

**MINUTES
CITY OF MARENGO
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Marengo Council Chambers
November 26, 2025**

Call to Order by Mayor Rabe at 5:00 p.m. on November 26, 2025. Council Officials Present: Jenni Olson, John Hinshaw, Travis Schlabach. Absent: Karen Wayson-Kisling, Bill Kreis. Quorum declared by Rabe.

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

Members of the Public Present: Shawn Huedepohl; Mark Bickal; Scott Hamlin; William Geoghagan; Adam Olson; Jeff Taylor, Klinger, Robinson & Ford, LLP; Kristin Miller; Brian Miller.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Rabe.

Approval of Agenda – November 26, 2025

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

Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes from November 12, 2025, City Council Meeting. Claims, checks and direct withdrawals totaling \$153,283.70. Approving of Liquor License Application for American Legion Post #76. Approving Liquor License Application for Express Stop, Inc. Motion by Olson to approve. Second by Hinshaw. Vote. Ayes: Olson, Hinshaw, Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Statement of Resident Comments Policy, Mayor Adam Rabe.

Resident Comments: Adam Olson spoke about the City ordinances regarding City Administrator duties. Jeff Taylor spoke on behalf of Kristin Miller concerning the parking lot next to her property.

New Business

- a) **Resolution #26-41: Setting Public Hearing on Amendment to Chapter 69 – Parking Regulations; Section 69.11 Limited Parking.** Public Hearing to be set for December 30, 2025, council meeting. Motion to approve by Schlabach. Second by Hinshaw. Vote. Ayes: Olson, Hinshaw, Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- b) **Consideration: City Clerk/Administrator Interview Process & Timeline.** Interviews will take place on December 3, 2025, with hiring at December 10th meeting. No action taken.
- c) **Consideration: Pricing and Sales of Pool Passes.** Pool passes will remain at the same price as last year. Motion to approve by Schlabach. Second by Olson. Vote. Ayes: Olson, Hinshaw, Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Old Business

- a) **Consideration: FY27 Budgeting – Review of Proposals for Balancing.** Consideration of ideas to balance the budget. No action taken.

Update Public Works – Director Lonnie Altenhofen

Altenhofen updated the Council on the replacement of the touch read meters with radio read meters. 70+ radio read meters have already been installed.

Update Public Safety – Chief Ben Gray

For October 2025, Chief Gray reported 17 incidents, 9 arrests, 18 citations, 74 warnings, 6 parking tickets with a total of 59 outstanding parking tickets, 5 medical calls, 300 calls for service. Chief Gray participated in the Board of Supervisors meeting re: radio upgrades, attended the Pipeline Training, and the Kirkwood Community College Criminal Justice Advisory Board via Zoom. Gray also reported parking on one side of the street went well on Howard Avenue for Halloween trick-or-treating.

Attorney/ Financial Manager/Administrator Reports. Attorney Kensler reported the City still owns 699 Marengo Avenue and now owns 605 Court Avenue. Kensler also reported on plans for the next steps for the old pool property. City Administrator Marck reported the Deimerly earnest money was returned, and the lead & copper survey letters were mailed.

Mayor/Council/Committee Reports. No reports.

Adjournment

Motion by Olson. Second by Hinshaw to adjourn at 5:35 p.m. Vote. Ayes: Olson, Hinshaw, Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

City of Marengo Claims-11.26.25

Fund Name	Fund	
General Fund	001	\$19,637.66
General Fund Capital Expenditures	002	\$22,876.84
Road Use Tax Fund	110	\$11,510.22
Pool Renovation/Donations	312	\$11,711.00
Wastewater Treatment Plant	328	\$34,145.00
4" Main Project	344	\$5,222.12
Water Fund	600	\$12,197.72
Sewer Fund	610	\$6,434.17
Storm Sewer Fund	740	\$569.18
	Total:	\$124,303.91

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>
Payroll	\$27,978.59	11/21/2025
Payroll	1,001.20	11/21/2025 Special Pay
EFT Payments		
Iowa Department of Revenue	\$3,999.88	October 2025 Sales & Water Tax
Metlife	\$1,498.02	November 2025 Insurance
Wellmark	\$14,231.96	November 2025 Insurance
EFT TOTAL:	19,729.86	
LIBRARY TOTAL:		
Alliant Energy	\$12,600.35	Electric
Ampride	\$62.70	October 2025 Fuel-PD
Aqua-Pro	\$3,311.00	Irrigation System-Pool
Ben's Repair	\$388.23	08 Power Steering Pump-FD
Brian Miller Excavating, LLC	\$1,525.00	Water Main Break-PW
Compass Memorial Healthcare	\$70.54	Drug Test-PW
Core & Main	\$3,440.00	Supplies-4" Main
Dakota Supply Group	\$2,800.00	Plow Blades-PW
ECICOG	\$1,650.00	CDBG Administration-WWTP
Harry's Custom Trophies	\$39.56	W.Kreis Plaque-CH
Heiman, Inc	\$127.92	Hose-FD
High Performance Patch	\$112.00	Yard Waste Sign-PW
Koenig Trucking	\$5,250.75	Hauled Debris-Composting
Marco Technologies	\$609.42	Copier Lease-PW
Marengo Firefighters Assn	\$90.00	Fire Calls-FD
Marengo Post Office	\$778.00	November 2025 Postage-PW/CH
Marengo Trails	\$15,000.00	Donation
Office Express	\$85.98	Paper-CH
Paxton & Sons Spray Foam	\$8,400.00	Spray Foam-Pool
Quill	\$17.99	Post-Its-CH
REC	\$42.69	November 2025 Welcome Sign Electric
River Products Company, Inc	\$408.63	Rock-PW
Schimberg, Co.	\$632.12	Supplies-4" Main
Simmon's Construction	\$4,575.00	Dugout Labor-MRC
State Hygienic Laboratory	\$46.50	Water Testing-PW
Steven Krakow Outdoor Creations	\$1,150.00	Seeding-Howard Ave-4" Main
Toyne	\$4,329.02	Tanker Pump-FD
Tyler Technologies, Inc.	\$3,301.84	Software Upgrade
UnityPoint Clinic	\$42.00	Drug Test-PW
Verizon Wireless	\$647.89	October 2025 Desk/Cell Phones
Wendler, Inc.	\$32,495.00	Contract 1-WWTP Improvements
Windstream	\$466.39	Internet/Phones
WMPF Group, LLC	\$77.53	Publications
CHECKS TOTAL:	104,574.05	
LIBRARY TOTAL:	0.00	

GRAND TOTAL:	153,283.70	

Claims Total - Payroll & EFT's **\$104,574.05**

Adam Rabe, Mayor

Attest: Karla Marck, City Administrator