

CITY OF MARINE ON ST. CROIX CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, April 12, 2007

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Mills at 7:00pm. Kromer, Brooksbank, Miller and Lammi present.

Citizens Present: Dale Stull, David Denn, Eileen Hunter, Greg Samec, Cathie Germain, Michael Mackner, Mike Fisk, Megan Kavanagh, Dorothy Deetz, Judy Kavanagh, Christine Dettman, Roger Lyle, Jim Shaver, Vicki Getchell, Tim Carlson.

Citizens Considerations

Getchell CUP – Vicki Getchell was in attendance to request a change to a driveway CUP which was approved by the City last summer, however was never filed with the County. Kromer stated he has met with the Getchells, and they are proposing to move the easement along the south side of Parcel B to the north side of Parcel B. The current proposed location of the driveway would not change, however if there is a time when the driveway access is extinguished, the new driveway would have to be placed along the newly proposed easement. The Getchells are also proposing a two year exemption from condition number 2 in order to give them enough time to put their property in a trust. If the property were to be transferred or sold to an outside party, then the exemption would become null and void. The Council did not see any issues with the proposed changes, however will request the City Attorney to review the changes.

Kromer moved and Miller seconded to accept the Conditional Use Permit with the addition of the two year exemption condition, and contingent upon the approval of the City Attorney. Motion passed unanimously.

WMO Dissolution – Jim Shaver reported that there has been a couple of changes to the Resolution for Dissolution. The Board of Soil and Water has approved all of the newly proposed conditions of that Resolution, and therefore the WMO is requesting the Council approve the updated Resolution. Robin thanked Jim Shaver again for all of his hard work with the WMO and the merger process.

Brooksbank moved and Kromer seconded to accept Resolution Number 2007-0412, concerning the merging of the Marine WMO with Carnelian Marine Watershed District. Motion passed unanimously.

John Burrill Memorial – Dorothy Deetz reported that a group of citizens is interested in putting together a memorial for John Burrill, and would like to place that memorial in the Burris Park. The proposed memorial is a stone grill, which would be paid for with private donations. Brooksbank was initially concerned about setting precedence for memorials in the park,

however she believes the grill would be a usable function. She questioned the cost of maintenance and also the size, however supports the idea and would be willing to work with the group on trying to work through those issues. Once the plan is more finalized, Deetz will re-present to the Council at a future meeting.

Marine Gas Station – Tim Carlson met with Mayor Mills and Robin Brooksbank to discuss a proposal for moving the gasoline holding tanks to the south end of the building. The tanks would be above ground and stand approximately six feet high. The two concerns discussed by the Council were the need for screening for the tanks, and also the need for an encroachment agreement between the gas station and the City, as a large amount of the building sits on Mill Street. Brooksbank stated there will be screening on three sides of the tanks. Chief Denn has also reviewed the plans, and the only concern he has is having cars parked along the south side of the building, as the cars block the access for emergency vehicles. The Council suggested designating that portion of Mill Street as a fire lane, which would allow any cars parked illegally to be towed.

Brooksbank moved and Miller seconded that the City work with Tim Carlson to develop an Encroachment Agreement to position the new gas tanks 40ft. south of the building, and to include screening to ensure the tanks will be screened within a couple of years, and also that the area will be designated as a fire lane to the satisfaction of the City and the Fire Chief. Motion passed unanimously.

Brookside Outdoor Music – Cathy Germain, owner of the Brookside, presented a proposal for their outdoor music schedule through the summer. They would like to have a band every Sunday from 4pm – 7pm. Cathy stated they have moved the location of the stage and also added a cover to help contain the noise. Clerk Peterson advised the applications need Council approval prior to the event, therefore the applications for May 27th, June 3rd, and June 10th must be submitted at the May Council meeting.

Planning Commission – The public hearing on the non-conforming lot issue was tabled until the April meeting due to lack of a quorum. Three meetings have been set for the public Comprehensive Plan Update. Those dates are May 12th, May 16th and May 19th, and TKDA will be facilitating those meetings. The City will also be mailing out a census survey to all residents in an attempt to gather up to date information.

Brooksbank reported on the passing of Carl Remick, a valued colleague and friend who volunteered on the Planning Commission and gave contributed lots of valuable insight. The Council extended their sympathy to Carl's family.

Committee Reports

Jackson Meadow –

Jackson Meadow Public Improvements – Bob Stark has generated a new punch list for the potable water and sewer issues. Miller stated he is hoping to have another joint meeting with Teasdale, City Engineer, JM Board members and City before the end of the month to discuss the ongoing issues. Teasdale has also mentioned that he would like the City to consider taking over the potable water before the sewer.

Trails – A letter was received by the board requesting the City prohibit horses from riding on the trails due to the damage they are causing. Brooksbank advised the intent of the trail system is for multiple use, and therefore is against prohibiting horses. She believes it is an issue in the spring, due to the soft ground, and suggested contacting the local horse groups and making them aware of the problem. Brooksbank will talk to Bill Voedisch of May Township, as they are very involved in a local riding group, and request they help to get the word out. Brooksbank also suggested possibly posting signs prohibiting horses just during the spring months.

