MINUTES
CITY OF MARENGO
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Marengo Council Chambers
September 23, 2026

Call to Order by Mayor Schlabach at 6:00 p.m. on September 23, 2026. Council Officials Present: Karen Wayson-Kisling, Jenni Olson via telephone, John Hinshaw, Will Geoghagan. Absent: Shawn Huedepohl. Quorum declared by Schlabach.
Staff and Press Present: Admin./Clerk Ellen O'Rourke; Deputy Clerk Alli Gerard; Police Chief Ben Gray; Public Works Director Lonnie Altenhofen; Attorney Gage Kensler, Library Director Jackie Jordan, Managing Editor Winona Whitaker, Hometown Media.
Members of the Public Present: Kelly Kopetsky, Scott Hamlin.
Pledge of Allegiance led by Schlabach.
Approval of Agenda – September 23, 2026
Motion by Olson to approve. Second by Geoghagan. Ayes: Wayson-Kisling, Olson, Geoghagan, Hinshaw. Nays: None. Motion Carried.
Consent Agenda
Approval of Minutes from September 9, 2026, City Council Meeting. Approval of Minutes from September 16, 2026, City Council Special Meeting. Approving Liquor License Application for Curt's Old Style Tavern. Motion by Hinshaw to approve. Second by Geoghagan. Vote. Ayes: Wayson-Kisling, Olson, Huedepohl, Hinshaw. Nays: None. Motion Carried.
Resident Comments: No comments.
Old Business – None.
New Business

a) **Resolution #27-24: Authorizing Street Closure for 2026 IV Homecoming Parade.** Motion approved by Wayson-Kisling. Second by Olson. Vote. Ayes: Wayson-Kisling, Olson, Geoghagan, Hinshaw. Nays: None. Motion carried.
b) **Consideration: Approving Annual Urban Renewal Report, Fiscal Year 2025-2026.** Motion by Wayson-Kisling to approve. Second by Geoghagan. Ayes: Wayson-Kisling, Olson, Geoghagan, Hinshaw. Motion Carried.
c) **Resolution #27-25: Approving Police Department to Carry-Over Funds from One Fiscal Year .** Motion by Olson to approve. Second by Geoghagan. Ayes: Wayson-Kisling, Olson, Geoghagan, Hinshaw. Nays: None. Motion Carried.
d) **Resolution #27-26: Approving Street Closure for Marengo Chamber of Commerce Fall Festival Activities, October 10, 2026.** Motion by Geoghagan to approve. Second by Olson. Vote. Ayes: Wayson-Kisling, Olson, Geoghagan, Hinshaw. Nays: None. Motion carried.
e) **Resolution #27-27: Set Public Hearing for Amending the Code of Ordinances; Chapter 4 – Scheduled Fines, Adding Section 76A – E-Bike/E-Scooter Violations.** Motion by Hinshaw to approve. Second by Geoghagan. Vote. Ayes: Wayson-Kisling, Olson, Geoghagan, Hinshaw. Nays: None. Motion carried.
f) **Resolution #27-28: Setting Public Hearing on Amendment to Chapter 76 – Bicycle Regulations; Adding 76.09(3) – Riding on Sidewalks; Adding Section 76.14 – Use of Electronic Devices While Riding.** Motion by Wayson-Kisling to approve. Second by Geoghagan. Vote. Ayes: Wayson-Kisling, Olson, Geoghagan, Hinshaw. Nays: None. Motion carried.
g) **Discussion: Speed Limit Signs on Eastern Ave.** Motion to approve changing signs to follow the city ordinance by Geoghagan. Second by Wayson-Kisling. Vote. Ayes: Wayson-Kisling, Olson, Geoghagan, Hinshaw. Nays: None. Motion carried.
h) **Resolution #27-29: Setting Public Hearing on Amendment to Chapter 105 – Solid Waste Control; Adding to Section 105.11(5) – Prohibited Practices.** Motion by Wayson-Kisling to approve. Second by Geoghagan. Vote. Ayes: Wayson-Kisling, Olson, Geoghagan, Hinshaw. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Approval of Monthly Bills:

a) Claims, checks, and direct withdrawals totaling $149,430.08. Motion to approve by Wayson-Kisling. Second by Geoghagan. Vote. Ayes: Wayson-Kisling, Olson, Geoghagan, Hinshaw. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Update Public Works – Director Lonnie Altenhofen
For September 2026, Altenhofen reported that the boring crews have been keeping them busy with locates (113 completed and the list is growing), Well #12 will be relined and parts have been ordered, and the major underground work has been done at the wastewater plant.
Update Marengo Public Library – Director Jackie Jordan. HACAP will have office hours at the library, the coat drive will begin again, WIC Clinic will be there every 4th Thursday of the month, the Dolly Parton Imagination Library is still active, roof was repaired, Industrial Tech teacher wants to do a project at library, the can lights are going out, and fire alarm system was tested..
Attorney/ Financial Manager/Administrator Reports. No reports.
Mayor/Council/Committee Reports. Hinshaw reported that the Planning and Zoning Committee met with ECICOG to discuss information on the City's comprehensive plan and re-zoning areas in town.
Adjournment: Motion by Wayson-Kisling. Second by Geoghagan to adjourn at 6:28 p.m. Vote. Ayes: Wayson-Kisling, Olson, Geoghagan, Hinshaw. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

