

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

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

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

**Members of the Public Present:** Sam Sykes, Tina Sykes, Julie Ryan, Adam Olson, Bart Hansen, Lisa Grimes, Shane Leonard, Faith Schwabe, Julie Hawkins, Betty Sapone, Grace Atkinson, Angela Lund, Doug East, Ben Wagner, Valerie Wiley, Russ Trimble, Scott Hamlin, Will Geoghagen, Jennifer Geoghagen, Barb McMeen, Robbie Probosco-Ford, Daniel Miller, Terry Taylor.

**Pledge of Allegiance** led by Rabe.

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

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

**Consent Agenda**

Approval of Minutes from October 23, 2024, City Council Meeting. Claims, checks and direct withdrawals totaling \$262,369.89. Approval of Liquor License for Big G Food Store Inc. October 2024 Revenues Total \$1,000,902.43. October 2024 Major Operating Departments Finance Reports. October 2024 Finance Expenditures & Revenue Report. IPAIT Report. Motion by Olson to approve. Second by Kreis. Vote. Ayes: Olson, Kreis, Hinshaw; Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

**Open Forum** Barb McMeen requested a sign be placed on the pool pergola for the Pool Pals.

**Old Business**

- a) **Resolution #25-38: Approving Change Order #2 May Street Improvements.** Motion by Hinshaw to approve. Second by Olson. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Kreis, Hinshaw, Olson. Nays: Schlabach. Motion carried.
- b) **Resolution #25-39: Approving Change Order #2 May Street Improvements.** Motion by Schlabach to approve. Second by Olson. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Olson, Kreis, Hinshaw, Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- c) **Resolution #25-40: Approving Pay Application #3 for May Street Improvements Project and Acceptance of Project Certificate of Completion.** Motion by Hinshaw to approve. Second by Olson. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Kreis, Hinshaw, Olson. Nays: Schlabach. Motion carried.
- d) **Consideration: V&K May Street Improvement Project Phase 2 (Cementing May Street) Project Recap; Eric Gould, V&K Engineering.** Eric Gould discussed the project to date and proposed next steps. No action taken.
- e) **Consideration: Waste Water Project Update, Eric Gould, V&K Engineering.** Eric Gould discussed the project to date and proposed next steps. No action taken.
- f) **Consideration: Approving City of Marengo Aquatics Center Manager Job Description.** Council requested the word "preferred" be added to the qualifications section and not specify the year. Motion by Hinshaw to approve with edits. Second by Olson. Vote. Ayes: Olson, Kreis, Hinshaw, Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- g) **Consideration: Rescinding Approval of the October 9, 2024 FY26 Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Indebtedness Certification and Approving FY26 Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Indebtedness Certification of \$3,610,000.** Young stated auditor requested change. Motion by Schlabach to approve. Second by Olson. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Olson, Kreis, Hinshaw, Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**New Business**

- a) **Resolution #25-41: Approving City of Marengo Security Cameras for Marengo Public Library.** Motion by Schlabach to approve. Second by Olson. Vote. Ayes: Olson, Kreis, Hinshaw, Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- b) **Consideration: Community Care Mission and Vision; Proposed Updates to Ordinances #151-Trees-Cut Grass, #30-Police Department, #21-City Administrator in Support of Community Care; Adam Olson.** Olson spoke to Council concerning actions the Council could take to promote community care. Community Development Committee to review suggestions. No action taken.
- c) **Consideration: Thanksgiving Week Council Meeting.** Council discussed whether to change meeting date. Meeting will remain on November 27, 2024. No action taken.

**Update Public Safety – Chief Ben Gray**

For October 2024, Gray reported 28 incidents, 5 arrests, 16 citations, 26 warnings, 5 parking tickets, with a total of 49 outstanding parking tickets. 371 calls for service. A total of 44 properties have had nuisance notices posted, 31 have been abated, action was taken by the city (citation or cleanup by city) on 4, and 9 are active. Gray/Officers participated in Active Shooter Drill at Iowa Valley Elementary. Held semi-annual firearms training session. Participated in Truck or Treat activities and handed out candy on October 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Attorney/ Financial Manager/Administrator Reports.** No reports.

**Mayor/Council/Committee Reports.** No reports.

**Adjournment**

Motion by Olson. Second by Schafbuch to adjourn at 8:02 p.m. Vote. Ayes: Olson, Kreis, Hinshaw, Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

**City of Marengo Claims -11.13.24 v2**

<b>Fund Name</b>	<b>Fund</b>	
General Fund	`001	52,820.31
General Fund Capital Exp	`002	33,256.99
Insurance Levy Fund	`005	4,506.00
Library Carryover/Donations	`021	1,200.00
Bahr-Library Gifts & Memorials	`033	300.00
Road Use Tax Fund	110	1,923.46
Pool Renovation/Donation	312	432.50
Industrial Park Development	323	322.00
WasteWater Treatment Plant	328	9,200.00
Dual Main Project #2	337	900.05
Pool-May Street/Court Water Main	342	5,789.04
May & Franklyn Storm Box	343	27,812.82
Water Fund	600	31,937.98
Water Deposit Fund	605	31.34
Sewer Fund	610	14,245.00
Storm Sewer Fund	740	3,728.75
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>188,406.24</b>

