

MINUTES
CITY OF MARENGO
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Marengo Council Chambers
May 8, 2024

Call to Order by Mayor Adam Rabe at 6:00 p.m. on May 8, 2024. Council Officials Present: Karen Wayson-Kisling, Jenni Olson, Bill Kreis, John Hinshaw, Travis Schlabach. Absent: None. Quorum declared by Rabe.

Staff and Press Present: Admin./Clerk Karla Marck; Deputy Clerk Allison Fry; Police Chief Ben Gray; Public Works Director Lonnie Altenhofen; Attorney Gage Kensler; Library Director Jackie Jordan; Managing Editor Winona Whitaker, Hometown Media. Absent: Financial Manager Ellen O'Rourke.

Members of the Public Present: Scott Hamlin; Barry Goettsch, Compass Memorial; Jim Peterson; Nicole Folkmann; Matt Loffer.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Rabe.

Approval of Agenda – May 8, 2024

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

Consent Agenda

Approval of minutes from April 24, 2024, City Council Meeting. Claims, checks and direct withdrawals totaling \$542,282.19. April 2024 Revenues Totaling \$823,708.67. April 2024 Major Operating Departments Finance Reports. April 2024 Finance Expenditures & Revenue Report. IPAIT Report. Motion by Olson to approve. Second by Hinshaw. Vote. Ayes: Olson, Wayson-Kisling, Kreis, Hinshaw, Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Open Forum. Matt Loffer spoke to the Council concerning dog issues.

Old Business

- a) **Public Hearing & First Reading ORD #528: Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Marengo, Iowa, Chapter 69 – Parking Regulations; Section 69.08 No Parking Zones; Adding Item #24. Lafayette Avenue on both the east and west sides from Main Street to May Street.** Public Hearing opened at 6:07p.m. Two residents from the block of Lafayette Avenue were in attendance to express their opinions on no parking in the street. Council discussed several options including making parking on one side of Lafayette (east or west side only), widening the intersection at Main and Lafayette, adding asphalt on the west side of Lafayette to make it wider or closing both sides to parking. Public Hearing closed at 6:41p.m. Motion by Hinshaw to approve ordinance as written. Second by Olson. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Olson, Hinshaw. Nays: Schlabach, Kreis, Wayson-Kisling. Motion Failed.
- b) **Public Hearing & First Reading ORD #529: Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Marengo, Iowa, Chapter 106 – Collection of Solid Waste; Landfill Fees.** Public Hearing opened at 6:45p.m. No public comments. Public Hearing closed at 6:47p.m. Motion by Schlabach to approve. Second by Wayson-Kisling. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Olson, Wayson-Kisling, Kreis, Hinshaw, Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- c) **Public Hearing & First Reading ORD #530: Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Marengo, Iowa, Chapter 92 – Water Rates.** Public Hearing opened at 6:48p.m. No public comments. Public Hearing closed at 6:49p.m. Motion by Schlabach to approve. Second by Wayson-Kisling. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Olson, Wayson-Kisling, Kreis, Hinshaw, Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- d) **Public Hearing & First Reading ORD #531: Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Marengo, Iowa, Chapter 99 – Sewer Services Charges.** Public Hearing opened at 6:49p.m. No public comments. Public Hearing closed at 6:50p.m. Motion by Olson to approve. Second by Wayson-Kisling. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Olson, Wayson-Kisling, Kreis, Hinshaw, Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- e) **Consideration: Amending City Tax Abatements.** Schlabach proposed the Economic Development Committee should work on it further. No action was taken.
- f) **Public Hearing: Sale of 2018 Ford Police Interceptor on Purple Wave On-Line Auction Platform.** Public Hearing opened at 7:07 p.m. No public comments. Public Hearing closed at 7:09p.m. Motion by Olson to approve. Second by Wayson-Kisling. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Olson, Wayson-Kisling, Kreis, Hinshaw, Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- g) **Consideration: Pool Parking; May Street One-Way.** Council discussed the options, with preference for maximizing parking spaces and school safety zone, which includes converting 1 block of May Street north of new pool to one-way. No action taken.

New Business

- a) **Resolution #24-84: Seasonal Hiring for MRC Maintenance.** Motion by Schlabach to approve. Second by Olson. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Olson, Wayson-Kisling, Kreis, Hinshaw, Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion Carried.
- b) **Resolution #24-85: Seasonal Hiring for Public Works Maintenance.** Motion by Olson to approve. Second by Schlabach. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Olson, Wayson-Kisling, Kreis, Hinshaw, Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion Carried.
- c) **Consideration: Engineering Services Agreement, Western Avenue Sidewalk Project.** Motion by Schlabach to approve. Second by Wayson-Kisling. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Olson, Wayson-Kisling, Kreis, Hinshaw, Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion Carried.
- d) **Consideration: Public AEDs.** The City would need to pay for electrician and mounting boxes. Council agreed. No action taken.
- e) **Consideration: City Security Cameras.** Requesting \$22K amendment from FY25 capital expenditures budget. To apply for grants to offset. Motion by Olson to approve. Second by Wayson-Kisling. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Olson, Wayson-Kisling, Kreis, Hinshaw, Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Update Public Safety – Chief Ben Gray

For April 2024, Gray reported 14 incidents, 5 arrests, 18 citations, 49 warnings, 6 parking tickets, with a total of 46 outstanding parking tickets. There were 217 calls for service. Gray attended the monthly Mental Health Liaison Meeting, working on getting a property owner to demolish a dangerous building, explained Knox Box Program to Council, and reported candidates are expressing interest in becoming reserve officers.

