

CITY OF MARINE ON ST. CROIX CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
Thursday, April 9, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Mills at 7:00pm. Lammi, Myers (7:05), Marker and Benson present.

Citizens Present: Kate Bourgeron, Steve Anderson, Dale Stull, Lon Pardun, Joe Matsumoto.

Citizens Considerations

Steve Anderson - Mr. Anderson introduced himself as the new park manager for William O'Brien. He was the park manager from 1981 – 1989, then left William O'Brien for Interstate Park.

Joseph Matsumoto – Mr. Matsumoto purchased the property at 1601 Broadway from Tom Warth and wanted to let the Council know his future plans for the property. This summer he would like to bring in sheep and also do some market gardening. Due to the deer problem, he also plans to install an 8' tall fence around the perimeter of the property. The Council thanked Mr. Matsumoto for taking the time to bring his plans forth to the City.

Planning Commission – No March meeting.

Committee Reports –

Jackson Meadow Public Improvements – One of the pumps in wastewater system was plugged and is currently being repaired. NAWA is looking into a solution for preventing this in the future.

Driving Complaints – Deputy Reedy, Washington County Sheriff's Department, reported that the previous Friday evening, he stopped a minimum of 16 cars driving through the Jackson Meadow Development. The majority of the cars were teenagers from surrounding areas, however one car came from as far away as Chaska. Some suggestions were made of things that may help, such as having the City pass a cruising ordinance, which would help give the deputies probable cause for stopping the cars. Another suggestion was to install surveillance cameras and post signs stating the area is being watched. Lammi will bring these suggestions to the next Homeowners Association meeting and in the mean time, Washington County will continue to patrol the area.

Public Safety – Captain Pardun was in attendance to review a memo written by Chief Denn summarizing the updates since the last meeting (attached). Lammi noted that next year he would like to get a group of volunteers outside of the department to plan the appreciation dinner.

Roads – Commander Marv Stutz was in attendance to question whether the Council would be interested in partnering with Washington County to apply for a grant to obtain a contracted deputy for a three year time period. The grant is a result of the stimulus package through the

Federal government and would pay for all costs incurred for an entry level deputy, with the exception of pay increases and overtime. As part of this program, the City would be required to cover the cost of the deputy for the fourth year, however the City could consider sharing that responsibility with Scandia. Currently Marine is the only City in the County without a contracted deputy.

*Lammi moved and Marker seconded to request Washington County move forward with the COPS grant application on behalf of the City. Motion passed unanimously.*

MNDOT Update – Lammi reported that he and Dale Stull will be meeting with MnDOT representatives on April 22<sup>nd</sup> to discuss the speed issue and a possible turn land for Butternut Falls. Also, a meeting will be held on April 30<sup>th</sup> with URS, the firm hired by MnDOT to complete the spec work on the highway resurfacing project. This meeting is for all local agencies affected by the project. Myers suggested the City talk to MnDOT about possibly resurfacing the bike trail south of County Rd 7 at the same time.

Proposed Right of Way Ordinance – Clerk Peterson received a phone call from a wireless communications company looking to place antennas on certain utility poles in town. Currently the only ordinance which addresses this issue is the wireless communications ordinance. The City Attorney has suggested the City adopt a right of way ordinance in order to have more control over which type of activities can happen in City right of way. The Council will review the ordinance and discuss at the May meeting.

Personnel/Building Inspector – The Council reviewed the Public Works maintenance report. Lammi noted that both Mary and Lynette will have their yearly reviews this month. Jason and Tommy have obtained their water licenses.

Recreation – There has been an issue with the door on the ice rink. The door has since been removed and will need to look at reinforcing the hinges for next year.

Dale Stull thanked Public Works for the additional piece of fencing by the bank.

Finance – No Report.

Hall/Restoration – The Restoration Society will meet on April 18<sup>th</sup>.

Cemetery – The quote to replace all of the camera equipment was approximately \$2,000. Discussion was held whether the cameras really need to be upgraded at this time, as there have not been any issues reported. Lammi noted that the cemetery has been filmed and put on YouTube as part of the Jackson Meadow issues. After further discussion, it was agreed that the City would wait to see if Jackson Meadow would be pursuing cameras, and proceed at that time.

Jason Crotty reported they have been cleaning along the boundary line of the cemetery and Jerry Getchell's property. A new fence has been installed along the north boundary line of the Getchell

property and the City would like to remove the old fence. Marker will contact Mr. Getchell to make sure there are no issues.

Riverway Rules – A St. Croix workshop was held in March to discuss ordinances on the waterway and water quality.

Village Center – The City received an email suggesting it look into becoming a ‘Slow City’ or sustainable city. Benson believes the idea is great, however does not think there would be any support from the MN chapter and would need to be completely promoted by the City. No further action was taken.

Library Update – Benson, Marker and Myers met with Representative Matt Dean. One of the issues discussed was the potential for receiving federal funding for the library. Dean stated if the City were to pull together a complete plan, he would be willing to carry it forward to the legislature. Lammi and Benson will also be meeting with Pat Conley to discuss the Marine library issue and its future possibilities.

Wastewater and Water Systems – Benson reported that Representative Dean also discussed bringing forth to the legislature a funding request for wastewater system infrastructure upgrades. Jason Crotty advised the City will need to spend some time identifying the main issues before a plan can be put together.

Consent Calendar – *Marker moved and Benson seconded to approve the Minutes of 3/12/09, with the one change under Citizens present, to change Roberta Mills to Roberta Miller, Treasurer’s Report dated 3/09, the List of Bills for 4/9/09, Zoning Administrator’s Report, Planning Commission Minutes, and the March Maintenance Report. Motion passed unanimously.*

Old/New Business – None

Mayor Notes/Clerk’s Report – None

Adjournment – *Marker moved and Benson seconded to adjourn at 8:25p.m. Motion passed unanimously.*

Minutes taken by Lynette Peterson, City Clerk