<b><u>Payee</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>
PAYROLL	<b>30,423.18</b>	10.25.24 Payroll
PAYROLL	<b>28,647.07</b>	11.8.24 Payroll
PAYROLL	<b>635.25</b>	11.15.24 Special
<b>EFT Payments</b>		
Grinnell State Bank	36.10	ACH/NSF Fees
Metlife	1,357.11	November 2024 Insurance
Wellmark	12,796.78	November 2024 Insurance
Grinnell State Bank	68.16	October 2024 Fees
<b>EFT TOTAL:</b>	<b>14,258.15</b>	
<b>EFT Payments</b>		
911 Custom	20.00	Name Tape-PD
Aaron Cronbaugh Lawn Care	1,050.00	November 2024 Mowing-Cemetery
Amazon Capital Business	131.06	Tourniquets/Trash Can/Ear Plugs/Pepper Spray-PD/Mailers/Soap
Astra Security	11,500.78	New Cameras/Fees
Ben Gray	174.37	Food & Mileage for Training-PD
Beyond the Pages	648.00	Basketball Jerseys-MRC
Big G Foods	196.26	October 2024 Supplies-PD/CH

BSN Sports	238.12	Basketballs-MRC
Cameron's Repair, LLC	3,947.08	Truck Service-FD
Carquest of Marengo	413.41	October 2024 Supplies-PW
Charles Capper Auto Center, Inc.	1,141.66	21 Tahoe Maintenance-PD
City of Marengo Petty Cash	122.28	November 2024 Petty Cash-PD/PW
Coast to Coast	400.95	Stickers-PD
Continental Western Group	1,000.00	Settlement Deductible
County Materials Corporation	5,512.40	May/Franklyn Storm Materials-PW
Dakota Supply Group	126.00	Flex PVC/Curb Box/Lids-Dual Main
East Miller Printing	54.00	Business Cards-PD
Eurofins Environment Testing	770.48	Weekly Wastewater-PW
Federal Signal Corporation	21,821.21	Siren Upgrade
Ferguson Waterworks	43,920.00	Meters-PW
Galls, LLC	455.96	Uniforms-PD
Heiman, Inc.	12,300.00	Coats/Pants/Webbing-FD
Hogan Hansen	20,000.00	FY24 Audit-CH
Iowa Dept of Public Safety	300.00	July-Sept 2024 Radio Monitor-PD
Iowa Department of Revenue	115.00	FY25 Annual Water Use Fee-PW
Iowa Rural Water Association	355.00	2025 Membership Dues-PW
Iowa State Police Association	200.00	ISPA 2025 Dues-PD
iPrint	404.00	Ink-CH
Jackie Jordan	120.98	Vision Insurance Overpayment
JEO Consulting Group	432.50	Marengo Pool Design-Pool
Kathleen Frimml	31.34	Water Deposit Refund
Kinzenbaw Earthmoving Inc.	26,714.58	Rock/Storm Sewer-PW
Kollmorgen, Schlue, & Zahradnik, PC	2,527.00	October 2024 Legal
Marengo Farm & Home	763.59	October 2024 Supplies-PW/PD
Marengo Firefighters Assn	202.50	Fire Calls-FD
Marengo Insurance Center	3,506.00	2024-2025-Work Comp Premium
Marengo Post Office	629.00	November 2024 Postage-PW/CH
Masters Telecom	12.34	Voicemail-PD
Microbac Laboratories	35.00	Drinking Water Analysis-PW
Quill	48.57	Janitorial/Office Supplies-CH
S&J Sanitation	252.50	October 2024 Trash/Dumpster
S&S Plumbing, Heating, & Air	1,153.14	October 2024 Maintenance-PD/Park/PW/MRC
Schimburg	497.56	Supplies-Dual Main
Standard Pest Control	45.00	Bug Spraying-CH/PD/FD
Stratton Bencoter (Whitey's)	637.40	October 2024 Fuel-PW/FD
Swift True Value	555.37	October 2024 Supplies-FD/PD/PW/MRC
Toyne	1,931.23	Fire Truck Service-FD
Tyler Technologies	251.38	Training-CH
USA Communications	27.34	Phone/Internet
Veenstra & Kimm, Inc.	14,989.04	Engineering Fees
VISA	449.62	October 2024 Charges-PD/PW
Windstream	21.21	Internet/Phones
WMPF, LLC	538.04	Publications
<b>CHECK TOTAL:</b>	<b>183,690.25</b>	
Access Systems Leasing	338.92	Copier Lease
Amazon Capital Business	1,299.75	October 2024 Charges

Oriental Trading	52.87	Holiday Program
Prime Time Home Inspections	1,200.00	Building Inspection
Quill	619.00	October 2024 Supplies
S&J Sanitation	15.00	September 2024 Trash
S&S Plumbing, Heating, & Air	829.23	CU#3 Fan
Standard Pest Control	48.15	Contract Service
TK Elevator Corporation	197.82	Elevator Contract
US Cellular	86.98	Hotspots
USA Communications	28.27	Telephone
<b>LIBRARY TOTAL:</b>	<b>4,715.99</b>	
<b>GRAND TOTAL:</b>	<b>262,369.89</b>	

**Claims Total - Payroll & EFT's                      \$188,406.24**

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Adam Rabe, Mayor

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Attest: Karla Marck, City Administrator