MINUTES
CITY OF MARENGO
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Marengo Council Chambers
September 9, 2026

Call to Order by Mayor Travis Schlabach at 6:00 p.m. on September 9, 2026. Council Officials Present: Karen Wayson-Kisling, Jenni Olson, John Hinshaw, Shawn Huedepohl. Will Geoghagan. Absent: None. Quorum declared by Schlabach.
Staff and Press Present: Admin./Clerk Ellen O'Rourke; Deputy Clerk Alli Gerard; Police Chief Ben Gray; Attorney Gage Kensler; Public Works Director Lonnie Altenhofen.
Members of the Public Present: Kelly Kopetsky, Rachel Jones, Leann Barten, Scott Hamlin, Barry Goettsch, Wendy Jordan, Allison Hockey, Matt Loffer.
Pledge of Allegiance led by Schlabach.
Approval of Agenda – September 9, 2026
Motion by Olson. Second by Geoghagan. Ayes: Wayson-Kisling, Olson, Huedepohl, Hinshaw, Geoghagan. Nays: None. Motion Carried.
Consent Agenda
Approval of minutes from August 26, 2026, City Council Meeting. August 2026 Revenues Totaling $316,069.26. August 2026 Major Operating Departments Finance Reports. August 2026 Finance Expenditures & Revenue Reports. Savings Accounts Report. Approval of Class C Retail Alcohol License Application for Casa Oaxaca LLC dba J.A. Casa Magnolia. Motion by Olson to approve. Second by Hinshaw. Vote. Ayes: Wayson-Kisling, Olson, Huedepohl, Hinshaw, Geoghagan. Nays: None. Motion Carried.
Resident Comments: Rachel Jones spoke about requesting documents. Matt Loffer had complaints.
Old Business

a) **Public Hearing: Public Hearing Regarding Borrowing Money by Marengo Memorial Hospital d/b/a Compass Memorial Healthcare.** Public Hearing opened at 6:10 p.m. Comments by Barry Goettsch and Wendy Jordan. Public Hearing closed at 6:14 p.m. No action taken.
b) **Resolution #27-22: Resolution taking additional action to enter into one or more loan agreements and borrow money for improvement projects for Compass Memorial Healthcare.** Motion by Hinshaw to approve. Second by Wayson-Kisling. Vote. Ayes: Wayson-Kisling, Olson, Huedepohl, Hinshaw, Geoghagan. Nays: None. Motion Carried.
c) **Resolution #27-23: Resolution authorizing and approving a loan agreement and providing for the issuance and securing the payment of taxable hospital revenue bonds for a USDA loan (Compass Memorial Healthcare Project).** Motion by Olson to approve. Second by Geoghagan. Vote. Ayes: Wayson-Kisling, Olson, Huedepohl, Hinshaw, Geoghagan. Nays: None. Motion Carried.
d) **Consideration: Compass Memorial Temporary Western Avenue Construction Staging Site Transition to Staff Parking until December 31, 2027.** Motion by Olson to approve. Second by Wayson-Kisling. Vote. Ayes: Wayson-Kisling, Olson, Huedepohl, Hinshaw, Geoghagan. Nays: None. Motion Carried.
e) **Public Hearing and Third Reading of ORD. 557: Amendment to the Code of Ordinances; Adding Chapter 76-E-Bicycle & E-Scooter Regulations; Ordinance 557.** Public Hearing opened at 6:16p.m. Olson asked about court costs being added to a ticket. Public Hearing closed at 6:21 p.m. Motion to approve by Hinshaw. Seconded by Huedepohl. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Wayson-Kisling, Huedepohl, Hinshaw, Geoghagan. Nays: Olson. Motion carried.
f) **Public Hearing and Third Reading of ORD. 558: Amendment to the Code of Ordinances; Chapter 4 – Scheduled Fines, Changing Section 122.20(29) – Failure to Purchase Peddler's Permit to Section 122.21(29) – Peddlers, Solicitors, and Transient Merchant Violations.** Public Hearing opened at 6:22 p.m. No public comments. Public Hearing closed at 6:23 p.m. Motion to approve by Hinshaw. Second by Olson. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Wayson-Kisling, Olson, Huedepohl, Hinshaw, Geoghagan. Nays: None. Motion carried.

