MINUTES
CITY OF MARENGO
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Marengo Council Chambers
June 10, 2026

Call to Order by Mayor Travis Schlabach at 6:00 p.m. on June 10, 2026. Council Officials Present: Jenni Olson, John Hinshaw, Shawn Huedepohl. Absent: Karen Wayson-Kisling, Will Geoghagan. Quorum declared by Schlabach.
Staff and Press Present: Admin./Clerk Ellen O'Rourke; Deputy Clerk Alli Gerard; Police Chief Ben Gray; Attorney Gage Kensler, Managing Editor Winona Whitaker, Hometown Media.
Members of the Public Present: Adam Olson, Navarre Sissel
Pledge of Allegiance led by Schlabach.
Approval of Agenda – June 10, 2026
Motion by Hinshaw to approve. Second by Olson. Ayes: Olson, Huedepohl, Hinshaw. Nays: None. Motion Carried.
Consent Agenda
Approval of minutes from May 27, 2026, City Council Meeting. May 2026 Revenues Totaling $813,394.83. May 2026 Major Operating Departments Finance Reports. May 2026 Finance Expenditures & Revenue Reports. Savings Account Report. Approval of Approval of Alcohol License for Ambies, LLC. Motion by Olson to approve. Second by Hinshaw. Vote. Ayes: Olson, Huedepohl, Hinshaw. Nays: None. Motion Carried.
Resident Comments: Adam Olson complimented Shawn Huedepohl for caring for the city and students. He also thinks there should be a "memorial" day designated in Marengo. Navarre Sissel spoke to the Council about investigating alleged professional misconduct incidents.
Old Business
None
New Business

a) **Resolution #26-106: Approval Pay Application #9 for Contract #1 - Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvements.** Motion by Olson to approve payment to Wendler, Inc. for $111,946.99. Second by Hinshaw. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Olson, Huedepohl, Hinshaw. Nays: None. Motion carried.
b) **Resolution #26-107: Approving July 3, 2026 Street Closures.** Motion to approve by Hinshaw. Second by Huedepohl. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Olson, Huedepohl, Hinshaw. Nays: None. Motion carried.
c) **Resolution #26-108: Approving July 3, 2026 Parade Route.** Motion by Olson to approve. Second by Huedepohl. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Olson, Huedepohl, Hinshaw. Nays: None. Motion carried.
d) **Resolution #26-109: Setting Salaries/Wages for City of Marengo Employees for Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2026.** Motion by Olson. Second by Hinshaw. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Olson, Huedepohl, Hinshaw. Nays: None. Motion carried.
e) **Consideration: Approving the quote from Astra Security for the Northeast entry camera and installation of the pole, not to exceed $7,000 and for the funds to be taken out of Capital Expenditures.** Motion by Hinshaw. Second by Olson. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Olson, Huedepohl, Hinshaw. Nays: None. Motion carried.
f) **Consideration: Approving the quote from Astra Security for two additional Pool cameras for $2,243.00 and for the funds to be taken out of Capital Expenditures.** Motion by Hinshaw to approve with the expenditure taken out of the Pool Bond money. Second by Olson. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Olson, Huedepohl, Hinshaw. Nays: None. Motion carried.
g) **Public Hearing and First Reading of ORD 556: Amendment to the Code of Ordinances; Chapter 4 Scheduled Fines, Changing Section 55.24 – Dangerous or Vicious Animal to Section 55.23 - Dangerous or Vicious Animal.** Public Hearing opened at 6:17 p.m. No public comments. Public Hearing closed at 6:18 p.m. Motion to approve by Hinshaw. Second by Huedepohl. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Olson, Huedepohl, Hinshaw. Nays: None. Motion carried.
h) **Consideration: Annual Administration of 3.8% Water Rate Service increase, section 92.02 Rates for Service, which state annual increases to be determined by the annual CPI-U for the Midwest Region as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics or a minimum 3% increase, whichever is greater**. Olson asked if we must do the 3.8% increase and the response was yes since it is stated in the City's ordinances. Motion to approve by Hinshaw. Second by Huedepohl. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Olson, Huedepohl, Hinshaw. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Approval of Monthly Bills

a) Claims, checks, and direct withdrawals totaling $928,525.69. Motion to approve by Olson. Second by Hinshaw. Vote. Ayes: Olson, Hinshaw. Abstain: Huedepohl. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Update Public Safety – Chief Ben Gray
For May 2026, Chief Gray reported 25 incidents, 11 arrests, 14 citations, 66 warnings, 6 parking tickets with a total of 65 outstanding parking tickets, 11 medical calls, 346 calls for service/9 handled exclusively by the Iowa County Sheriff's Office. Chief Gray participated in the pool employee training, conducted the Bike Rodeo at Iowa Valley Elementary School, gave tour to the HLV 4th grade, completed the application for the Iowa Law Enforcement Accreditation Program, and posted 43 notices for duty to cut grass with 5 properties mowed by Public Works.
Attorney/ Financial Manager/Administrator Reports. City Attorney Kensler reported he is working to change over the old pool property with state and federal agencies. It is expected to be a 12–18-month process. Administrator O'Rourke reported the City has a new agent with Northland Securities.
Mayor/Council/Committee Reports. Mayor Schlabach reported that the fire department has agreed to pay 1/3 of the cost of a new fire truck and 1/3 the cost of a new addition.

