Council Minutes; Claims/Checks/Withdrawals of \$1,140,481.70. May 2021 Revenues totaling \$419,227.32.

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

Open Forum

Stahl requested update on previous request to council for a special permit to authorize driving a lawn mower on city streets without a valid driver's license. Marck stated that no additional discussions have occurred - as a valid driver's license would be a requirement for any variance invoked by the city. Discussions occurred on general need for city variance to allow for driving lawn mowers in city streets. Marck to research legal options.

Old Business

a) **Public Hearing and Second Reading ORD #495: Amendment to Chapter 105 – Solid Waste Control, Open Burning Restricted, Landscape Waste**

Public hearing opened at 6:08 p.m. No comments. Public hearing closed at 6:08. Motion by Schlabach to approve. Second by Kreis. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Peterson, Kreis, Schlabach. Nays: Jergens, Peska. Motion carried.

b) **Public Hearing and Second Reading ORD #496: Revising Iowa County Conservation Park Rules**

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

c) **Resolution 21-89: Appointing Gage Kensler, Kollmorgen, Schule & Zahradnik, P.C., as City Attorney**

Motion by Jergens to approve. Second by Peska. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Jergens, Peterson, Kreis, Peska, Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion carried.

New Business

a) **Consideration: Tracey Achenbach, ECICOG Housing and Development Grant Opportunities**

Achenbach provided overview of CDBG Homebuyer Assistance and Housing Sustainability grant programs. Changes made that eliminate local match requirements, with \$3,000 application fee for Sustainability program. Recommending for city to support on first come, first served basis. Motion by Schlabach to move forward with sustainability program. Second by Peska. Vote. Ayes: Jergens, Peterson, Kreis, Peska, Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion carried.

b) **Resolution 21-90: Setting Salaries/Wages for City of Marengo Employees for FY22**

Young reminded council that FY22 wages calculated per current contract. Motion by Jergens to approve. Second by Peska. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Jergens, Peterson, Kreis, Peska, Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion carried.

c) **Resolution 21-92: Ben Gray Employment Contract Renewal**

Marck stated proposed contract terms are as discussed and recommended by Personal & Public Safety committee. Schlabach stated proposed wage increase attributed to restructuring of Gray insurance benefits to align with city's current insurance benefit package. Motion by Schlabach to approve. Second by Jergens. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Jergens, Peterson, Kreis, Peska, Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion carried.

d) **Resolution 21-91: Setting Public Hearing on Amendment to Chapter 106 – Collection of Solid Waste**

Marck indicated proposed landfill fee change from \$3.25 to \$4.00 is passthrough of costs based on the Regional Environmental Improvement Commission's billing rates that will be effective July 1, 2021. Indicated will need to consider a single public hearing reading to make effective with July billing cycle. Motion by Schlabach to approve. Second by Jergens. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Jergens, Peterson, Kreis, Peska, Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion carried.

e) **Resolution 21-93: Authorizing Street Closure for July 3 Celebration**

Marck stated requesting closure of May, Marengo and Washington streets for Chamber's July 3 celebration. Motion by Jergens to approve. Second by Peska. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Jergens, Peterson, Kreis, Peska, Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion carried.

f) **Resolution 21-94: Authorizing Street Closure for Fire Department Water Ball Fight**

Marck stated requesting closure of Main Street for Fire Department's Water Ball Fight on July 10, 2021. Motion by Jergens to approve. Second by Peterson. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Jergens, Peterson, Kreis, Peska, Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Public Safety – Chief Ben Gray

For May, Gray reported 42 incidents, 9 arrests, 9 citations, 27 warnings, 4 parking tickets, with a total of 38 outstanding parking tickets. There was a total of 348 calls for service. To date, have worked a total of 15 nuisance and/or junk vehicles properties, with 9 currently active. A total of 53 notices for duty to cut grass were served. Participated in training for new state emergency alerts system. Attended annual chief conference and continuing to accept applications for officers. Working with July 3 celebration committee to coordinate requirements. Need to finalize security requirements, costs and funding.

Attorney/ Financial Manager/Administrator Reports

Pilkington reported planning to meet with Kensler on Friday to transition projects.

Mayor/Council/Committee Reports

Schlabach reported on behalf of Utilities Committee. Waste Water Plant Environmental study completed. Archeological testing will require additional round of tests. CDBG grant (\$500k) was denied, planning to reapply July 1. Discussed concerns regarding current bid climate. Scheduling UV site visits for July. Green lift project 98% completed. Expecting Drainage District to start additional levee reinforcement efforts within next 30 days. Still waiting for numbers from Drainage District for South Ditch project. Due to bid climate, proposing to break May Street Storm Sewer project into two phases – phase 1 for summer 2021 and water main changes only. Proposing to increase after 3:00 p.m. water service turn on/off fees due, to delinquency, from \$50 to \$100, as current fees do not cover city costs.