New Business

a) **Resolution #27-17: Approving Pay Application #12 for Contract #1 – Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvements.** Motion to approve by Hinshaw to pay Wendler $567,495.07. Second by Olson. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Wayson-Kisling, Olson, Huedepohl, Hinshaw, Geoghagan. Nays: None. Motion carried.
b) **Resolution #27-18: Approving Pay Application #6 for Contract #2 – Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvements.** Motion to approve by Hinshaw to pay Brian Miller Excavating $13,729.97. Second by Huedepohl. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Wayson-Kisling, Olson, Huedepohl, Hinshaw, Geoghagan. Nays: None. Motion carried.
c) **Resolution #27-21: Approving Change Order #2 for Contract #1 – Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvements.** Change order increasing the project cost by $2,647.96 for Wendler, Inc. Motion by Hinshaw to approve. Second by Olson. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Wayson-Kisling, Olson, Huedepohl, Hinshaw, Geoghagan. Nays: None. Motion carried.
d) **Resolution #27-19: Approving Bid for Implementation of Cemetery Management Software in the amount of $28,500.** Motion by Hinshaw to approve. Second by Geoghagan. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Wayson-Kisling, Olson, Huedepohl, Hinshaw, Geoghagan. Nays: None. Motion carried.
e) **Resolution #27-20: Authorizing Submission of FY26 City Street Financial Report.** Motion by Olson to approve. Second by Geoghagan. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Wayson-Kisling, Olson, Huedepohl, Hinshaw, Geoghagan. Nays: None. Motion carried.
f) **Consideration: Add Five-Foot Sidewalk on Northside Block of Lucas from Franklin Ave Intersection to Court Ave Intersection.** Motion by Olson to approve. Second by Huedepohl. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Wayson-Kisling, Olson, Huedepohl, Hinshaw, Geoghagan. Nays: None. Motion carried.

g) **Consideration: Fire Station/City Hall Expansion Contract with Bushong and Bonding.** Bushong to draw blueprints and manage the project for $70,000. Motion by Olson to table. Second by Hinshaw. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Olson, Hinshaw. Nays: Wayson-Kisling, Huedepohl, Geoghagan. Motion failed. Motion by Wayson-Kisling to approve the contract. Second by Huedepohl. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Wayson-Kisling, Huedepohl, Geoghagan. Nays: Olson, Hinshaw. Motion carried.

h) **Consideration: Approving Master Professional Service Agreement with Veenstra & Kimm, Inc. for Flood Plain Review.** Motion by Olson to approve. Second by Geoghagan. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Wayson-Kisling, Olson, Huedepohl, Hinshaw, Geoghagan. Nays: None. Motion carried.

i) **Consideration: Approving Master Professional Service Agreement with Veenstra & Kimm, Inc. for Park Storm Water Review.** Motion by Wayson-Kisling to approve. Second by Olson. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Wayson-Kisling, Olson, Huedepohl, Hinshaw, Geoghagan. Nays: None. Motion carried.

j) **Consideration: Approving Master Professional Service Agreement with Veenstra & Kimm, Inc. for Site Plan Review.** Motion by Olson to approve. Second by Huedepohl. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Wayson-Kisling, Olson, Huedepohl, Hinshaw, Geoghagan. Nays: None. Motion carried.

k) **Consideration: Approving Master Professional Service Agreement with Veenstra & Kimm, Inc. for Miscellaneous Engineering.** Motion by Wayson-Kisling to approve. Second by Olson. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Wayson-Kisling, Olson, Huedepohl, Hinshaw, Geoghagan. Nays: None. Motion carried.

l) **Consideration: Approving Lonnie to get Engineering for Constructing a New Well.** No action taken.

Approval of Monthly Bills

a) Claims, checks, and direct withdrawals totaling $719,760.81. Motion to approve by Olson. Second by Huedepohl. Vote. Ayes: Wayson-Kisling, Olson, Huedepohl, Hinshaw, Geoghagan. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Update Public Safety – Chief Ben Gray

For August 2026, Chief Gray reported 38 incidents, 7 arrests, 26 citations, 28 warnings, 4 parking tickets with a total of 65 outstanding parking tickets, 6 medical calls, 429 calls for service/8 handled exclusively by the Iowa County Sheriff's Office. There have been 44 properties served as nuisance properties, 95 notices for duty to cut grass with 18 properties mowed by Public Works, and Officer Boswell started his attendance at the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy on August 31, 2026.

