

Marengo Village Council

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Minutes of the Council Meeting on April 14, 2021 at 7:00pm at Village Hall

Present: Council Members: Ricky Caldwell  
Ronda Siegfried  
Earl Bennett  
Brian Collins  
Ron Margraff  
Robert Beck

Village Clerk: Hilary Ostrom  
Village Solicitor Adam Landon

Mayor Austin Whited called the meeting to order.

Ron Margraff moves to go into executive session to discuss potential litigation; Ronda Siegfried; Roll Yes; Went in at 7:02 pm. Ron Margraff moves to go out of executive session; Went out at 7:29 pm.

**Minutes:** Brian Collins moves to approve minutes from the March 10, 2021 Council meeting; Robert Beck seconds; Roll Yes; Motion passes

**Public:** Don Callahan, from American Legion, is here to let the Council know they are having a parade Memorial Day. Council had discussion.

**Bills:** Council reviewed bills. Mayor Whited purchased shelving for the garage. Ron Margraff moves to pay bills; Earl Bennett seconds; Roll yes; Motion passes.

**Old Business:** Mayor Whited presented the maintenance worker job description to Council. Council reviewed the job description and discussed the need for the employee handbook. Brian Collins moves to approve maintenance worker job description; Ronda seconds; Roll Yes; Ron Margraff abstains; Motion passes. Mayor Whited informed Council the shop organization is coming along.

**Committee Reports:**

**Planning:** Mayor Whited informed Council the committee interviewed three engineers for feasibility study for sewer upgrade and 229 improvement/rebuild. He presented KEM, K.E. McCartney & Associates, as the best option to Council. They do not require a retainer. Mayor Whited suggested approving \$2,500 to get them started on the feasibility study for the sewer upgrade and the 229 improvements. The study would give a capacity for the sewer plant and the allow Council the growth that is available in the community. The committee also interviewed Michael Ridge and Carpenter Marty. Council discussed using Michael Ridge as a great option for smaller projects. KEM helps with grant writing and the majority of the projects they work on are paid majority by grants. Council had further discussion. Ron Margraff moves to enter into a contract with KEM for a feasibility study for sewer expansion up to \$2500; Ronda seconds; Roll yes; Motion passes.

**Fire & Safety:** Brian Collins informed Council squad is up and running

**Parks and Streets:** Mayor Whited reviewed the park plans with Council. The Village has a grant with Nature Works of approx. \$19,264. He provided a cost breakdown of materials to the improvements park. He has approx. \$17,900 at this time for concrete, basketball hoop, etc. Council had discussion on volunteer hours and the project. Ronda moves to approval the start of the community garden; Robert Beck seconds; Roll yes; Earl Bennett Nay; Motion passes.

Mayor Whited discussed the cost to build Hidden Drive. The cost will be \$12,500 for a gravel road plus the cost of tree removal of \$3600+ and additional cost for stump removal. Council had discussion on needing tree removal done before the road can be built. Council would like a quote for the stump removal cost. Council had further discussion. Robert Beck moves to cut trees down and get estimate to ground stumps; Earl seconds; Roll yes; Motion passes.

**Zoning:** Don Callahan informed Council 5 vacant properties Adam sent letters too. Don Callahan also discussed 49 S. Liberty was sent a letter for zoning violations. Perry Spangler offered to mow vacate properties for the Village. Don will get the cost from him.

**New Business:** Mayor Whited gave Council an updated truck quotes to review. Ace total cost is \$61,223 and Dexter Company total cost is \$61,728. Council had further discussion and how much income will come from the sale of old equipment. Robert Beck moves to adjourn. Out at 8:25 pm.