Adjournment

Motion by Olson. Second by Hinshaw to adjourn at 6:35 p.m. Vote. Ayes: Olson, Huedepohl, Hinshaw. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

City of Marengo Claims-6.10.26

Fund Name	Fund	
General Fund	`001	$32,819.34
Insurance Levy Fund	005	$4,550.00
Library Carryover/Donations	021	$414.21
Road Use Tax Fund	110	$9,771.14
Debt Service Fund	200	$465,525.63
Wastewater Treatment Plant	328	$138,235.24
Franklin & Lucas Street	346	$144,397.98
Water Fund	600	$22,196.18
Sewer Fund	610	$4,620.33
Sewer Sinking Fund	611	$73,705.87
	Total:	**$896,235.92**

Payee	Amount	Description
Payroll	$32,289.77	6.5.26
PAYROLL TOTAL:	**32,289.77**	
EFT Payments		
UMB Financial Corporation	$465,525.63	2026-GO Bond Payments
Grinnell State Bank	$80.84	May 2026 Bank Fees/NSF Fee
Iowa Finance Authority	$73,705.87	June 2026 SRF Loans
Metlife	$1,678.35	June 2026 Insurance
Wellmark	$15,848.69	June 2026 Insurance
Iowa Department of Revenue	$3,732.42	May 2026 Water/Sales Tax
EFT TOTAL:	**560,571.80**	
ACCO	$294.80	Chlorine - Pool
Aaron Cronbaugh Landscaping	$3,500.00	May 26 Mowing - Cemetery
Amazon	$454.01	Summer Ball belts/socks, sanitizing tabs/pt dispenser - MRC/Pool
Astra	$256.75	Camera Fees
Big G	$429.82	Water-PD/CH, Concessions-MRC
Brian Miller Excavating	$140,757.98	Franklin Ave-Pay Request 1
Cameron Repair	$187.50	Unit #5 Maintenance - FD
Capper Auto	$159.90	23/24 Tahoe Oil Changes - PD
Carquest	$98.30	May 2026 Supplies - PW/PD
City of Marengo Petty Cash	$98.85	May 2026 Petty Cash - CH/PD
CommUnity	$353.08	May 2026 Liaison - PD
Creative Product Source	$1,328.45	White Decals/Shield Stickers - PD
Dakota Supply Group	$960.25	May 2026 Supplies - PW
East Miller Print & Design	$57.00	Business Cards - PD
Eurofins	$627.84	Weekly Wastewater Testing - PW

Galls	$233.42	Uniforms - PD
Gazette	$654.98	Public Hearing 2,531,926 - CH
Hach	$312.05	10mL sample cell - PW
Hawkins	$1,912.76	Water Plant Chemicals
Heartland Co-Op	$328.40	Spray - PW
High Performance Patch	$812.00	Cones - PW
IA Dept of Public Safety	$300.00	Radio-PD
Iowa Co Recorder	$34.00	Cemetery Recording Fee JF Slockett
Iowa One Call	$73.80	One Calls - PW
iPrint Technologies	$490.00	Toner - PD
Jetco	$6,630.23	Flow Meter - PW
KSZ	$2,817.48	Legal - CH
Lockers.com	$83.95	Master Control Key - Pool
Marco Tech	$54.45	May 2026 Crowdstrike
Marengo Chamber of Commerce	$300.00	Membership App amd Dues - CH
Marengo Insurance Center	$4,550.00	25-26 Workers Comp Audit
Marengo Post Office	$740.00	PO Box Fee for 2027/Postage - CH
Masters Telecom	$17.61	Voicemail - PD
Momar	$3,500.67	Bug Spray - PW
Office Express	$89.53	Janitorial & Office Supplies - Ch
Racom	$3,744.00	Radio-PD
Roggentien	$4,256.77	Pump #2 Maintenance - PW
Sherwin Williams	$1,831.50	paint for lines - PW
Standard	$45.00	Bug Spraying - FD/CH/PD
Swifts	$719.56	May 2026 Supplies - PW/Pool/MRC
Town & Country	$2,002.44	Concesssions - Pool
TruGreen	$399.00	Lawn Spraying - MRC
USA Communications	$191.67	Phone/Internet - PW/Pool
V&K	$30,006.75	Engineering Fees
Wendler	$111,946.99	Contract 1-WWTF - PW
Whitey's	$2,910.74	Fuel/Tire Repair/Deisel-PW Fuel-MRC
CHECKS TOTAL:	**331,554.28**	
UTILITY BILLING REFUNDS:	**$0.00**	
Access Systems	$386.98	Copier Lease
Amazon	$1,569.08	Books
Charles City Public Library	$70.00	Large Print Books
Marco Tech	$35.70	April 2026 Email
Quill	$558.85	May 2026 Supplies

Standard	$48.15	Bug Spraying
Thomas Company	$1,126.45	HVAC Services
TKE	$207.74	Elevator Contract
US Cellular	$86.98	Hotspots
USA Communications	$19.91	June 2026 Internet/Phone
LIBRARY TOTAL:	**4,109.84**	
GRAND TOTAL:	**928,525.69**	

Claims Total - Payroll & EFT's **$335,664.12**

Travis Schlabach, Mayor

Attest: Ellen O'Rourke, City Administrator