

**MINUTES**  
**CITY OF MARENGO**  
**CITY COUNCIL**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
Marengo Council Chambers  
March 13, 2024

**Call to Order** by Mayor Adam Rabe at 6:00 p.m. on March 13, 2024. Council Officials Present: John Hinshaw, Karen Wayson-Kisling, Bill Kreis. Absent: Jenni Olson and Travis Schlabach. Quorum declared by Rabe.

**Staff and Press Present:** Admin./Clerk Karla Marck; Deputy Clerk Allison Fry; Police Chief Ben Gray; Financial Manager Ellen O'Rourke; Attorney Gage Kensler; Public Works Director Lonnie Altenhofen; Library Director Jackie Jordan; Winona Whitiker, Hometown Current. Absent: None.

**Members of the Public Present:** Scott Hamlin, Tiffany Gotsis, Nathan Alardin, Dylan Pritchard, Corn Fed Frags, LLC.

**Pledge of Allegiance** led by Rabe.

**Approval of Agenda – March 13, 2024**

Motion by Hinshaw to approve. Second by Kreis. Ayes: Hinshaw, Wayson-Kisling; Kreis. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

**Consent Agenda**

Approval of Minutes from February 28, 2024 City Council Meeting. Claims, checks and direct withdrawals totaling \$921,929.84. February 2024 Revenues Totaling \$285,141.70. February 2024 Major Operating Departments Finance Reports. February 2024 Finance Expenditures & Revenue Report. IPAIT Report. Motion to approve by Kreis. Second by Wayson-Kisling. Vote. Ayes: Wayson-Kisling, Hinshaw, Kreis. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

**Open Forum.** Gotsis stated recent dog bite incident occurred as a result of person(s) entering home without her consent. Alardin addressed council questioning the enforcement of ordinances and stated need to do better.

**Old Business**

- a) **Public Hearing and Second Reading ORD #527: Chapter 65 – Stop or Yield required, Section 65.03 Four-Way Stop Intersections; Hilton Street and Marengo Avenue.** Public Hearing opened at 6:13 p.m. No public comments. Public Hearing closed at 6:14 p.m. Motion by Hinshaw to approve. Second by Wayson-Kisling. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Hinshaw, Wayson-Kisling, Kreis. Nays: None. Motion Carried.
- b) **Resolution #24-59: Change Order #2 2023 Marengo Pool Project.** Motion by Hinshaw to approve. Second by Wayson-Kisling. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Hinshaw, Wayson-Kisling, Kreis. Nays: None. Motion Carried.
- c) **Resolution #24-60: Pay Application #3 For 2023 Marengo Pool Project.** Motion by Hinshaw to approve. Second by Wayson-Kisling. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Hinshaw, Wayson-Kisling, Kreis. Nays: None. Motion Carried.
- d) **Resolution #24-61: Approving Installation Fees and Equipment Purchase for Network Server and Desktop Devices Upgrade.** Motion by Hinshaw to approve. Second by Wayson-Kisling. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Hinshaw, Wayson-Kisling, Kreis. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

**New Business**

- a) **Consideration: Retail Sale of Exotic Snakes within City Boundaries, Dylan Pritchard.** Pritchard informed council about the type of snakes he would like to sell and the current regulations for his business to be able to sell snakes. Council will do additional research. No action taken.
- b) **Consideration: Approving Purchase of Shades for swimming pool.** Motion by Hinshaw to approve. Second by Wayson-Kisling. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Hinshaw, Wayson-Kisling, Kreis. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

**Update Public Safety – Chief Ben Gray**

For February 2024, Gray reported 23 incidents, 5 arrests, 23 citations, 64 warnings, 1 parking ticket, with a total of 42 outstanding parking tickets. There were 265 calls for service. Gray attended meeting with C6Zero regarding repairs needed to building; attended IPOA conference, and interview with Hometown Current re: MHL position. Gray is on agenda to discuss animal control with the Board of Health.

**Attorney/ Financial Manager/Administrator Reports**

Financial Manager O'Rourke stated the budget amendment is due May 31, 2024. City Administrator Marck stated the water and sewer main projects along Court Avenue will be out to bid next week.

**Mayor/Council/Committee Reports**

Library Director Jordan reported it is acceptable with the Rotary that the benches and possibly the lending library are moved to the pool from the former butterfly garden site.

