

CITY OF MARINE ON ST. CROIX CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
Thursday, February 12, 2009

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

Citizens Present: Dale Stull, Greg Johnson, Michael Mackner, David Denn, Gwen Roden, Robera Miller, Lon Pardun, Gerry Perham, Page Holmquist, Jason Crotty, Tommy Boesel Dan Willenbring.

Citizens Considerations – None

Planning Commission – Chairman Willenbring reported on the January meeting. Currently the Commission is conducting a review of all Zoning Districts and comparing each district for consistency and uses.

Letters of Interest for the vacant positions have been received from Andy Creager, Gerry Perham and Gwen Roden. Marker thanked the members who have recently resigned and also the new members for their willingness to volunteer.

*Myers moved and Lammi seconded to appoint Gerry Perham and Gwen Roden to a two year term on the Planning Commission and Andy Creager to a three year term on the Planning Commission. Motion passed unanimously.*

Committee Reports –

Jackson Meadow Public Improvements – Myers reported that he and Jack Warren met with Marker to review the current issues. The City still has not heard from the MPCA regarding the modeling results, and would like the City to contact them to request those results.

Myers reported that TKDA will be crediting an additional \$512 towards the outstanding invoices, however the remaining invoice amounts are legitimate. Harold Teasdale has sent a check in the amount of \$6,000 and requested any additional balance be paid using the \$5,000 reserve money being held by the City.

Public Safety – Chief Denn submitted the 2008 Annual Report (attached). It was noted that the department collectively volunteered over 4,000 hours last year.

Mildred Skogloff, former Marine resident, left a bequest amount of \$34,500 to the Marine Public Safety Department, Restoration Society, Civic Club and Christ Lutheran Church. The City will send a thank you letter to the estate. The Department is thinking of ways to use the money to benefit the members and possibly help with recruitment. The Council suggested researching information on bequests and placing information on the City website and in the newsletter for people interested in leaving a bequest to City organizations. Marker volunteered to research the topic.

New Members - Currently there are six new probationary members for the ambulance squad and four for the fire department.

*Lammi moved and Marker seconded to approve the following people as probationary members of the Public Safety Department contingent upon the completion and passing of a background check: Pat McKee, Matthew Isker, Jason Crotty and Tommy Boesel as firefighters; and Andy Kramer, Lorelee DiLorenzo, Lee Kent, Greg Johnson, Jeff Peterson and Steve Suby to the ambulance squad. Motion passed unanimously.*

Roads- Lammi reported he and Benson are continuing to work on the reconveyance piece and the scheduled 2010 maintenance project. Lammi suggested scheduling a meeting after the March Council meeting to discuss the maintenance project with MnDOT representatives. Some of the items to be discussed are turn lanes at Butternut Falls and the Stugas, pedestrian cross walks, the retaining wall by the Asa Parker House and the culverts along Hwy 95. Roberta Miller was concerned that the work done by MnDOT will make the water situation worse for the residents east of the highway. Lammi suggested talking to MnDOT along with the Watershed District regarding what steps can be taken to begin to tackle that problem.

Personnel/Building Inspector – Reviewed the January maintenance report.

Recreation – Myers noted that the ice rink needs to be re-flooded since the thaw last week. There is also an issue with people continuing to walk on the ski trails in Jackson Meadow. Myers welcomed any suggestions as to how to prevent this, as currently there are signs and the trail map information was also published in the last newsletter.

Red Bridge – Dan Froiland is currently working on the repairs and hopes to finish by the end of next week. Gwen Roden has initiated a fundraising effort and has currently raised \$655. The fundraiser is similar to the ice rink fundraiser, whereas if you donate \$25 or more, you can have your name engraved on the bridge. Ms. Roden was under the impression that all of the footboards would be replaced as part of the project, and the donor names could be placed on the new boards. She has since discovered that those old boards are still in good shape and will not be replaced. She is now not sure how to handle the recognition of those names. Marker agreed to take a look at the boards to see if that is something he could possibly router. If not, a suggestion was made to place the names on some type of plaque that could be mounted on the bridge. The Council also suggested having some type of formal recognition ceremony, possibly in conjunction with Millstream Day.

Finance – The 2008 Financial Statement is complete and is ready to be submitted to the auditor.

Hall/Restoration – The next Restoration Society meeting will be held on March 5th. New officers have been elected and a new president will be elected at the March meeting.

Cemetery – Mayor Mills suggested the City look into a new camera and recorder.

Riverway Rules – Myers reported that he and Jack Warren attended the last meeting.

Village Center – Benson is currently working on the library issue. There was a meeting with the Friends of the Library group, which consists of people associated with the four “boutique” libraries within the County to discuss the current situation with the reduction in hours and the costs involved in running these libraries. Benson suggested the City send a letter to the Library Board requesting documentation regarding how the Jordan Bequest is overseen.

Benson has also received concerns from residents regarding the viability of the downtown area and will be forming a committee to discuss possible options. Lammi suggested reaching out to people/agencies outside of Marine for feedback.

Wastewater and Water Systems – Jason Crotty reported there have been several sewer issues over the last couple of weeks. He is currently working with the MPCA on the permitting process for installing a holding tank at the drainfield. The Forest Lake dump site will be closed as of February 20<sup>th</sup>, and the new facility is in St. Paul which will increase the contract pumping costs for this year. The City also received information from the state regarding low interest loans being offered for storm water/sewer projects.

Pine Cone Trail – The reassessment hearing will be held March 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm.

*Lammi moved and Benson seconded to set the Pine Cone Trail re-assessment hearing for Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup> 2009 at 6:00pm. Motion passed unanimously.*

Consent Calendar – *Lammi moved and Marker seconded to approve the Minutes of 1/8//09, Treasurer’s Report dated 1/09, the List of Bills for 2/12/09, Zoning Administrator’s Report, Planning Commission Minutes, and the January Maintenance Report. Motion passed unanimously.*

Old/New Business – The Marine School Association will be hosting a fundraiser at the Village Hall on April 18<sup>th</sup> and is requesting the hall rental fee be waived.

*Marker moved and Benson seconded to waive the hall rental fee for the Marine School Association. Motion passed unanimously.*

Comprehensive Plan – The Met Council has formally accepted the City’s Comprehensive Plan, and is now requesting a Resolution from the City formally adopting the plan.

*Lammi moved and Marker seconded to adopt Resolution No. 021209-01 Adopting the 2030 Comprehensive Plan. Motion passed unanimously.*

Military Resolution – A request was received from the Washington County Board that all Cities/Townships within the County adopt a resolution supporting the 34<sup>th</sup> Red Bull Infantry Division and Stillwater based 34<sup>th</sup> Military Police Company on their deployment to Iraq.

*Marker moved and Myers seconded to adopt Resolution 021209-04 Supporting the 34<sup>th</sup> Red Bull Infantry Division and Stillwater based 34<sup>th</sup> Military Police Company of the Minnesota National Guard on its Deployment to Iraq. Motion passed unanimously.*

Mayor Notes/Clerk's Report – Mayor Mills reported that the City has been served with a summons from Brent Reibel and has turned this issue over to the City Attorney.

A suggestion was made to request resident emails for those interested in receiving the City newsletter and other information electronically.

Adjournment –*Marker moved and Lammi seconded to adjourn at 8:30p.m. Motion passed unanimously.*

Minutes taken by Lynette Peterson, City Clerk