Attorney/ Financial Manager/Administrator Reports. City Administrator reported the Board of Adjustments met to approve the new funeral home and the new hospital parking lot.

Mayor/Council/Committee Reports. No reports.

Adjournment

Motion by Olson. Second by Wayson-Kisling to adjourn at 7:21 p.m. Vote. Ayes: Wayson-Kisling, Olson, Huedepohl, Hinshaw, Geoghagan. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

City of Marengo Claims-9.9.26

Fund Name	Fund	
General Fund	`001	$36,473.89
General Fund Capital Expenditures	002	$9,801.98
Bahr-Library Gifts/Memorials	033	$862.62
Road Use Tax Fund	110	$6,023.27
Wastewater Treatment Plant	328	$604,463.04
4" Main Project	344	$7,751.40
Franklin & Lucas Street	346	$573.56
Water Fund	600	$10,903.77
Water Deposit Fund	605	$55.65
Sewer Fund	610	$4,894.74
	Total:	**$681,803.92**

Payee	Amount	Description
Payroll	$37,956.57	8/28/2026
PAYROLL TOTAL:	**37,956.57**	
EFT Payments		
Iowa Treasurer of State	$55.65	2026 Unclaimed Property
Grinnell State Bank	$84.12	August 2026 Bank Fees
Iowa Department of Revenue	$3,883.31	August 2026 Water/Sales Tax
Metlife	$1,678.35	September 2026 Insurance
Wellmark	$15,848.69	September 2026 Insurance

EFT TOTAL:	**21,550.12**	
Aaron Cronbaugh	$7,000.00	August 2026 Mowing - Cemetery
Astra Security	$272.25	Camera Fees
Bloom	$42.50	Protein Bites - POOL
Brian Miller	$21,481.37	Contract 2 WWTF Force Main Project
BSN Sports	$50.72	Mouthguards - MRC
Casey's	$856.88	August 2026 Fuel
Eurofins	$724.88	Weekly Wastewater - PW
Ferguson	$216.16	Meter Supplies - PW
Galls	$29.54	ILEA - PD
Gazette	$240.72	Publications- CH
Got Dough	$742.00	Cookie Dough - POOL
Hawkins	$2,377.55	Supplies - PW
Iowa County Treasurer	$2,468.00	Tax 605 Court - CH
Iowa One Call	$86.40	One Calls - PW
Iowa Valley Comm School	$400.00	2027 Scholarship
Marco Tech	$9,436.43	TylerTech Assistance/software upgrade - CH
Marengo Chamber of Commerce	$767.50	July 3rd Bathrooms
Marengo Farm & Home	$475.90	August 2026 Supplies - PW
Marengo Post Office	$807.00	Monthly Postage - PW/CH
Masters	$17.64	Voicemail - PD
Office Express	$42.97	Toilet Bowl Cleaner/Sticky Notes - CH
Roggentien Electric	$167.76	Battery - PW
S&S Plumbing	$15,973.52	Furnace - CH/Windows - POOL
Stanard & Associates	$56.50	Selection Test - PD
Standard Pest Control	$45.00	Bug Spraying - PD, FD, CH
Tyler Tech	$420.00	T&A Upgrade - CH
USA Blue Book	$112.81	Pump Tube - PW
USA Communications	$117.77	Telephone
V&K	$23,811.56	Engineering Fees
VISA	$116.70	August 2026 Charges - PD/CH
Wendler	$567,495.07	Contract 1 WWTF Project
WEX	$200.46	Fuel - PD
Whitey	$1,289.20	Fuel - PW/FD/MRC
Workforce Solution	$195.00	2026 Fall Conference - PD
CHECKS TOTAL:	**658,537.76**	
Amazon	$1,180.17	Programs/Bahr Books
Marco Tech	$35.70	Email
Quill	$500.17	Supplies
LIBRARY TOTAL:	**$1,716.04**	

Ladies Room	$0.32	Deposit Refund
UTILITY BILLING REFUNDS:	**0.32**	
GRAND TOTAL:	**719,760.81**	

Claims Total - Payroll & EFT's **$660,253.80**

Travis Schlabach, Mayor

Attest: Ellen O'Rourke, City Administrator