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MARENGO CITY COUNCIL
Executive Session Minutes
City Council Chambers
132 E. Prairie Street
Marengo, IL 60152
May 22, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor John Koziol called the Executive Session meeting to order at 7:42 PM.

ROLL CALL

Present this evening are Mayor John Koziol; Aldermen Mobley, DeSerto, Proffitt, Weiss, DeBoer, Keenum and Miller. Also present are Interim City Administrator [REDACTED] Assistant City Administrator Nick Radcliffe, Chief of Police Nathan Hayes, City Attorney David McArdle and Former Marengo Insurance Agent George Bauman.

ITEMS UNDER DISCUSSION

Litigation pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11)

[REDACTED] appealed the third conviction, and the case was overturned. Marengo Police officer Rich Solarz was part of MIAT during the conviction. His involvement was very minor in the case.

Marengo Insurance Agency, (Hartford) was the insurance broker at the time of the lawsuit. The City of Marengo has requested George Bauman to attempt to locate the Insurance Policy. The Insurance Policy. George Bauman left closed session at 7:55 PM. (note the timing is a correction from the recording, as Attorney David McArdle stated 8:55PM on the recording)

The City of Marengo needs to retain a defense attorney, in which the insurance policy is needed. Attorney McArdle requested guidance on if the City of Marengo wants to hire Jim Sotos as an Attorney in this case. Per Council, this will continue in a future session.

Logisnext - Settled the part about the right of way and easements. We need to go back to them for the contribution for the pollution cost repairs and installation of UV and Engineering of the UV installation.

Land acquisition south of the Tollway is progressing. City needs to decide on Title work. A charge of \$3-4k per parcel would be charged. Attorney stated he contacted another Title company; they stated they would charge \$300 per parcel for just the title work. Council agreed to go with the lower cost title company.

City Administrator [REDACTED] of HR/Finance Megan Lopez - Staff is looking to move Tim Zenker into an interim roll to Superintendent of Utilities. The recommendation to go to

Council (Currently Step 5 Maintenance/Utility Worker) to move him to an interim roll, that would be moved permanent roll, when he completes his Class 1 Wastewater Certification, which requires 5 years. (Zenker will be at 5 years in August 2023) He is currently at the top of the scale for a Utility Worker \$30.40/hour. The interim to \$33.84/hour. After he receives his Class 1 Wastewater move to \$35.47/hour. Council Agreed to staff's recommendation.

■■■■ has been terminated due to performance issues

Interviews for Public Works Director has started.

MOTION TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Alderman DeBoer made a motion at 8:41PM, seconded by Alderman Mobley, to adjourn the Executive Session. The aldermen voted as follows:

Aye: DeSerto, Keenum, DeBoer, Proffitt, Miller, Weiss and Mobley

Nay:0

Absent: Mortensen

The motion passed.



Stephanie Matysiewski
City Clerk