

**MINUTES**  
**CITY OF MARENGO**  
**CITY COUNCIL**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
Marengo Council Chambers  
March 8, 2023

**Call to Order** by Mayor Adam Rabe at 6:00 p.m. on March 8, 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:** Dylan Blythe; Doug Kinzenbaw; Scott Hamlin.

**Pledge of Allegiance** led by Rabe.

**Approval of Agenda – March 8, 2023**

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

**Consent Agenda**

Approval of minutes from February 22, 2022 City Council Meeting. Claims, checks and direct withdrawals totaling \$33,791.06. February 2023 Revenues Totaling \$361,338.68. February 2023 Major Operating Departments Finance Reports. February 2023 Finance Expenditures & Revenue Report. Approval of Liquor License Application for Lizzie's Dining, LLC dba Lizzie's Dining Car and Caboose Bar. Motion by Peterson to approve with edit to consent agenda to change year for February 22 meeting minutes from 2022 to 2023. Second by Hinshaw. Vote. Ayes: Fults, Peterson, Kreis, Hinshaw, Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

**Open Forum**

Blythe requested clarification on industrial park policies regarding retention pond development.

**Old Business**

- a) **Public Hearing and First Reading ORD #513: Amendment to Chapter 40-Public Peace; by Revising Section 40.03 and Adding Section 40.07 Disorderly House**  
Public hearing opened at 6:12 p.m. Discussions occurred amongst council regarding enforcement. Public hearing closed at 6:20 p.m. Motion by Schlabach to approve. Second by Peterson. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Fults, Peterson, Kreis, Schlabach. Nays: Hinshaw. Motion Carried.
- b) **Resolution #23-50: Providing Final Approval for Adoption and Certification of FY24 Budget**  
Motion by Schlabach to approve. Second by Fults. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Fults, Peterson, Kreis, Hinshaw, Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion Carried.
- c) **Resolution #23-51: Approving Amendment of City Policies & Procedures Handbook, Adding Section 3.6 Retirement Incentive Program**  
Motion by Schlabach to approve. Second by Peterson. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Fults, Peterson, Kreis, Hinshaw, Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

**New Business**

- a) **Resolution #23-52: Acceptance of Bid for 4" Main Project -Phase II: Main Street, Adams Street, Marion Street, Randolph Street, South Street**  
Altenhofen stated phase II involves approximately 30 properties and will eliminate all known dual mains. Requests for bids submitted to Kinzenbaw Earthmoving and Brian Miller Excavating; with Brian Miller Excavating submitting bid of \$173,595.00. Altenhofen requested council acceptance of Miller bid. Motion by Schlabach to approve. Second by Hinshaw. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Fults, Peterson, Kreis, Hinshaw, Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- b) **Discussion: Commercial Property Maintenance Code; International Building Code**  
Discussions occurred regarding adoption of International Building Code vs. Uniform building code adoption as part of city's commercial buildings code practices. To take to Community Development Committee. No action by council.
- c) **Consideration: Johnson County Board of Supervisors Request for Funding U.S. Geological Survey Ground Water Model Study to Research the Effects of Present and Future Water Withdrawals from the Silurian Aquifer**  
Motion by Schlabach to decline request for funding. Second by Peterson. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Fults, Peterson, Kreis, Hinshaw, Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**Update Public Safety – Chief Ben Gray**

For February, Gray reported 26 incidents, 4 arrests, 6 citations, 24 warnings, 20 parking tickets, with a total of 48 outstanding parking tickets. There were 287 calls for service. Reported attended Jail Diversion meeting to discuss policies for keeping mental health issues out of jail. Reminded council to forward nuisance property concerns. Reported Mental Health Liaison received 19 calls for service. Provided council with a copy of Marengo Police Department 2022 Annual Report.

**Attorney/ Financial Manager/Administrator Reports**

Kensler reported attended Ruiz trial, waiting for judge's ruling. Marck reported reviewed data specific to Empower Rural Iowa Broadband Grant Program – Invitation to Qualify, and city is classified as served and therefore ineligible.

