

Marengo Village Council

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Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting on February 12, 2020 at 7:00pm at Village Hall

Present: Mayor Siegfried  
Council Members: Earl Bennett  
Ricky Caldwell  
Gary Brian Collins  
Robert Beck  
Michel Anderson  
Austin Whited

Village Clerk: Hilary Ostrom

Mayor Tim Siegfried called the meeting to order.

There are two people at the meeting tonight interested in the vacant Council position, Austin Whited and Ronda Siegfried. Both gave Council some background information about themselves. Council had discussion. Robert Beck moves to appoint Ronda; motion dies. Earl Bennett moves to do a roll call choice vote between the two candidates; Brian Collins seconds; Roll Call Michel Anderson Ronda, Brian Collins Austin; Ricky Caldwell Austin; Robert Beck Ronda; Earl Bennett Austin. Earl Bennett moves to appoint Austin Whited for the vacant Council position; Brian Collins seconds; Roll Call; Roll Yes; Robert Beck abstains; Motion passes. Austin Whited will fill the vacant Council position. Hilary swore Austin Whited in.

**Minutes:** Michel Anderson moves to approve the minutes from January 8, 2020 meetings; Brian Collins seconds; Roll Yes; Motion passes.

**Bills:** Council reviewed bills. Austin Whited moves to pay bills; Michel Anderson seconds; Roll Yes; Motion passes.

**Public:** Ronda is here to ask Council about the Christmas lights for the streets. She showed Council an example of what she is purchasing and she is planning to order four wreaths. Council would like to have the units with LED lights.

**Old Business:** Mayor Siegfried went over the expense to remove the trees at Hidden Dr. so it can be expanded. To have all the trees removed would cost be between \$1,800 and \$2,000. Council had discussion. Brian Collins moves to approve removing all the trees needed to expand Hidden Dr.; Robert Beck seconds; Roll Yes; Motion passes. Mayor Siegfried went over committees again with Council. He has three committees; Park, Safety and Community Relations. Robert Beck and Austin Whited volunteer to be on park; Brian Collins and Ricky Caldwell volunteer to be on safety and Michel Anderson and Earl Bennett will be on Community Relations. The playground needs new mulch and a handicap porta unit will be available in April. Council had further discussion on the park. Earl Bennett suggested Council look at easier access to the Dollar General and extending the sidewalk. There have been several calls made to AEP to replace the lights that are out. Michel Anderson discussed with Council that the old

grocery store that still does not have the zoning violations corrected according to the agreement. Michel Anderson discussed with Council plugging sewers. The Village does have the equipment to plug sewers. Council discussed owners with past due sewer accounts. There was discussion on how the units would be plugged. Council discussed associated a cost with plugging the sewer and notifying the health department. Michel Anderson also mentioned the no parking signs have not been put up at the bank yet. US Bank did offer to help prevent parking as well.

**Zoning:** Don Callahan went over zoning violations with Council. Don discussed with Council items being left by business owners on the sidewalk during nonbusiness hours. There was discussion on the hot dog trailer always being parked as well.

**New Business:** Mayor Siegfried discussed signs down around town with Council and replacing them. Mayor Siegfried also discussed maintenance and sewer concerns if the current employees are unable to perform the duties. A licensed operator is required to run the sewer plant. Earl Bennett will check with Sparta's sewer operator to see if he would be available if needed. Council discussed hiring an additional person to do maintenance around the Village. There was discussion on getting a monthly report from Dave on the status of the sewer and a job description in case the Village needs to hire a new sewer operator. Earl Bennett moves to require a monthly written report of the operation of the sewer system to be provided to the Mayor; Brian Collins seconds; Roll Yes; Motion passes. Brian Collins moves require a monthly written report of the Village maintenance to be provided to the Mayor; Austin Whited seconds; Roll Yes; Motion passes. Hilary informed Council they need to approve permanent appropriations next month.

Robert Beck moves to adjourn; Michel Anderson seconds; Roll Yes; Motion passes. Out at 8:51 pm.