

**MINUTES**  
**CITY OF MARENGO**  
**CITY COUNCIL**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
Marengo Council Chambers  
September 14, 2022

**Call to Order** by Mayor Adam Rabe at 6:00 p.m. on September 14, 2022. Council Officials Present: Matt Fults, Sue Peterson, Bill Kreis, Travis Schlabach. Absent: John Hinshaw. Quorum declared by Rabe.

**Staff and Press Present:** Admin./Clerk Karla Marck; Deputy Clerk Allison Fry; Finance Manager Ellen Young; Police Chief Ben Gray; Director Public Works Lonnie Altenhofen; Attorney Gage Kensler; Library Director Jackie Jordan.

**Members of the Public Present:** Nate VonLienen, Blaine Hawkins, Grady Howell, Damon McCausland, Lori Miller, Quinn Miller, Scott Hamlin.

**Pledge of Allegiance** led by Rabe.

**Approval of Agenda – September 14, 2022**

Motion by Peterson to approve. Second by Schlabach. Vote. Ayes: Fults, Peterson, Kreis, Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

**Consent Agenda**

Included August 24, 2022 Council Meeting Minutes; Claims, checks and direct withdrawals totaling \$92,531.11. August 2022 Revenues Totaling \$408,584.35. August 2022 Major Operating Departments Finance Reports; August 2022 Finance Expenditures & Revenue Report. Motion by Schlabach to approve. Second by Peterson. Vote. Ayes: Fults, Peterson, Kreis, Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

**Open Forum**

VonLienen and Hawkins requested council support to develop adult volleyball and softball leagues; including late Oct softball tournament. Miller inquired about city variance to burn remaining construction debris at 498 Court Avenue property.

**New Business**

- a) **Consideration: Request for Variance and/or Extension of Date for Requested Compliance of Code Violations of Shipping Container Ordinance (Ch. 148) on Property located at 2273 Hwy 6 Trl**

Howell provided overview of wind turbine recycling procedures, practices and compliance activities with DNR. Requested 180-day extension for addressing the city code violations cited on August 17, 2022. Schlabach requested submission of document to council indicating compliant with all DNR requirements. Motion by Schlabach to grant 180-day extension for compliance of city violations regarding blocking of highway and stacking of non-solid, shipping containers; contingent upon submission of requested DNR compliance document and 90 days update on status of city violations compliance plans. Vote. Ayes: Fults, Peterson, Kreis, Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**Old Business**

- a) **Public Hearing and Third Reading ORD 507: Amendment to Chapter 55 – Animal Protection and Control**  
Public hearing opened at 6:38 p.m. No comments. Public Hearing closed at 6:39 p.m. Motion to approve by Peterson. Second by Schlabach. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Fults, Peterson, Kreis, Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- b) **Public Hearing and First Reading ORD 508: Amendment to Chapter 47 – Park Regulations; Adding Park Fountain and Amending Chapter 4-Scheduled Fines: Adding Item 36. Section 47.09-Park Fountain Violations**  
Public hearing opened at 6:39 p.m. No comments. Public Hearing closed at 6:40 p.m. Motion by Schlabach to approve. Second by Fults. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Fults, Peterson, Kreis, Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- c) **Public Hearing and First Reading ORD 509: Amendment to Chapter 47 – Park Regulations; Adding Section 47.10 Signage in Parks, Land and Facilities Managed by the City of Marengo**  
Public hearing opened at 6:40 p.m. No comments. Public Hearing closed at 6:42 p.m. Motion by Peterson to approve. Second by Kreis. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Fults, Peterson, Kreis, Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- d) **Public Hearing and First Reading ORD 510: Amendment to Marengo Code of Ordinances, Adding Chapter 49 – Parental Responsibilities – Sections 49.01 through 49.06; and Amending Chapter 4-Scheduled Fines; Adding Item 37. Section 49.04 Parental Responsibility**  
Public hearing opened at 6:43 p.m. No comments. Public Hearing closed at 6:44 p.m. Motion by Schlabach to approve. Second by Peterson. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Fults, Peterson, Kreis, Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**Update Public Safety – Chief Ben Gray**

For August, Gray reported 24 incidents, 8 arrests, 25 citations, 51 warnings, 4 parking tickets, with a total of 34 outstanding parking tickets. Currently working 7 nuisance properties. Officer Parkinson started ILEA on August 26. Officer Botsford's surgery is scheduled for mid-October. A total of 33 notices were posted for Duty to Cut Grass.

**Attorney/ Financial Manager/Administrator Reports**

Kensler stated attended dog-at-large court hearing and waiting for judge's order. Finalizing deed for Miller street property sale; acceptance agreement was signed on September 9. Young indicated will be starting on FY24 budgeting. Marck reported Matt Fultz won in special election. Pool \$3.8M bond referendum passed with 73% of the votes. Stated a progress report regarding the Waste Water Treatment Plant was submitted by V&K to the DNR on 9-1-22, stating still waiting for environmental clearances, and Army Corps of Engineer coordination with regard to levy crossing and land acquisition; targeting WWTP project bidding summer of 2023.