City of Marengo Claims-9.23.26

Fund Name	Fund	
General Fund	`001	$19,845.12
General Fund Capital Expenditures	002	$1,920.00
Police Equip/BLDG Fund	006	$504.98

Cemetery Capital Improvements	008	$14,250.00
Road Use Tax Fund	110	$6,177.55
Wastewater Treatment Plant	328	$55,031.52
Franklin & Lucas Street	346	$947.42
Water Fund	600	$11,293.12
Sewer Fund	610	$4,266.76
Storm Sewer Fund	740	$1,055.70
	Total:	**$115,292.17**

Payee	**Amount**	**Description**
Payroll	$34,137.91	9.11.26
PAYROLL TOTAL:	**34,137.91**	
EFT Payments		
EFT TOTAL:	**0.00**	
Alliant Energy	$19,130.26	Power
Amazon	$85.26	Janitorial - PD/ Field Tape - MRC
Ampride	$83.07	August 2026 Fuel - PD
Axon	$296.70	Battery Packs - PD
Ben's Repair	$207.17	Lawn Mower Tires - PW
Big G	$237.82	August 2026 Supplies - PD/CH/Pool
Brian Miller	$53,081.52	Franklin Watermain Pay App 4
BSN Sports	$208.57	Flag Football Belts - MRC
Cameron's Repair	$383.28	Unit #4 Maintenance - FD
Capper Auto	$285.90	Tire Sensor Replacement - PW
Carquest	$759.04	August 2026 Supplies - PW
Community Crisis	$353.08	Aug 2026 Law Enforcement Liaison - PD
Core & Main	$3,805.00	August 2026 Supplies - PW
Critcal Hire	$200.00	MMPI E. Gray - PD
Dale Gerard	$8.32	Light Switches - CH
ECICOG	$1,950.00	CDBG Administration
Gazette	$797.40	Public Notices; 8.12.26, 8.26.26 Minutes
Heartland Co-Op	$54.00	Spray - PW
Hy-Vee	$2,786.00	ILEA Training Meals (Boswell) - PD
Iowa County Recorder	$51.00	Cemetery Recording Fee
Iowa Peace Officer Assc	$90.00	FY27 Dues - PD
Iowa Prison Industries	$230.00	ILEA Uniforms - PD
J & M Roofing & Maint	$200.00	Sealed Exhaust Fan/Vent Pipes - CH
Legal Solutions of Iowa	$4,306.40	July/August Legal
Lockhart Grading	$2,600.00	SE Corner Washington/Lafayette Watermain/Wallace Inside Fence - PW
Marco	$147.96	Copier Lease - CH

Microbac	$157.50	Drinking Water Analysis - PW
Office Express	$83.98	Paper - PD/CH
REC	$42.59	Welcome Sign Electric
S&S Plumbing	$1,145.42	Air Bear Filter - FD/Water Meter Change out - PW/Mini Cable Machine - CH
Spatial Agency	$14,250.00	Cemetery GIS Project
State Hygienic Lab	$115.50	Water Testing - PW
Storey Kenworthy	$58.24	Liners - PD
Swift	$2,337.73	August 2026 Supplies - POOL, MRC, PW, PD
Syncere	$1,253.80	Soccer & Volleyball Shirts - MRC
Tiffany Shine	$49.37	MRC Concession Supplies - MRC
Tyler Tech	$1,920.00	Time and Attendance Software - CH
Verizon	$579.74	August 2026 Desk/Cell Phones
VISA	$113.72	Car Wash/Baker Press - PD
WEX	$379.66	Fees - PD/FD
Windstream	$467.17	Telephone/Internet
CHECKS TOTAL:	**115,292.17**	
LIBRARY TOTAL:	**$0.00**	
UTILITY BILLING REFUNDS:	**0.00**	
GRAND TOTAL:	**149,430.08**	

Claims Total - Payroll & EFT's **$115,292.17**

Travis Schlabach, Mayor

Attest: Ellen O'Rourke, City Administrator