**Mayor/Council/Committee Reports**

No reports.

**Adjournment**

Motion by Kreis. Second by Peterson to adjourn at 6:55 p.m. Vote. Ayes: Fults, Peterson, Kreis, Hinshaw, Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

**City of Marengo Claims - 3/8/23**

<b>Fund Name</b>	<b>Fund</b>	
General Fund	'001	6,395.84
Economic Development	010	240.00
C6Zero Fund	013	5,503.68
Road Use Tax Fund	110	6,526.07
Wastewater Treatment Plant	328	9,285.00
Water Fund	600	9,793.09
Sewer Fund	610	379.50
Storm Sewer Fund	740	205.77
Total:		38,328.95

<b><u>Payee</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>
PAYROLL	<b>\$ 28,056.13</b>	3/3/23 Payroll
<b>EFT Payments</b>		
Grinnell State Bank	62.64	February 2023 Bank Fees
Metlife	1,098.84	March 2023 Metlife Benefits
Iowa Department of Revenue	3,376.41	February 2023 Sales/Water Tax
<b>EFT TOTAL:</b>	<b>4,537.89</b>	
Alliant Energy	4,030.94	Electric
Amazon Capital Business	268.98	Shredder/Pens-PD
Ben's Repair	613.39	1982 GMC Maintenance-FD
Beyond the Pages	130.00	Camp Shirts-MRC
Big G Foods	1.95	February 2023 Supplies-PD
Blue Moon Satellites, LLC	387.00	Portable Toilet-C6
BP	212.25	February 2023 Fuel-PD
Cameron's Repair	1,458.51	Truck Maintenance-FD
Carquest of Marengo	497.44	February 2023 Supplies-PW
Casey's General Store	429.10	February 2023 Fuel-PD
Charles Capper Auto Center	57.81	18 Explorer Service/Oil Change-PD
Eurofins Environment Testing	449.15	Weekly Wastewater-PW
Goodwill Industries of the Heartland	224.25	February 2023 Janitorial Services-CH/Lib
Iowa Department of Natural Resources	85.00	WWTP - NPDES Permit #4843001
Iowa County Recorder	85.00	Recording Fees-Cemetery
Keystone Laboratories	31.00	Drinking Water Analysis-PW
Kinzenbaw Earthmoving, Inc.	585.00	Hauled Snow-PW
Kollmorgen, Schlue, & Zahradnik, PC	840.00	Jan-Feb 2023 Legal
Lonnie Altenhofen	140.00	Certification Class-PW
Marco Technologies	290.09	February 2023 Email/Azure & Maintenance

Marengo Farm & Home	13.99	February 2023 Supplies-PW
Marengo Ready Mix, Inc.	225.00	Hauled Snow-PW
Masters Telecom, LLC	9.65	Voicemail-PD
Quill	5.78	Paper Clips-CH
S & J Sanitation	202.50	February 2023 Trash/Dumpster
Stratton Benscotter (Whitey's)	1,196.06	February 2023 Fuel/Diesel-PW/FD
Swift True Value	680.01	February 2023 Supplies-PW/CH
Veenstra & Kimm, Inc.	14,316.68	Engineering Fees-C6-PW
VISA	230.83	February 2023 Charges-PW/CH
WesTech	5,367.15	Anthracite-PW
Windstream	184.68	Internet/Phones
WMPF Group, LLC	541.87	February 2023 Publications
<b>CHECK TOTAL:</b>	<b>33,791.06</b>	
<b>LIBRARY TOTAL:</b>	<b>0.00</b>	
<b>GRAND TOTAL:</b>	<b>66,385.08</b>	

**Claims Total - Payroll & EFT's                    \$    33,791.06**

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Adam Rabe, Mayor

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Attest: Karla Marck, City Administrator