

MINUTES
CITY OF MARENGO
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Marengo City Council Chambers
March 9, 2022

Call to Order by Mayor Adam Rabe at 6:00 p.m. on March 9, 2022. Council Officials Present: Jason Kriegel, Sue Peterson, Bill Kreis, John Hinshaw, and Travis Schlabach. Absent: None. Quorum declared by Rabe.

Staff and Press Present: Admin./Clerk Karla Marck; Finance Manager Ellen Young; Public Works Director Lonnie Altenhofen; Chief Ben Gray; Attorney Gage Kensler, Library Director Jackie Jordan.

Members of the Public Present: Ryley Botsford, John Botsford, Jenny Botsford, Willow Herbert, Daniel Miller.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Rabe.

Approval of Agenda – March 9, 2022

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

Consent Agenda

Included February 23, 2022 Council Meeting Minutes; Minutes from February 24, 2022 Council Pool Committee Workshop Meeting; Claims, checks and direct withdrawals totaling \$50,792.29; February 2022 Revenues totaling \$203,578.97; February 2022 Major Operating Departments Finance Reports; February 2022 Finance Expenditures & Revenue Report; Acceptance of Compass Memorial Board of Trustees Appointment of Jeff Meier to CMH Board of Trustees; Acceptance of Letter of Engagement of Northland Securities as Underwriter; Acceptance of Library Board of Trustees Request for Withdrawal of Interest from Steven’s Monies Donation CD Investments; Approval of Fireworks Permit for Marengo Fire Department on July 3, 2022. Motion by Peterson to approve. Second by Kreis. Vote. Ayes: Kriegel, Peterson, Kreis, Hinshaw, Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

SWEARING IN: Ryley Botsford – Full Time Peace Officer

Open Forum

No Comments.

Old Business

- a) **Public Hearing and Resolution 22-50: Providing Final Approval for Adoption and Certification of FY23 Budget**
Public Hearing opened 6:05. No Comments. Public Hearing closed 6:05. Motion by Schlabach to approve. Second by Hinshaw. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Kriegel, Peterson, Kreis, Hinshaw, Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- b) **Consideration: Approval of a \$55,670 Land Acquisition Cost which includes 3.14 Acres of Permanent Easements and 12.61 Acres of Temporary Easements as Part of the City’s Waste Water Project; Plus, Approval of a Contracted \$7,245 to Cover Lost Crops During Waste Water Project Construction Phase; and Inclusion of a Contracted Damaged Crop Rate to Cover Loss Due to Waste Water Facility Maintenance**
Schlabach stated original project plans included easement costs of \$45,000, requesting to adjust easement project costs up to \$55,670. Motion by Schlabach to approve. Second by Hinshaw. Vote. Ayes: Kriegel, Peterson, Kreis, Hinshaw, Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion carried.

New Business

- a) **Discussion: City of Marengo Economic/Community Development Organizations**
Marck reported Community Development Committee is meeting with Iowa County Community Development Director and discussing the organizational structures of various community development organizations, including dedicated positions, to better understand best approaches for enabling public/private partnerships designed to drive community development. Committee to continue discussions, including other city organizations and community leaders.
- b) **Consideration: Approving Up to \$10,000 of the FY22 and FY23 Economic Development Budgeted Funds to be Allocated Towards C-1 District Commercial Interior Grant, Commercial Exterior Grant, Area Acquisition Assistance Grant, and Entrepreneurial Grant Programs**
Council reviewed grant offerings from other municipalities. Discussions occurred regarding need for refinement of grant offerings specific to Marengo. Motion to approved Consideration by Hinshaw. Second by Schlabach. Vote. Ayes: Kriegel, Peterson, Kreis, Hinshaw, Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- c) **Consideration: Development of C-1 District Commercial Interior Grant, Commercial Exterior Grant, Area Acquisition Assistance Grant, and Executive Review Committee To includes Iowa County Community Development Director, City Administrator and Appointed Chamber Member**
Discussions occurred regarding need for refinement. Motion to Table by Schlabach. Second by Hinshaw. Vote. Ayes: Kriegel, Peterson, Kreis, Hinshaw, Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- d) **Discussion: Vacant and/or Under-Utilized Property Ordinances**
Council reviewed vacant property ordinances from other municipalities. Discussed ordinance’s intent to encourage property development. Community development committee to continue to refine ordinance requirements.

Update Public Safety – Chief Ben Gray

For February, Gray reported 20 incidents, 4 arrests, 3 citations, 8 warnings, 1 parking tickets, with a total of 36 outstanding parking tickets. There was a total of 188 calls for service. The squad car has been repaired. Officer Ryley will begin employment March 14 and will be attending academy May through August.