Attorney/ Financial Manager/Administrator Reports

Attorney Gage Kensler reported he obtained a lien report for 699 Marengo Avenue and a petition will be filed. City Administrator Marck informed the Council there will be no concession stand at Lion’s Park this year. A Coke machine has been ordered and planning for food truck to be on site.

Mayor/Council/Committee Reports

Rabe requested legal review of Agreement Between Marengo Public Library and Amana Public Library.

Adjournment

Motion by Olson. Second by Kreis to adjourn at 7:58 p.m. Vote. Ayes: Olson, Wayson-Kisling, Kreis, Hinshaw, Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

City of Marengo Claims - 5.8.24

Fund Name	Fund	Amount
General Fund	001	13,220.44
General Fund Capital Exp	002	33,096.07
Economic Development	010	10,000.00
Library Carryover/Donations	021	1,905.32
Road Use Tax Fund	110	7,448.97
Debt Service Fund	200	600.00
Pool Renovation/Donations	312	397,104.75
Wastewater Treatment Plant	328	13,800.00
May Street Improvement	330	10,500.00
Dual Main Project #2	337	194.98
Public Works Building	338	9,138.00
Miller & Lafayette Storm	341	913.58
May & Franklyn Storm Box	343	377.54
Water Fund	600	4,673.92
Water Deposit Fund	605	34.29
Sewer Fund	610	11,700.85
Storm Sewer Fund	740	2,527.33
Total:		517,236.04

Payee	Amount	Description
PAYROLL	\$ 25,046.15	4/26/2024
EFT Payments		
UMB Financial	600.00	May 2023-2020A Fee
Grinnell State Bank	66.00	April 2024 Bank Fees

EFT TOTAL:	666.00	
Aaron Cronbaugh Lawn Care/Snow Removal	2,100.00	April 2024 Mowing-Cemetery
Amazon Capital Buisness	667.36	Monitor/Phone/Switch/Table-PW/PD
Alliant Energy	9,097.53	Electric
Big G Foods	8.19	April 2024 Supplies-PD/CH
BSN Sports	211.73	Tee Balls-MRC
Carquest of Marengo	133.06	March 2024 Supplies-FD/PW
Conner Knapp	300.00	Clothing Allowance-PW
DiscountCell, LLC	481.10	Antenna-PW
Dakota Supply Group	1,465.00	Hydrant Oil/Manhold & Supplies-PW
East Miller Printing	224.70	Door Hangers-PD
Eurofins Envirnement Testing	540.10	Weekly Wastewater-PW
Ferguson Waterworks	3,743.60	Meter-Pool
Gary Newell	9.38	Water Deposit Refund
Goodwill Industries of the Heartland	243.75	April 2024 Janitorial Services-CH
HDC Printed Products	344.59	Envelopes-CH
High Performance Patch	1,159.50	Cold Patch/Bolts/Nuts/Rivits-PW
IA Department of Public Safety	300.00	Apr-Jun 2023 Radio Monitoring-PD
Iowa County Community Development	10,000.00	FY24 Contribution
iPrint	297.00	Ink-PD
JEO Consulting Group	5,365.00	Marengo Pool Design
Kinzebaw Earthmoving	741.41	Hauled Rock-PW
Larry Fiser Construction	2,450.00	Concrete-PD
Marco Technologies, LLC	29,281.81	Computers/Server/Service
Marengo Farm & Home	1,497.56	April 2024 Supplies-PW
Marengo Firefighters Assn	90.00	Fire Call-FD
Masters Telecom, LLC	9.22	Voicemail
Microbac	35.00	Drinking Water Analysis-PW
Portzen Construction, Inc.	387,996.15	Payment #5-Pool

Quill	118.16	Trash Bags/Kleenex/Cleaner/Mop-CH
Roggentien Electric	20,587.29	April 2024 Maintenance-PW
S&J Sanitation	279.50	April 2024 Trash/Dumapter
Stratton Benscoter (Whitey's)	665.30	April 2024 Fuel-PW/FD/MRC
Susie Ronek	24.91	Water Deposit Refund
Swift True Value Center	1,095.82	April 2024 Supplies-FD/PW
USA Communications	31.18	Phone-PW
Veenstra & Kimm	25,213.58	Engineering
Windstream	302.06	Internet/Phones
WMPF Group	437.88	4.10.24 Minutes
CHECK TOTAL:	507,548.42	
Access Systems Leasing	581.85	Copy Machine Lease
Amazon Capital Business	1,509.07	Books
MidAmerica Books	396.25	Books
Quill	717.54	Printers/Mouse/Coffee Bar
S&J Sanitation	80.00	April 2024 Trash Service
S&S Plumbing, Heating, & Air	5,215.00	Roof Top Unit
Swift True Value Home Center	9.98	Cable/Battery
TK Elevator Corporation	197.82	Maintenance
US Cellular	173.96	Hotspots
USA Communications	68.15	Telephone
WMPF Group	72.00	Job Posting Advertising
LIBRARY TOTAL:	9,021.62	
GRAND TOTAL:	542,282.19	

Claims Total - Payroll & EFT's

\$ 516,570.04

Adam Rabe, Mayor

Attest: Karla Marck, City Administrator