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MARENGO CITY COUNCIL
Executive Session Minutes
City Council Chambers
132 E. Prairie Street
Marengo, IL 60152
January 27, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor ProTemp Michael Proffitt called the Executive Session meeting to order at 7:50PM.

ROLL CALL

Present this evening are Mayor ProTemp Michael Proffitt; Aldermen, Keenum, Mortensen, DeSerto, DeBoer, Mobley, Weiss and Miller. present was City Attorney David McArdle, Director of HR/Finance Megan Lopez, Director of Public Works [REDACTED] and Chief of Police Nathan Hayes.

ITEMS UNDER DISCUSSION

Michael Proffitt recently received a text message from [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] referencing potential litigation matters. Ms. [REDACTED] has been frequently present at City Hall, engaging with staff in ways that are perceived as disruptive. She has reportedly directed staff on how to perform their duties and made statements suggesting that three aldermen intend to "clean house" following the appointment of a new mayor. These interactions are causing significant distraction.

An employment offer has been extended to the prospective Director of Public Works, who has 19 years of relevant experience in the role. The proposed compensation package includes a starting salary of \$110,000, with a scheduled increase to \$115,000 after six months. Upon completion of a successful performance review, the salary would be adjusted to \$120,000.

City Attorney David McArdle provided a brief update regarding the [REDACTED] case. He indicated that he will be participating in a conference call tomorrow with the attorney representing the insurance company to discuss a potential settlement offer aimed at resolving the matter.

During a recent council discussion, Nick Radcliffe expressed that he has been facing challenges in his role as City Administrator.

City Administrator Nick Radcliffe and Megan Lopez recused themselves from the meeting at 8:18PM.

MOTION TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Alderman Keenum made a motion at 9:07PM, seconded by Alderman DeSerto, to adjourn the Executive Session.

The aldermen voted as follows:

Aye: DeSerto, Miller, DeBoer, Weiss, Mobley, Mortensen and Keenum
Nay: 0
Absent: 0
The motion passed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stephanie Matysiewski', written over a horizontal line.

Stephanie Matysiewski
City Clerk