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**MARENGO CITY COUNCIL**  
**Executive Session Minutes**  
**City Council Chambers**  
**132 E. Prairie Street**  
**Marengo, IL 60152**  
**October 23, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor John Koziol called the Executive Session meeting to order at 8:51 PM.

**ROLL CALL**

Present this evening are Mayor John Koziol; Aldermen DeSerto, Proffit, DeBoer, Weiss, Mobley, Keenum, Mortensen, and Miller. Also present are Assistant City Administrator Nick Radcliffe, HR Director/Finance Megan Lopez, Chief of Police Nathan Hayes, Director of Public Works Dan Javed, City Attorney David McArdle and Engineer Chelsea Boland.

**ITEMS UNDER DISCUSSION**

- a. Litigation pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11) – Logisnext came back and offered \$30k from the \$67,500 we countered back with when they originally proposed to only pay \$15k.
- b. Semi-annual review of minutes of Executive Session as required by section 2.06 of the Open Meetings Act pursuant to 5 ILCS '120/2 (c) (21) will be held until the next review.
- c. Land Acquisition under Section 3. Attorney McArdle spoke with [REDACTED] and he will be signing his agreements tomorrow morning. [REDACTED] land wants more money than we are offering \$3k, the amount is not significant, but we do not want to be in history of offering more money for no reason, therefore we will hold off on this land at this time. Duke is progressing, hopeful we will have the O'Brien easements in the next two weeks. Community Farms on Route 20 needs sewer to get cooperation to obtain easements. This will need to happen behind House of Bottles on the north with an easement from House of bottles, or it will go on the South of House of Bottles which is what we are hoping to obtain for our grant agreement easement. We have very little conversation with the owners of the House of Bottles, and we are not making much progress, which brings a discussion of quick take. To progress on quick take authority of the city, we will have to pull HLR and part of McMahon off negotiating and get them focused on providing documentation to a representative to proceed with quick take legislation. Attorney McArdle is looking for direction from council on whether we want to take a chance and have them keep negotiating or secure our position with quick take legislation.

**MOTION TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

Alderman DeBoer made a motion at 9:10 PM, seconded by Alderman DeSerto, to adjourn the Executive Session.

The aldermen voted as follows:

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

Nay 0

Absent 0

The motion passed.



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Stephanie Matysiewski  
City Clerk