**Mayor/Council/Committee Reports**

Schlabach reported 2 block of the Jefferson Street dual mains project were completed and Miller Street project was started.

**Adjournment**

Motion by Kreis. Second by Schlabach to adjourn at 7:04 p.m. Vote. Ayes: Fults, Peterson, Kreis, Schlabach. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

**City of Marengo Claims - 9/14/2022**

<b>Fund Name</b>	<b>Fund</b>	
General Fund	001	26,272.30
Library Gifts & Memorials	033	200.00
Road Use Tax Fund	110	5,401.62
Wastewater Treatment Plant	328	4,600.00
May Street Improvement	330	113.00
Jefferson St-Dual Main Project	333	11,341.80
Water Fund	600	9,882.81
Sewer Fund	610	7,777.51
Total:		65,589.04

<b><u>Payee</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>
PAYROLL	\$ 26,942.07	9/2/2022
<b>EFT Payments</b>		
Grinnell State Bank	67.83	August 2022 Bank Fees
Iowa Department of Revenue	3,271.68	August 2022 Sales/Water Tax
Metlife	1,159.12	September 2022 Metlife Benefit
United Healthcare	12,219.56	September 2022 Health Ins
<b>EFT TOTAL:</b>	<b>16,718.19</b>	
Amazon Capital Business	37.43	Office Supplies-PD/CH
Big G Foods	267.76	August 2022 Supplies-PD
BP	366.61	August 2022 Fuel-PD
Brown Supply Co.	9,023.00	Materials/Hydrant/Adapters-PW
Carquest	142.57	August 2022 Supplies-PW
Casey's General Store	704.82	August 2022 Fuel-PD
Charles Capper Auto Center, Inc.	53.21	Explorer Service/Oil Change-PD
City of Marengo Petty Cash	105.60	Tickets/Postage-PD/PW
Countryside LL	2,500.00	August 2022 Mowing-Cemetery
East Miller Print & Design	128.00	No Swimming Fountain Signs-Park
Elite Sports	379.50	Shirts-MRC
Eurofins Environment Testing	537.60	Weekly Wastewater-PW
Goodwill of the Industries of the Heartland	399.75	August 2022 Janitorial Services-CH/Lib
Harry's Custom Trophies	1,500.00	Re-do Fountain Plaque-Park
High Performance Patch	462.00	Sign Posts-PW
Iowa Peace Officers Assn.	125.00	2022-2023 Dues-PD
Kollmorgen, Schlue, & Zahradnik, P.C.	1,203.00	August 2022 Legal
Larry Fiser Construction	4,350.00	Street Patch-PW
Lonnie Altenhofen	199.99	Boots-PW

Marc	883.50	Hornet Killer/Line Paint-PW
Marco Technologies	4,984.30	Technology Repairs/Webroot
Marengo Farm & Home	379.62	August 2022 Supplies-PW/PD/Park
Marengo Firefighters Assn	37.50	Fire Call-FD
Masters Telecom, LLC	9.66	Voicemail
Our Town Publications	701.12	August 2022 Mins/Ords/Pubs
PD Air Systems	4,317.00	Lagoon Blower-PW
Quill	105.93	Office & Janitorial Supplies-CH
Richard Parkinson	173.34	Running Shoes-PD
S & J Sanitation	159.50	August 2022 Trash
S & S Plumbing, Heating, & Air	247.96	Meter/Plumbing-PW
Schimberg Co.	160.84	Materials-PW
Stratton Bencoter	1,640.46	August 2022/Tires-PW/Park/PD
Swift True Value Home Center	314.19	August 2022 Supplies-CH/PD/FD/PW
Van Dee Bins, LLC	634.94	Service Unit #5-FD
Veenstra & Kimm, Inc.	4,713.00	Engineering Fees
Verizon Wireless	479.83	Desk/Cell Phones
VISA	367.16	August 2022 Charges-CH/PD/PW
Windstream	178.26	Internet/Phones
<b>CHECK TOTAL:</b>	<b>42,973.95</b>	
A-1 Services	2,000.00	Powerwashing Building
Access Systems Leasing	609.31	Copier Lease/Hard Drive Wipe
Advanced Electrical Services, Inc.	428.34	Fire Alarm Maintenance
Amazon	976.18	August 2022 Supplies/Books
BerganKDV Technology	185.00	Technology Services
Marengo Farm & Home	32.99	Apple Picker
OverDrive	811.35	Bridges E-Book
Quill	294.94	Office & Janitorial Services
S & J Sanitation	323.40	August 2022 Trash
Standard Pest Control	40.00	Bug Spraying
Swift True Value	195.39	August 2022 Supplies
<b>LIBRARY TOTAL:</b>	<b>5,896.90</b>	
<b>GRAND TOTAL:</b>	<b>92,531.11</b>	

Claims Total - Payroll & EFT's

\$ 48,870.85

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Adam Rabe, Mayor

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Attest: Karla Marck, City Administrator