Burning Permits – Eileen Hunter questioned the need for separate signatures on the burning permits at Jackson Meadow. Chief Denn explained Harold Teasdale needs to sign the permits for the Hollow property as the designated burn boss, and a member of the JM Board needs to sign as the responsible party for burning done on Association property. Teasdale will also be bringing in Sentence to Serve for buckthorn removal, and that process will need to be done through the City.

Public Safety – Chief Denn advised the delivery date for the new ambulance has been delayed again, and hopes to have it by June 1st. He also reported the burning restrictions are currently in effect, and that this week is tornado awareness week.

The pressure washer has been installed, and the new lockers have been delivered and should be installed within the next 60 days.

John Gorka has donated \$2500 of his concert proceeds back to the department, and the Brookside donated the food for the appreciation dinner.

Roads –

Cedar Street – A letter was received from Cindy Jepsen and Chris/Judy Strand requesting the City help pay for screening along their property, which abuts the Cedar Street trail. Brooksbank noted that the reason the City paid for the fence along the Getchell portion of the

trail, was due to ADA requirements, which is not an issue in this situation. Brooksbank suggested the trail committee look into, and report back at a later meeting.

Road Restriction Waiver – Lakeland Patio and Door is requesting a waiver from the road restriction limit on the alley between Second and Third Streets. A tree has fallen on a house, and they need the waiver to be able to get a truck in there to remove the tree.

Brooksbank moved and Miller seconded to grant a waiver to Lakeland Patio and Door to get their equipment in to remove the tree from the house at 331 Third Street. Motion passed unanimously.

Oak Street Reconstruction – TKDA has submitted the results from the soil boring samples taken from Oak Street, and the overall bid for the project came back under the budgeted amount. TKDA is now requesting authorization from the Council to go out for bids. *Miller moved and Brooksbank seconded to authorize TKDA to go out for bid for the Oak Street Reconstruction project. Motion passed unanimously.*

Highway 95 – Miller reported the reconveyance for the MNDOT property to the City is still in the works, however has been delayed until the end of the summer.

Personnel/Building Inspector – Mary Tomnitz was hired as the new Assistant Clerk as of March 27th.

The Council reviewed the Public Works project list. The waterfall fence is finished and is ready to be sent out for sand blasting. The concrete work is expected to start in May.

Mayor Mills noted that the trees need to be trimmed around town to accommodate the public safety vehicles.

Brooksbank moved and Lammi seconded to approve the hiring of Mary Tomnitz as the Assistant City Clerk. Motion passed unanimously.

Recreation – Miller reported he is trying to get volunteers together to get the rink liner put away.

Finance – Still waiting for the financial statement to come back from the Auditor.

Hall/Restoration – Continuing to work on sorting through old documents.

Cemetery – Greg Strand presented a bid from Gerlach in the amount of \$7666 for a new lawn mower, and is requesting approval from the Council to purchase the mower.

Cliff Myers has increased his burial rates due to the cost of fuel, and Clerk Peterson has suggested raising the City's burial cost to \$450 to offset that increase.

Still looking for a new recording system, and a suggestion was made to include a security camera for the maintenance shop also.

Brooksbank moved and Lammi seconded to accept the bid from Gerlach for a new cemetery lawn mower. Motion passed unanimously.

Miller moved and Brooksbank seconded to increase the burial charge to \$450. Motion passed unanimously.

Riverway Rules – No Report.

Village Center – The library committee met with Pat Conley to discuss future plans for the library. There is another meeting scheduled for Saturday, April 21st to continue the discussion. Brooksbank noted that the July deadline is still in effect for the committee's recommendation.

Wastewater and Water Systems – There was some emergency pumping at the Marina, and an issue concerning power at P-4, however both issues have been fixed.

Consent Calendar – *Miller moved and Brooksbank seconded to approve the Minutes of 3/15/07 and 3/27 with a change to page 2 of the 3/15/07 Minutes, under Public Safety, to correct the spelling of ambulance in the last sentence. The Treasurer's Report dated 3/07, the List of Bills for 4/12/07, Planning Commission Minutes, Zoning Administrator's Report and the March Maintenance Report. Motions passed unanimously.*

Old/New Business

Cell Tower Update – Miller reported that May Township has approved the application for a 165 ft tower, and the 195 ft tower is no longer an option, and the litigation process has now been dropped. Miller noted that the 165 ft tower will have little effect on Marine, and the cell company is looking into the possibility of a boost tower in Marine. The 800mhz towers may also be an option, once the system is in place.

Reibel Property Update – Brooksbank has spoken to Brent Riebel regarding his property along Broadway, and he believes his property may qualify for a green space grant through Washington County. He will continue to pursue.

Mayor Notes/Clerk's Report - Mayor Mills reported that there are openings for the Carnelian Watershed Board nominations, if anyone on the Council is interested.

Adjournment –*Miller moved and Lammi seconded to adjourn at 8:40 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.*

Minutes taken by Lynette Peterson, City Clerk