**Consideration: Motion to Enter into CLOSED Session Pursuant to Iowa Code 21.5.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 Kreis to enter into Closed Session. Second by Hinshaw. Council Officials Present: Wayson-Kisling, Bill Kreis, John Hinshaw. Staff Present: Mayor Adam Rabe; Admin./Clerk Karla Marck; Deputy Clerk Allison Fry; Chief Ben Gray. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Wayson-Kisling, Kreis, Hinshaw. Nays: None. Motion carried. Session closed at 6:49 p.m. Motion by Hinshaw to come out of closed session at 7:09 p.m. Second by Wayson-Kisling. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Wayson-Kisling, Kreis, Hinshaw. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Rabe left @ 6:53 p.m. for Landfill meeting. Pro Tem Kreis finished the meeting.

**Consideration: Motion on Actions to be Taken from Closed Session.** Motion by Hinshaw to allow City Attorney Kensler to move forward. Second by Wayson-Kisling. Vote. Ayes: Kreis, Hinshaw, Wayson-Kisling. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

**Adjournment**

Motion by Hinshaw. Second by Wayson-Kisling to adjourn at 7:11 p.m. Vote. Ayes: Hinshaw, Wayson-Kisling, Kreis. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

**City of Marengo Claims - 3.13.24**

<b>Fund Name</b>	<b>Fund</b>	
General Fund	001	7,860.58
Insurance Levy Fund	005	25,471.00
PD Squad Car Fund	011	40,757.00
Road Use Tax Fund	110	46,527.04
Pool Renovation/Donations	312	761,410.65
Public Works Building	338	2,941.74
Water Fund	600	7,175.31
Water Deposit Fund	605	65.23
Sewer Fund	610	3,505.39
Storm Sewer Fund	740	15.98
Total:		895,729.92

<b><u>Payee</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>
PAYROLL	\$ 26,199.92	3/1/2024
<b>EFT Payments</b>		
Grinnell State Bank	77.34	February 2024 Bank Fees
Wellmark	1,150.60	March 2024 Health Insurance
Metlife	11,503.49	March 2024 Metlife Insurance
Iowa Department of Revenue	3,404.52	February 2024 Sales/Water Tax
<b>EFT TOTAL:</b>	<b>16,135.95</b>	
Alliant Energy	420.87	Electric
Amazon Capital Business	388.98	New Battery Backup-CH
Ben Gray	111.22	Mileage for Training-PD
Big G Foods	5.07	February 2024 Supplies-PD/CH
Blue to Gold, LLC	225.00	R.Parkinson-Training-PD
BP	180.09	February 2024 Fuel-PD/FD
Carquest of Marengo	948.60	February 2024 Supplies-PW
Casey's General Stores	462.14	February 2024 Fuel-PD
Charles Capper Auto Center	60.50	18 Oil Ch/Service-PD
Eurofins Environment Testing	572.20	Weekly Wastewater-PW

Gee Asphalt Systems, Inc.	42,141.38	Street Seal-PW
Goodwill Industries of the Heartland	146.25	February 2024 Janitorial Services-CH
Iowa County Recorder	17.00	Recording Fee Transfer-Cemetery
JEO Consulting Group	12,238.75	Marengo Pool Design
John Moore	53.06	Water Deposit Refund
Karl Chervolet	40,757.00	23 Squad Car-Tahoe-PD
Marco Technologies	478.64	February 2024 Email/Azure/Crowdstrike/Maintenance
Marengo Farm & Home	370.31	February 2024 Supplies-PW
Marengo Firefighters Assn	832.50	Fire Calls-FD
Marengo Insurance Center	25,471.00	2024 Bitco Insurance Renewal
Masters Telecom	9.70	Voicemail-PD
Portzen Construction, Inc.	749,171.90	Payment #3-Pool
Robert Lockhart	12.17	Water Deposit Refund
Roggentien Electric	3,380.08	February 2024 Maintenance-PW
S & J Sanitation	317.00	February 2024 Trash/Dumpster
S & S Plumbing, Heating, & Air	19.82	Pipe for Fountain Meter-Park
Sirchie	107.16	Evidence Box/Integrity Bags-PD
Standard Pest Control	45.00	Bug Spraying-PD/CH/FD
Stratton Benscoter (Whitey's)	379.80	February 2024 Fuel/Diesel-PW/FD
Swift True Value Home Center	85.43	February 2024 Supplies-PW
WMPF Group, LLC	185.35	Publications
<b>CHECK TOTAL:</b>	<b>879,593.97</b>	
<b>LIBRARY TOTAL:</b>	<b>0.00</b>	
<b>GRAND TOTAL:</b>	<b>921,929.84</b>	

**Claims Total - Payroll & EFT's**

**\$ 879,593.97**

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Adam Rabe, Mayor

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Attest: Karla Marck, City Administrator