

MINUTES
CITY OF MARENGO
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Marengo Council Chambers
October 9, 2024

Call to Order by Mayor Rabe at 6:00 p.m. on October 9, 2024. Council Officials Present: Jeni Olson, Bill Kreis, John Hinshaw, Travis Schlabach. Absent: Karen Wayson-Kisling. Quorum declared by Rabe.

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

Members of the Public Present: Sue Peterson, Kelsie Eckhardt, Kamryn Wittenback, Hailey Dietze, Alivia Rabe, Emma McCan, Breanna Peach, Audrey Loffer, Kathryn Hilgard, Izzy Kriegel, Matigan Pritchard, Scott Hamlin, Lori Sinctain, Matt Loffer, Russell Trimble.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Rabe.

Approval of Agenda – October 9, 2024

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

Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes from September 25, 2024, City Council Meeting. Claims, checks and direct withdrawals totaling \$217,842.97. Approval of Liquor License for Lucky 6 Lanes, LLC. Approval of Liquor License for Curt's Old Style Tavern. September 2024 Revenues Total \$289,952.58. September 2024 Major Operating Departments Finance Reports. September 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. M. Loffer stated sent emails to council and reported incorrect email addresses for council members on city website. Voiced concerns regarding abandoned vehicle and police logging procedures.

Old Business

- a) **Public Hearing & Third Reading ORD #536: Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Marengo, Iowa, Chapter 55 – Animal Protection and Control – Dangerous Animals.** Public Hearing opened at 6:06 p.m. Public comment read by Marck on behalf of Terra Schafbuch stating in favor of banning vicious dogs and proving public safety with ability to address when bad situations occur. Sinctain commented on need to insure investigating situations, as some animals are provoked. Discussions regarding definitions and specific changes to ordinance occurred. M. Loffer questioned ordinance language. A. Loffer questioned how ordinance applies inside home. Public Hearing closed at 6:30 p.m. Motion by Hinshaw to approve. Second by Schlabach. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Kreis, Hinshaw, Schlabach. Nays: Olson. Motion carried.
- b) **Public Hearing & Third Reading ORD #537: Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Marengo, Iowa, Chapter 4 – Scheduled Fines – Dangerous Animals.** Public Hearing opened at 6:30 p.m. Hamlin stated he supports; to encourage taking responsibility. Public Hearing closed at 6:33 p.m. Motion by Schlabach to approve. Second by Hinshaw. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Olson, Kreis, Hinshaw, Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- c) **Consideration: Schedule for Cementing May Street; Project Scope.** The council discussed options for obtaining additional design and engineering costs input. No action taken.
- d) **Discussion: Proposed FY26 General Fund Budget and Capital Expenditures** Young distributed proposed FY26 general fund budget and list of proposed capital expenditure projects. No action taken.
- e) **Discussion: Preliminary FY26 Proprietary Budget and Projects** Young distributed proposed FY26 proprietary projects. No action taken.

New Business

- a) **Consideration: October 31, 2024 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. to be designated “official” Trick or Treat Time** Motion by Schlabach to approve. Second by Olson. Vote. Ayes: Olson, Kreis, Hinshaw, Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- b) **Consideration: Granting Exceptions for Compass Memorial Holiday of Lights Sign** Marck requested council variance for Holiday of Lights event sign specific to time and size. Motion by Olson to approve. Second by Schlabach. Vote. Ayes: Olson, Kreis, Hinshaw, Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- c) **Resolution #25-34: Acceptance of Bid for Tree Removal 2024** Altenhofen reported Kruse Tree Trim & Construction submitted lowest bid. Motion by Olson to approve. Second by Kreis. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Olson, Kreis, Hinshaw, Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- d) **Resolution #25-35: Setting Public Hearing for Amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 69- Parking Regulations; Section 69.08 Parking Zones, Adding Cherry Street on the West Side from West Randolph Street to West Adams Street** Motion by Hinshaw to approve. No Second. Resolution failed.
- e) **Resolution #25-12: Approving Change Order #1 for May Street Project** Motion by Schlabach to table. Second by Kreis. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Olson, Kreis, Hinshaw, Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- f) **Resolution #25-36: Approving City of Marengo Security Cameras for City Aquatics Center and City Park** Motion by Schlabach to approve. Second by Olson. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Olson, Kreis, Hinshaw, Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- g) **Consideration: FY24 Urban Renewal Report** Motion by Schlabach to approve. Second by Olson. Vote. Ayes: Olson, Kreis, Hinshaw, Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion carried.

h) Consideration: FY26 Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Indebtedness Certification Motion by Schlabach to approve. Second by Olson. Vote. Ayes: Olson, Kreis, Hinshaw, Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion carried

Update Public Safety – Chief Ben Gray

For September 2024, Gray reported 30 incidents, 7 arrests, 19 citations, 58 warnings, 3 parking tickets, with a total of 48 outstanding parking tickets. 237 calls for service. A total of 44 properties have had nuisance notices posted, 27 have been abated, 1 was voided by the council, action was taken by the city (citation or cleanup by city) on 3, and 14 are active. Gray participated in Game Ball Run with Iowa National Guard. Preparing for ALICE training with elementary school.