Adjournment

Motion by Kreis. Second by Peska to adjourn at 7:02 p.m. Vote. Ayes: Jergens, Peterson, Kreis, Peska, Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

City of Marengo Claims - 6/9/2021

Fund Name	Fund	
General Fund	001	27,092.76
Police Equip/Bldg Fund	006	6,875.00
Library Gifts & Memorials	033	120,785.34
Road Use Tax Fund	110	1,215.76
Lost Sinking Fund	122	157,719.45
Wastewater Treatment Plant	200	395,952.50
Green Lift Station	329	49,115.00
Water Fund	600	43,105.99
Water Sinking Fund	601	257,760.00
Water Deposit Fund	605	1.38
Sewer Fund	610	1,021.17
Sewer Sinking Fund	611	56,300.00
Total:		1,116,944.35

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>
PAYROLL	23,537.35	5/28/2021 Payroll
EFT Payments		
UMB Financial	395,952.50	GO Bonds-2021 Payment
Grinnell State Bank	61.20	May 2021 Bank Fees
Metlife Benefits	1,147.07	June 2021 Metlife Benefits
Iowa Finance Authority	314,060.00	June 2021 MD0787R & C0681R Pmt
Iowa Department of Revenue	2,704.00	May 2021 Sales & Water Tax

EFT TOTAL:		713,924.77
Aaron Cronbaugh Lawn Care	880.00	Sprayed-Park/MRC/Lib
Axon Enterprise, Inc	8,291.48	Tasers & Equipment-PD
Ben Gray	123.90	Mileage-PD
Big G Foods	4.90	Water-PD
Brian Miller Excavating	49,115.00	Green Liftstation Pay Estimate #1
Carquest	250.77	May 2021 Supplies-PW/FD
Casey's General Store	226.33	May 2021 Fuel-PD
Charles Capper Auto Center	909.65	Car Maintenance-PD
City of Marengo	80.97	Cash Drawer Shortage-PW
Cummins Sales & Service	88.75	Low Coolant-PW
Dennis & Janet Roberts	157,719.45	FY21 Land Payment
Elisha Kilbride	1.38	Water Deposit Refund
Goodwill Industries of the Heartland	106.70	May 2021 Janitorial Services-CH
Hawkins, Inc	1,539.05	Water Plant Chemicals/Chlorine Cylinders-PW
Howes Law Firm	2,544.00	March-May 2021 Legal
IA Department of Public Safety	300.00	April-June 2021 Radio Monitoring-PD
Iowa Law Enforcement Academy	6,875.00	I.Ruiz Academy-PD
Keystone Laboratories, Inc	52.40	Drinking Water Analysis-PW
Kiwanis Club Marengo	82.00	3rd Quarter 2020-2021 Dues-CH
Lexipol	3,792.00	Policy Manual-PD
Marengo Farm & Home	386.39	May 2021 Supplies-PW/Parks/PD
Marengo Firefighters Assn	90.00	Fire Call-FD
Marengo Post Office	446.00	June 2021 Postage-CH/PW
Matt Parrott Storey Kenworthy	149.59	Badge Holders-CH
MPH Industries	1,999.00	Radar-PD
National Pen	256.60	Utility Bar-PD
Northway Well & Pump	7,350.00	Well #12 Treatment-PW
Roggentien Electric	217.54	May 2021 Maintenance-PW
Secretary of State	30.00	A.Kerkove Notary-CH

Standard Pest Control	25.00	Bug Spraying-PD/FD/CH
Stratton Benescoter (Whitey's)	1,079.76	May 2021 Fuel/Diesel-PW/MRC/Parks
Traffic Safety Store	544.48	Cones-PD
Utility Service Co.	30,776.36	2021 Tank Cleaning-PW
Visa	53.55	May 2021 Charges-CH/PD
Windstream	160.12	Internet/Phones
CHECK TOTAL:	276,548.12	
Amana Community Library	3,652.00	CCA Pass Thru
Amazon	309.14	Books
BerganKDV Technology	185.00	Technology Services
Buck Jones	207.00	Presentation
Garling Construction	120,785.34	1st Payment
O'Keefe Elevator	179.22	Elevator Maintenance
Oriental Trading	826.47	Crafts
Quill	211.55	May 2021 Supplies
S & J Sanitation	44.00	March/April 2021 Trash
Standard Pest Control	40.00	Bug Spraying
USA Communications	31.74	Internet/Phones
LIBRARY TOTAL:	126,471.46	
GRAND TOTAL:	1,140,481.70	

Claims Total - Payroll & EFT's \$403,019.58

Adam Rabe, Mayor

Attest: Karla Marck, City Administrator