

MARENGO CITY COUNCIL

Executive Session Minutes

City Council Chambers

132 E. Prairie Street

Marengo, IL 60152

May 26, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Michael Proffitt called the Executive Session meeting to order at 8:05PM.

ROLL CALL

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

ITEMS UNDER DISCUSSION

Mayor Proffitt provided a follow-up regarding the cemetery house. The city is currently in the process of developing a one-year lease agreement for the current resident, which will be subject to annual review moving forward. This approach is intended to provide flexibility for the City to reassess the condition of the property, rental terms, and long-term plans on a yearly basis.

It was also noted that, although the City is generally tax-exempt, the use of the property as a leased residential dwelling may subject it to property tax assessment.

In consideration of these factors, the City Council discussed the financial and administrative implications and agreed that the City will assume responsibility for paying the annual property tax bill associated with the property.

The performance of Superintendent of Streets, [REDACTED] was discussed, with staff noting ongoing concerns related to job performance. Specific issues have been identified that have impacted departmental operations and overall effectiveness.

It was further reported that both Mr. [REDACTED] and the Union have filed a formal grievance against the City. This action introduces additional complexity to the situation, as it will require adherence to the grievance procedures outlined in the collective bargaining agreement and may involve review, investigation, and potential resolution through established labor relations processes.

MOTION TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Alderman Keenum made a motion at 8:21PM, seconded by Alderman DeSerto, to adjourn the Executive Session.

The aldermen voted as follows:

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

Nay:0

Absent: 0

The motion passed.

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

Stephanie Matysiewski
City Clerk