Attorney/ Financial Manager/Administrator Reports. Attorney Kensler reported on recent court activities. Marck reported IEDA CAT grant final payout for 1159 Court Avenue project is in process; will be processing city \$10K grant for payout. Public works Purplewave online auction closing on October 22, 2024. Will be submitting Lead and Copper report on October 16, 2024.

Mayor/Council/Committee Reports. No reports.

Adjournment

Motion by Olson. Second by Hinshaw to adjourn at 7:41 p.m. Vote. Ayes: Olson, Kreis, Hinshaw, Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

City of Marengo Claims -10.9.24

Fund Name	Fund	
General Fund	001	36,815.98
Road Use Tax Fund	110	3,907.68
Pool Renovation/Donations	312	131,631.74
Public Works Building	338	5,481.51
Water Fund	600	5,662.10
Water Deposit Fund	605	100.74
Sewer Fund	610	5,137.68
	Total:	188,737.43

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>
PAYROLL	29,105.54	9,27.24
EFT Payments		
Grinnell State Bank	67.80	September 2024 Fees
Metlife	1,273.23	September 2024 Metlife
Wellmark	12,385.86	September 2024 Insurance
EFT TOTAL:	13,726.89	
Aaron Cronbaugh Lawn Service	3,150.00	September 2024 Mowing-Cemetery
ACCO	352.19	Pump Installation-Pool
Active Thermal Concepts, Inc.	870.00	Asbestos Sampling-FD
Amazon Capital Business	97.22	Stakes/4oz Burst-PD
Astra Security	65.00	October 2024 Fees
Big G Foods	8.97	September 2024 Supplies-CH/PD
Brian Miller Excavating	520.00	Brush Removal-PW
Carquest of Marengo	61.39	September 2024 Supplies-PW
Casey's General Store	294.43	September 2024 Fuel-PD
Chris Crowder	12.41	Water Deposit Refund
Eurofins Environment Testing	690.64	Weekly Wastewater-PW

Galls	112.09	Black Letters-PD
Goodwill Industries of the Heartland	146.25	September 2024 Janitorial Service-CH
Hawkins, Inc.	1,722.06	Water Plant Chemicals-PW
Heather Schumacher	25.00	Soccer Refund-MRC
High Performance Patch	225.00	Street Signs-PW
Iowa Department of Revenue	115.00	FY25 Annual Water Fee-PW
MARC	1,542.06	Ammonia Out/HC Enzym Packets-PW
Marengo Farm & Home	226.83	September 2024 Supplies-PW/PD/Cemetery
Masters Telecom	9.25	Voicemail-PD
Microbac Laboratories	35.00	Drinking Water Analysis-PW
Portzen Construction, Inc.	131,279.55	Payment #10-Pool
R.E.I.C.-Iowa County Landfill	17,653.75	Q2 2024/2025 Landfill Fee
S&J Sanitation	307.50	September 2024 Trash/Dumpster
S&S Plumbing, Heating, & Air	5,481.51	Air Lines/Cleanout Covers-PW Building
Standard Pest Control	45.00	Bug Spraying-CH/PD/FD
Stratton Bencoter (Whitey's)	733.66	September 2024 Fuel/Diesel/Tire/Battery-PW/PD/FD
Swift True Value Home Center	421.17	September 2024 Supplies-PD/MRC/CH/PW/Cemetery
T&W Grinding & Composting Service	3,900.00	Aug-Oct 2024 Composting
Tracy Coffland	88.33	Water Deposit Refund
TruGreen Commercial	1,885.00	Aeration/Seeding/Spray-Park/MRC
USA Communications	68.66	Phones/Internet-PW
Visa	41.00	September 2024 Charges-PD
WMPF Group, LLC	263.37	Publications
CHECK TOTAL:	172,449.29	
Access Systems Leasing	267.39	Copier Lease
Amazon Capital Business	1,009.50	Books
Golden Horse LTD	16.63	Books
Oriental Trading	75.50	Summer Program
OverDrive	500.00	Bridges E-Books
Quill	353.71	September 2024 Supplies
S&S Plumbing, Heating, & Air	226.00	Serviced Furnaces
US Cellular	86.98	Hotspots
USA Communications	25.54	Phone/Fax
LIBRARY TOTAL:	2,561.25	
GRAND TOTAL:	217,842.97	

Claims Total - Payroll & EFT's

\$ 175,010.54

Adam Rabe, Mayor

Attest: Karla Marck, City Administrator