

CITY OF MARINE ON ST. CROIX CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
Thursday, January 11, 2010

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

Citizens Present: Dorothy Mattson, Dale Stull, David Denn, Jack Warren, Bruce McGregor, Bill Miller, Tom Warth, Gordon Maltby, Sherrill Reid, Dave Snyder, Jason Bailey.

Public Hearing – Flood Plain Ordinance – Mayor Mills opened the Public Hearing at 7:02pm for the purpose of discussing a proposed amendment to the Flood Plain Ordinance.

Marker reviewed the new FEMA regulations and the need to amend the current ordinance to meet the new FEMA requirements. The proposed ordinance, which was provided by the DNR, was reviewed by both the City Attorney and City Engineer. Dave Snyder was concerned that the proposed ordinance did not address whether a Marina was either a permitted or a non permitted use. This would be determined based upon whether the Marina was in the floodway or flood fringe, which currently is undetermined. The City did receive an alternate sample ordinance, however Mr. Snyder has not yet had a chance to review the language. The recommendation was to recess the public hearing until a later date, which would give the attorney a chance to review the new draft ordinance and also request that a representative from the DNR attend to answer questions.

*Marker moved and Lammi seconded to recess the Public Hearing until January 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00pm. Motion passed unanimously.*

Citizens Considerations

Gordon Maltby – Mr. Maltby was in attendance to request permission to hold a car show event sometime this summer. This event would consist of between 40-50 porsche owners with their cars. They would use various areas of the downtown area and would like to hold the event sometime in August. The Council did not see any issues with this request.

Brookside Liquor License Renewal – The Brookside liquor license renewal was presented to the Council for the year 2010. The Council was concerned that none of the delinquent utilities have been paid for the Brookside since Mr. Hansen took over.

*Lammi moved and Marker seconded to approve the liquor license renewal for the Brookside Bar and Grill for January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010 with the condition that all delinquent sewer and garbage charges be paid in full with 45 days from today. Motion passed unanimously.*

Jason and Kelly Bailey - Mr. Bailey was in attendance to present the plans for his proposed restaurant located at the corner of the Lumberyard Shops. The City Clerk has confirmed with Washington County that a CLC has been filed and that all unpaid taxes have been brought

current. Eagle Valley Bank is the current owner of the building, and they have formed an association to deal with the common utilities. Mr. Bailey is requesting the Council consider granting a second wine and beer license for his establishment, which would require an amendment to the current ordinance. There was a question as to the current septic system and whether it could handle this type of business. Currently there are two individual tanks for that property. Lammi stated that the City is always looking for viable businesses for the downtown area, however cautioned Mr. Bailey to do his research before making any big decisions. Lammi also believes the City should hear from the residents prior to making any decisions.

*Lammi moved and Marker seconded to hold a public hearing to discuss amending the current liquor ordinance on Thursday, February 11, 2010 at 7:00pm. Motion passed unanimously.*

Planning Commission - No December meeting.

Designate Official Depository - Mayor Mills suggested changing committee assignments to every other year. The Council agreed.

*Lammi moved and Marker 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.*

*Mayor Mills abstained from voting.*

Committee Reports –

Jackson Meadow – Myers reported that the City is beginning to discuss the wastewater takeover. There will be a meeting on February 11<sup>th</sup> between the City, Jackson Meadow Homeowners Association, Developer and MPCA.

Public Safety – Working on a date for the Annual Appreciation Dinner.

Roads– Lammi hopes to discuss the Judd Street construction project at the March meeting. The crosswalk should be installed within the next two weeks.

Personnel/Building Inspector – No Report.

Recreation – There was some concern at the ice rink about the hockey players taking over the rink. Lammi suggested creating an area with cones designated for the smaller skaters.

The ski race at O'Brien is coming up. Myers questioned whether the volunteers are covered under the City insurance policy. Clerk Peterson will check.

Finance – Clerk Peterson presented a proposal to contract with a payroll service. The payroll system the City was using is no longer supported by that company, and the only other option is an on line service. The proposed company is Vital Systems, and was recommended by John Dimunation.

*Marker moved and Lammi seconded to accept the proposal dated January 13, 2010 by Vital Systems to manage the City payroll system. Motion passed unanimously.*

Hall/Restoration – The next Restoration Society event will be held on February 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

Cemetery – Mary Tomnitz is still working on creating an inventory of remaining cemetery lots, and the hope is to have that ready for the February meeting.

Riverway Rules – No Report.

Village Center – No Report.

Wastewater and Water Systems – TKDA is working on putting together the preliminary findings on the drainfield. The City has requested a 60 day waiver extension from Ms. Mattson, however has not received a response yet.

Consent Calendar – *Lammi moved and Marker seconded to approve the Minutes of 12/10/09, Treasurer's Report dated 12/09, the List of Bills for 1/14/09, Zoning Administrator's Report), Planning Commission Minutes (None), and the December Maintenance Report. Motion passed unanimously.*

Old/New Business – The Council reviewed the request by Rene Arcand to have the City designate her as the manager for the Farmer's Market, and the consensus was to not have the City get involved.

Reibel - Dave Snyder reviewed the litigation issue brought against the City by Mr. Reibel for causing damage to his property. A proposal was made that the City purchase the property from Mr. Reibel, however the City was not interested. Mr. Reibel has now agreed to convey the property to the City free and clear.

*Marker moved and Lammi seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2010-011401-01 accepting property located at Broadway Street in the City of Marine on St. Croix. Motion passed unanimously.*

Citizen of the Year – Lammi nominated Lon Pardun as the 2009 Citizen of the Year for his outstanding volunteerism and history within the community, and considers Lon a role model.

*Lammi moved and Myers seconded to name Lon Pardun as the 2009 Citizen of the Year. Motion passed unanimously.*

Mayor Notes/Clerk's Report – .

Dangerous Dog Letter – A letter was received by Betsy Knox, resident, concerned that there are certain dogs in town that are considered dangerous, and requested the City some sort of action. The Council discussed the current policy, which consists of a letter to the owner and Animal Control. If the problem persists, then Washington County should be notified as the enforcement for the City. Sherrill Reid, Animal Control officer, advised that it is also important that all incidences be reported so they are on record.

Hall Waiver Request – Robin Brooksbank is hosting a non profit event for Mounds Park Academy on February 14<sup>th</sup>, and is requesting the Council waive the hall rental fee.

*Marker moved and Myers seconded to waive the hall rental fee for the Mounds Park Academy fundraiser. Motion passed unanimously.*

New Recreation Vehicle – Lammi reported that a Polaris Ranger has been identified as the recreational vehicle that will be purchased together between the Public Safety Department and Public Works.

Snow Blower – The snow blower at the ice rink is leaking oil. Discussion was held as to whether it should be replaced or if there are other options available. The decision was made to repair the current snow blower and re-evaluate after the season.

Adjournment –*Lammi moved and Marker seconded to adjourn at 8:19p.m. Motion passed unanimously.*

Minutes taken by Lynette Peterson, City Clerk