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MARENGO CITY COUNCIL
Executive Session Minutes
City Council Chambers
132 E. Prairie Street
Marengo, IL 60152
January 12, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Michael Proffitt called the Executive Session meeting to order at 8:02PM.

ROLL CALL

Present this evening are Mayor Proffitt; Aldermen, Hensel, DeSerto, Weiss, Keenum, Mortensen, Damisch, Mobley and Miller. Also present was City Attorney David McArdle, Director of HR/Finance Megan Lopez and City Administrator Derik Morefield.

ITEMS UNDER DISCUSSION

Two internal interviews were conducted. Following the interview process, staff is recommending that Sergeant Kjellgren be appointed as Acting Chief of Police on a probationary basis.

Public Works Director [REDACTED] performance was discussed. Staff noted that while he performs well in field operations, there are ongoing challenges with the administrative and clerical aspects of the position. Certain tasks are not being completed or are not completed in a timely manner, resulting in other staff members stepping in to assist with those responsibilities. Mr. [REDACTED] has acknowledged difficulties with technology, bidding processes, and personnel management. He has also expressed, on multiple occasions, a desire to be placed in a position of less responsibility.

MOTION TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Alderman DeSerto made a motion at 9:17PM, seconded by Alderman Mobley, to adjourn the Executive Session.

The aldermen voted as follows:

Aye: Miller, Damisch, Weiss, Hensel, Mortensen, Keenum Mobley and DeSerto

Nay:0

Absent:0

The motion passed.



Stephanie Matysiewski
City Clerk