Attorney/ Financial Manager/Administrator Reports

Kensler stated will be filing petition against 1001 E. Main property. Marck reported Fireman's Ball is March 12. Rotary is planning for Easter Bunny visit April 16. Tear down and new construction activities scheduled beginning week of March 14 at 1042 Marengo Avenue. FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) depicting accredited levee are on plan to be released March 10, 2022. Deputy Clerk vacancy has been posted; will be interviewing week of March 14. Cemetery Clean Up is scheduled for week of March 14. Next Pool Committee meeting is March 30.

Mayor/Council/Committee Reports

Kriegel stated Streets, Building and Parks committee met to discuss public works building options. Recommended to drop consideration for purchase of refurbished building. In addition, relocation of public works facility should not be contingent upon new city pool plans.

Adjournment

Motion by Kreis. Second by Hinshaw to adjourn at 7:018 p.m. Vote. Ayes: Kriegel, Peterson, Kreis, Hinshaw, Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

City of Marengo Claims - 3/9/2022

Fund Name	Fund	
General Fund	001	8,010.81
Police Equip/Bldg Fund	006	135.56
Library Gifts & Memorials	033	300.00
Road Use Tax Fund	110	1,588.44
Wastewater Treatment Plant	328	9,200.00
Water Fund	600	3,707.32
Sewer Fund	610	2,932.89
Total:		25,875.02

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>
PAYROLL	\$ 24,917.27	3/4/2022
EFT Payments		
Iowa Department of Revenue	2,940.00	February 2022 Sales Tax
Grinnell State Bank	36.70	NSF & February Bank Fees
Iowa Insurance Division	61.00	2021 Cemetery Report
EFT TOTAL:	3,037.70	
Alliant Energy	2,261.41	Electric
Amazon Capital Services	135.56	Duty Holster-PD
Ampride	132.64	February 2022 Fuel-PD
Big G Foods	7.35	February 2022 Supplies-PD
BP	295.70	February 2022 Fuel-PD/FD
Carquest of Marengo	281.21	February 2022 Supplies-FD
Casey's General Store	522.05	February 2022 Fuel-PD
Charles Capper Auto Center	776.79	Explorer/Tahoe Maintenance-PD
City of Marengo Petty Cash	110.46	February 2022 Petty Cash-PW/PD/CH
CMI, Inc.	469.46	Intox Kits/Mouthpieces-PD
Coast to Coast	823.20	Frisbees-PD
Eurofins Environment Testing	420.00	Weekly Wastewater-PW
Goodwill Industries of the Heartland	273.00	February 2022 Janitorial Services-CH/Lib
Graybill Communications	361.13	Siren Repair-FD

HACH	249.76	Water Plant Supplies-PW
HDC Performance	480.08	Utility Bills-PW
High Performance Patch	549.50	Street Patch-PW
Iowa County Recorder	68.00	Recording Fees-Cemetery
Iowa Law Enforcement Academy	150.00	Pre-Employment Screening-PD
Kollmorgen, Schlue, & Zahradnik	336.00	February 2022 Legal
Marco Technologies	214.88	February 2022 Email/Azure
Marengo Farm & Home	174.57	February 2022 Supplies-PD/PW
Masters Telecom	9.49	Voicemail-PD
Our Town Publications	408.39	February 2022 Ord/Mins
Roggentien Electric	672.06	February 2022 Maintenance-FD/PW
Standard Pest Control	25.00	Bug Spraying-CH/FD/PD
Stratton Bencoter	844.62	February 2022 Fuel/Diesel/Tire Repair-PW/FD/PD
Swift True Value	64.47	February 2022 Supplies-PD/FD
Veenstra & Kimm	9,200.00	Engineering Services
Visa	155.88	2022 Adobe Subscription/Carwashes-CH/PD
Windstream Iowa Comm	183.89	Internet/Phones
CHECK TOTAL:	20,656.55	
Amazon	561.16	Books/Office Supplies
BerganKDV Technology	185.00	Technology Services
Blank Park Zoo	224.80	Program
Oriental Trading Co.	35.98	Programs
Quill	378.43	Office & Janitorial Supplies
S & J Sanitation	24.20	January 2022 Trash
S & S Plumbing Heating & Air	102.00	Faucet Repair
Standard Pest Control	40.00	Bug Spraying
Pop Ys Con	150.00	Training
Swift True Value	25.66	Snow Pusher
TK Elevator Corporation	185.10	Elevator Maintenance
US Cellular	268.44	Hotspots
LIBRARY TOTAL:	2,180.77	
GRAND TOTAL:	50,792.29	

Claims Total - Payroll & EFT's \$ 22,837.32