

CITY OF MARINE ON ST. CROIX CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, January 13, 2011

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

Citizens Present: Steve Anderson, Dale Stull, David Denn, Tom Warth.

Oath of Office – Clerk Peterson administered the Oath of Office to new Council Member Chris Mowery, and re-elected member Mike Lammi and Mayor Glen Mills.

Citizens Considerations - Steve Anderson, Manager of William O'Brien State Park, was in attendance to discuss a proposed boundary expansion which will be included in the 2011 Legislation. The park would like to add a 13 acre parcel owned by Brian Jemelka into its boundary area. This addition would allow the park the opportunity to purchase the property should it ever come up for sale. Mr. Anderson is requesting a letter of support from the City to include in the legislative packet.

Lammi moved and Benson seconded to provide a letter of support for the acquisition of the Jemelka property for William O'Brien State Park. Motion passed unanimously.

Planning Commission - No December meeting. T-Mobile is close to submitting it's formal application.

Designate Official Depository -

Marker moved and Benson seconded to designate Mike Lammi as acting Mayor, that the monthly meeting date be the second Thursday on the month at 7:00pm, that the Country Messenger be the official newspaper, that the Security State Bank of Marine be the official depository, that Eckberg, Lammers, Briggs, Wolff and Vierling be the official legal firm, that Tolz, King, Duvall and Anderson be the City Engineer and that Robert Rules of Order, Revised, be the official rules of the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Committee Assignments – Mowery will take Recreation, and also partner with Lammi on Public Safety and Roads. Benson will keep Village Center and will add Hall/Restoration. Everything else will remain the same.

Committee Reports –

Jackson Meadow – Marker and Jack Warren met with Greg Johnson to review the wastewater situation. Everything else is on track.

Public Safety – Lammi reported that the compensation checks have been distributed and were well received. The extrication tool has been delivered. Lammi, along with the City staff are currently working on a date for the annual Appreciation Dinner, along with getting the Art Fair applications under way. Chief Denn noted that Jack Warren has retired from the Fire Department after 48 years, however is still an active member of the Ambulance. Lammi also suggested re-appointing David Denn as Public Safety Chief for another 2 year term.

Lammi moved and Marker seconded to re-appoint David Denn as Public Safety Chief for another term. Motion passed unanimously.

Roads– Lammi noted that Public Works has done a great job keeping up with all the recent snow.

Personnel/Building Inspector – No Report.

Recreation – Ice Rink is up and running. Dave Schlenker, a local parent, has built a homemade zamboni using his lawn tractor, which has done a great job maintaining the ice.

Finance – No Report.

Hall/Restoration – The Restoration Society has received a grant which will allow an engineering firm to conduct a study on the structural issues for the Village Hall.

Cemetery – No Report.

Village Center – Benson spoke to Pat Conley regarding the restrictions the County will be placing on the library budgets in May. As a result of these restrictions, the County will consider discontinuing services to the four small libraries, of which Marine is included. However, because the Marine library has the Jordan bequest still in place, the County would continue to service our library until those bequest dollars are exhausted. The other option would be for the City to come forward with a plan for the future of the library. One option would be for the County to use the bequest dollars to purchase a kiosk for Marine, which the County would maintain in perpetuity. Benson met with a group of citizens to review and discuss the Comprehensive Plan in relation to the Village Center, and this group has also agreed to discuss options for the library. The goal is to have a plan in place by March, which would then be presented at a public hearing. Clerk Peterson suggested including the current office space issues in those discussions. A suggestion was also made to keep the Restoration Society involved in those discussions.

Wastewater and Water Systems – Jason Crotty advised they plan to do some water valving in January, however he is still waiting on pricing.

Consent Calendar – *Lammi moved and Benson seconded to approve the Minutes of 12/9/10, Treasurer's Report dated 12/10, the List of Bills for 1/13/11, Zoning Administrator's Report,*

Planning Commission Minutes (None), and the December Maintenance Report. Motion passed unanimously.

Old/New Business –

Citizen of the Year – Marker suggested Curt Moe for his leadership of two major volunteer projects, one being the Mill Site Restoration and the other the Historic Walking Trail. Lammi suggested David Denn for his long term leadership on the Public Safety Department, and has been instrumental with many of the major department improvements. Lammi also suggested recognizing the new businesses, as they have been the key to revitalizing this town. After further discussion, a suggestion was made to send a recognition plaque to the local businesses, and also to create some type of “featured business” in each quarterly newsletter to help recognize the individual businesses.

Lammi moved and Marker seconded to nominate two citizens of the year; Curt Moe and David Denn and to also send a recognition plaque to the local businesses. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Notes/Clerk’s Report – Clerk Peterson advised she had checked with the Insurance Agent regarding insurance for the Marine O’Brien ski race, and the City cannot hold the volunteer insurance policy unless that event is sponsored by the City. In order to sponsor an event, all aspects of that event must be run through the City, including the financial portion. Benson suggested the City donate \$400 to the event, which would cover the cost of purchasing a policy. Clerk Peterson will look into.

Adjournment – *Mowery moved and Lammi seconded to adjourn at 8:02p.m. Motion passed unanimously.*

Minutes taken by Lynette Peterson, City Clerk