

MINUTES
CITY OF MARENGO
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Marengo Public Library
November 29, 2023

Call to Order by Mayor Pro Tem Bill Kreis at 6:00 p.m. on November 29, 2023. Council Officials Present: Sue Peterson, Bill Kreis, Karen Wayson-Kisling, Travis Schlabach. Absent: Adam Rabe and John Hinshaw. Quorum declared by Kreis.

Staff and Press Present: Admin./Clerk Karla Marck; Deputy Clerk Allison Fry; 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. Absent: None.

Members of the Public Present: Heidi Kuhl, Northland Securities; Scott Hamlin.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Kreis.

Approval of Agenda – November 29, 2023

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

Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes from November 22, 2023 City Council Meeting. Motion by Peterson to approve. Second by Schlabach. Vote. Ayes: Peterson, Kreis, Wayson-Kisling, Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Open Forum. No comments.

Old Business

- a) **Resolution 24-35: Approving a Bond Purchase Agreement for the Sale of General Obligation Swimming Pool Bonds, Series 2023B.** Motion to approve by Schlabach. Second by Peterson. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Peterson, Kreis, Wayson-Kisling, Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- b) **Resolution 24-36: Approving the Application of a Community Development Block Grant for the City of Marengo Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements Projects and Committing a Local Match from the City of Marengo in the amount of \$700,000.** Motion by Peterson to approve. Second by Wayson-Kisling. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Peterson, Kreis, Wayson-Kisling, Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion Carried.
- c) **Resolution 24-37: Authorizing the Purchase of Easement from Iowa County Drainage District as Part of the Waste Water Treatment Plant Improvements Project.** Motion by Peterson to approve. Second by Wayson-Kisling. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Peterson, Kreis, Wayson-Kisling, Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion Carried.
- d) **Resolution 24-38: Set Public Hearing for Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Marengo, Iowa, Chapter 65- Stop or Yield Required; Section 65.03 Four-Way Stop Intersections.** Motion by Schlabach to approve. Second by Peterson. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Peterson, Kreis, Wayson-Kisling; Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion Carried.
- e) **Resolution 24-39: Set Public Hearing for Amendment to Chapter 55 Animal Protection and Control; Section 55.01- Definitions; Section 55.03-Apprehension and Impounding; and Section 55.05-Redemption of Impounded Dogs and Cats.** Motion to approve by Schlabach. Second by Wayson-Kisling. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Peterson, Kreis, Wayson-Kisling, Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

New Business

- a) **Consideration: FY24 Employee Insurance Benefits Package.** Motion by Schlabach to approve changing health insurance to Wellmark BCBS with City contributions adjusting out of pocket expenditures to like or better than current healthcare package, future contract negotiations to be baselined against United Healthcare's current benefits package and to include all employees including 2024 new hires prorated to eligibility date. Second by Peterson. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Peterson, Kreis, Wayson-Kisling, Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion Carried.
- b) **Discussion: FY25 Budget Status Update.** O'Rourke commented the budget processes will change due to property tax levy instead of the max levy. No action.

Update Public Works – Lonnie Altenhofen

The water main work on Lucas St. is complete. The water main work at Industrial Park is near completion. The deconstruction of the old pool is scheduled for next week. The Public Works new hire starts on December 4th. Christmas decorations for Jingle Around the Square completed.

Attorney/ Financial Manager/Administrator Reports

Kensler reported that he will be getting the checks from the City to finalize the easements. O'Rourke commented that Jingle Around the Square preparations are under way. Marck reported that concrete laying for the new pool will start tomorrow.

Mayor/Council/Committee Reports

Schlabach inquired about the hospital bids for old pool demolition.

Adjournment

Motion by Peterson. Second by Schlabach to adjourn at 7:13 p.m. Vote. Ayes: Peterson, Kreis, Wayson-Kisling, Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Adam Rabe, Mayor

Attest: Karla Marck, City Administrator