

CITY OF MARINE ON ST. CROIX CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, July 09, 2009

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

Citizens Present: Kate Bourgeron, Andy and Karen Kramer, Dale Stull, Roger Lyle, Deb and Paul Kinsley, Page Holmquist, David Denn, Jason Crotty.

Citizens Considerations – No Report

Planning Commission – No June Meeting.

Committee Reports –

Jackson Meadow Public Improvements – The cameras have been installed and some footage has already been used by the Washington County Sheriff's Department from an incident last weekend.

Public Safety – The Streetdance was a huge success, bringing in over \$11,400 which is the biggest profit to date.

Roads–

MNDOT Update – A letter was received from MnDOT (attached) advising the City that they are willing to leave the stairs and guardrail open at the north crosswalk, however will not provide signage or striping. Lammi noted that the Resolution passed in June by the Council was to support a fully functioning crosswalk, and therefore suggested the Council rescind that Resolution and create a new Resolution to coincide with the MnDOT letter. Myers questioned if the City should install a sign instructing pedestrians to cross at their own risk. The City Attorney seemed ok with the idea. Lammi noted that from a public safety standpoint, he still disagrees with not closing the crosswalk completely for safety reasons. Andy Kramer questioned the route for detours as he is concerned it will impact his deliveries to the General Store. Lammi advised that County Rd 4 and County Rd 7 will remain open.

Lammi moved and Benson seconded to rescind Resolution No. 2009-61109-01 and that the City accept the State closing the crosswalk in regards to removing the striping and signage but leaving the stairs and guardrail open per the MnDOT letter dated July 2, 2009. Benson, Myers and Marker in favor, Lammi against. Motion passed.

Personnel/Building Inspector – No Report.

Recreation – The fireworks and parade went very well. The overall crowd numbers were down. Page Holmquist, member of the July 4th committee, requested additional recycling bins for next year and also requested permanent No Parking signs along Berkey St. between Judd St and Hwy

95. There was an issue with people removing the temporary signs and parking along both sides of the road during the parade. The Council will discuss permanent signs at the August meeting. Benson thanked the committee for the numerous hours put into this event.

Trails – Myers stated the trails committee will meet on July 20th at 7pm to review the proposed trails ordinance.

Finance – No report.

Hall/Restoration – The advertisement for bids on the hall roof will be going out shortly. In order to move the project along and to avoid any overlap with the Hwy 95 project, Clerk Peterson requested the Council hold a special meeting on Thursday, July 30th to approve the hall roof bids. The Council agreed to hold that meeting at 6:00pm.

Mayor Mills recommended the Restoration Society look into upgrading the lighting upstairs of the hall.

Cemetery – The cameras have been installed. Marker is working with Robin Brooksbank on the possibility of acquiring property from Joan Grant.

Riverway Rules – No Report.

Village Center – Benson reported there is a historic building in town for sale that he believes could be purchased and used for a new library. A group of residents is considering an idea that involves purchasing property from MnDOT at the north end of Judd St. and potentially relocating this building to that site. Matt Dean also indicated there is money available through the state for libraries. This committee will of residents will meet and discuss this idea further. Lammi suggested this committee would fall under the committee resolution passed in June. Benson will bring forward the committee member information at the August meeting.

Wastewater and Water Systems – Benson has been researching the sewer issue requested by Chuck Arnason. The MPCA does not have record of how the ERU's were calculated. The City Clerk will check the Minutes from when the sewer was installed to see if the formulas for commercial use were discussed. Benson also noted that Mr. Arnason is comparing the School House Apartments to other commercial properties, when in fact he is being charged the residential rate.

Jason Crotty reported that the City is currently on the list for federal money to assist in a sewer project, however we will not be ready to submit a plan until the following year. Myers suggested contacting our engineer to review our system and come up with a recommendation as to what should be done. Ayres and Associates had done a review several years ago, and it was suggested that the City contact them again. Lammi also suggested contacting Matt Dean to question exactly what requirements are needed to obtain state money.

Consent Calendar – *Lammi moved and Marker seconded to approve the Minutes of 6/11//09, Treasurer’s Report dated 6/09, the List of Bills for 7/09/09, Zoning Administrator’s Report, Planning Commission Minutes, and the June Maintenance Report. Motion passed unanimously.*

Old/New Business – Joan Grant will be presenting a land division request at the August meeting.

Pine Thinning – A bid was received to perform thinning of the 40 acres behind the maintenance shop. The last time this was done was in 1996, and it was recommended at that time that it be done every five years. The City Clerk will have the formal bid proposal ready for the August meeting. It was also suggested that the loggers contact the Jackson Meadow Homeowners Association regarding their property.

.Butternut Falls Sewer Letter - A letter was received from the property owner of Lot 10 at Butternut Falls to connect to the City sewer system. Washington County has denied that property owner request for an on-site system as the site did not meet the perc requirements. This item will be on the August agenda.

Brookside Music Permits – Mayor Mills stated there have not been any music applications applied for by the Brookside for any upcoming weekends. There have been some concerns raised regarding the table top seating on the front sidewalk of the Brookside and also the fact that a large area of the street was fenced off during the July 3rd fireworks to serve alcohol. Benson suggested the City consider amending the liquor ordinance to address these issues. The City Clerk will contact the City Attorney to look at defining outdoor requirements for liquor on the premises.

Mayor Notes/Clerk’s Report – No Report.

Adjournment –*Lammi moved and Myers seconded to adjourn at 8:08p.m. Motion passed unanimously.*

Minutes taken by Lynette Peterson, City Clerk