

Marengo Village Council

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Minutes of the Council Meeting on October 11, 2017 at 7:00pm at Village Hall

Present: Mayor Mike Baker

Council Members: Cherri Burwell
Robert Beck
Ron Margraff
Becky Margraff
Earl Bennett
Michael Anderson

Village Clerk: Hilary Ostrom

Mayor Mike Baker called the meeting to order.

Minutes: Cherri Burwell moves to approve the minutes with corrections from September 13, 2017 meeting; Robert Beck seconds; Motion passes.

Bills: Cherri Burwell moves to pay bills except Johnsville Fencing; Becky Margraff seconds; Roll Call 5 yes 0 no; Motion passes.

Replacement of vacate Council seat: Council currently has a vacate position due to John Brent's resignation. Mayor Baker recommends Michael Anderson. Earl Bennett moves to approve Mayor Baker's recommendation of Michael Anderson; Cherri Burwell seconds; roll 5 yes 0 no; Motion passes.

Public: Jerry, owner of Relics Plus, informed Council local business owners have discussed forming a committee to help promote local businesses. Mayor Baker stated that now the park is complete, he hopes more activities will be done in the Village. A larger Memorial Day parade is planned for 2018. There was discussion on fundraiser coming up at the ballpark by the park. The local businesses would like to see Council work with them and they work with Council to plan events. There are 4 business owners already wanting to form a committee.

Jerry brought up all the additional signage that is currently in the Village and stated he felt it was against zoning regulations. He also expressed his concern that not all the businesses in the Village have a vendor's license.

Old Business: Cherri Burwell asked if the Village sent a letter to Ross Porter regarding the signs. Village has sent a letter and he has 20 days to remove the signs. Mayor Baker has also tried to hand deliver the letter to Bent and Dent since they paid for the sign that it is on Ross Porters property. Village will remove the sign if it isn't taken down. Cherri Burwell also asked about approx. date for blacktopping. They hope to be there the week after next. Becky Margraff is still working on planning a community event since the park is open but Council decided to wait until Spring due to weather. Council discussed joining with local businesses committee to plan an event. Becky Margraff stated she would be willing to attend some of the local businesses meeting. Cherri Burwell asked if OpenGov website was public yet, Hilary stated not at this time.

Park: Mayor Baker reviewed things that need finished up at the park. Mayor Baker called the power company about flood and security lights. Michael Anderson asked about solar lights as an option. The flag pole has a solar light. Flood light would be \$25 to \$35 a monthly electrical cost. Michael Anderson suggested using LED light. Mayor Baker is meeting with the electric company on the 16th. Ron Margraff likes the idea of having a meter dropped to allow electric for the public to use as needed. Mayor Baker would like to have a plaque for business owners that donated to the park. He is proposing naming the pavilion Erdy Pavilion, due to all the work Erdy did to help make the pavilion happen. Earl Bennett agreed the Village should do a plaques thanking donors. Michael Anderson is trying to have charcoal grills donated to the park. Mayor Baker is going to get quotes for the plaques. Council agreed to naming the pavilion Erdy Pavilion and getting small plaques to thank donor.

New Businesses: Mayor Baker discussed with Council applying for upcoming grants, such a sewer, storm drains, business revitalization, sidewalks, etc. Mayor Baker stated he spoke with Ike Hickman, grants specialist for Morrow Co, about applying for future grants. Mayor Baker has already spoke with Dave Gale about sewer plant repairs that need to be done now and what needs to be done the future.

Ron Harper called Mayor Baker about the 10 acres that is by the post office. That is actually 50+ acres of total property, not all is in the Village limits. Mayor Baker stated that if the property was on sewer it would have to be annexed into the Village. If property was developed, it could be residential and some commercial. Earl Bennett explained process of annexation to Council. There is a problem with annexing around an area (not including a section.) Cherri Burwell stated she felt the property should be annexed before it is sold and developed. Mayor Baker stated he felt the Village should attempt to annex the whole area, since 6 property owners are currently on the sewer. Becky Margraff also stated she felt the Village should try to annex those properties. Council had further discussion. Cherri Burwell stated maybe Ron Harper should join the Village in discussing with the property owner about getting it annexed. Council also discussed the upgrade to the sewer system that would be required.

Larry Hilderbrand, owner of the building G-Force gym is in, is requesting a sewer reduction because they have changed it from 3 businesses to 1 business. Mayor Baker stated other residents/businesses have requested for reductions in the past. Earl Bennett stated Delco will not provide water usage amounts. Council discussed how they would determine usage of sewer. Ron Margraff asked if we could change our rates based on occupancy load. Council further discussed sewer billing and usage. Cherri Burwell moves we make no changes to sewer rate at this time. Council had further discussion on other businesses that have wanted sewer reductions in the past but the Village has no documentation of true usage. Council discussed possibly getting flow meters, which would be approx. \$3500. Michael Anderson asked if the Village could lease a flow meter. Portion of the meter is permanent, but the reading portion is transferable. Robert Beck seconds; Roll Call 5 yes Earl Bennett No; Motion passes.

Robert Beck moves to approve the addition of 30,000 to the general fund under income tax revenue; Ron Margraff seconds; Motion passes. Cherri Burwell moves to reallocate \$3000 in the general fund from operating expenses to electric expenses; Ron Margraff seconds; Motion passes.

Nicole Derr informed Council the law firm is getting a new attorney and she asked Council if they would be ok with a new attorney. She still needs to talk to Noel at the firm. Nicole and new attorney will split the work and fee. Council is ok with the new attorney coming to the Village to meet Council. Michael Anderson stated he does not want to be paid for his attendance at council meetings.

Robert Beck moves to adjourn; Becky Margraff seconds; Motion passes