

CITY OF MARINE ON ST. CROIX CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, September 10, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Mills at 7:02pm. Myers, Benson, Lammi and Marker present.

Citizens Present: Kate Bourgeron, Andy and Karen Kramer, Amy Dresch, Tom Warth, David Denn.

Citizens Considerations – T-Mobile Tower Proposal – Amy Dresch, FMHC Corp., was in attendance to discuss the proposal to place a 90 ft. monopole tower at the maintenance shop. The tower would be a multi-use tower housing the T-Mobile cell capabilities along with a public safety siren on the top. The tower would require an interim use permit, however there was some question as to whether the tower would require a variance for height. This issue will be added to the Planning Commission agenda for September, and the City Clerk will request verification of the height requirement from the City Attorney. A crane test will be scheduled for September 29th and several of the Council members offered to view the crane from various locations and take pictures to determine the visual impact.

Marine General Store Request - Andy and Karen Kramer were in attendance to seek backing from the Council for an expansion idea they have for the General Store. Currently the store is lacking space in the deli area and also needs to update much of their equipment. They are proposing an addition to the south side of the store to offer food service along with wine and beer. This expansion would happen in three phases. The first phase would be to relocate the loading dock from the south side of the building to the north side. The second phase would be to remodel and expand the deli section, which would happen sometime early 2010. The third phase would be to add a food service area to the south side of the building, which would include indoor/outdoor seating, re-landscaping and potential community/meeting space. This would be scheduled for early 2011. The issues that would need to be worked out with the City are: boundaries between the City Hall and General Store, water management/erosion issues, sewer/utility easement issues, wine and beer license and the process for taking a private entity and turning that into community space. The Kramers requested the City provide a non-binding letter of interest now and in the future they will be looking for a long term development agreement with the City. The Council was in support of the idea, however Lammi was looking for more concrete plans and ideas prior to the City drafting a letter of interest. The Kramer's raised the concern that the wine and beer license may not be available at the time the expansion would be complete. The question was raised as to whether the City could hold the liquor license with the intention that the General Store could apply for it at a later date or if the applicant was required to have the establishment in place prior to being granted a license. The City Clerk will ask the City Attorney for clarification. Benson will meet with the Kramers to begin discussing the details.

Dick Johnson –Lumberyard Shops – Mr. Johnson was sent a letter by the City giving him 15 days to submit a written statement for rectifying the issue of renting space without a Conditional Use Permit. Clerk Peterson advised a letter was received from Mr. Johnson requesting he be on the agenda to request the required CUP, however called Mayor Mills to advise he no longer wishes to pursue the CUP and would like the Council to give him until the end of the month to vacate the building. The Council agreed to give Mr. Johnson until September 30th to vacate the renters or the City will forward on to the City Attorney for further action. The City Clerk will send a letter to Mr. Johnson to advise him of the Council's decision.

Planning Commission – No Meeting.

Committee Reports –

Jackson Meadow – A letter was received from Lake Elmo bank requesting to extend the Letter of Credit until October 1, 2010.

Lammi moved and Marker seconded to extend the letter of credit for Jackson Meadow LLP until October 1, 2010. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Safety – Jason Crotty requested the go ahead to designate Berkey St. east of Hwy 95 as a fire lane.

Myers moved and Lammi seconded to make Berkey Street from Highway 95 to Judd Street as a fire lane. Motion passed unanimously.

Roads– Lammi is working with MnDOT to get business district open signs posted along the detour for the Marine businesses. The crosswalk lights should be installed around the same time the overlay project is complete.

Personnel/Building Inspector – No Report.

Recreation – The trails committee is meeting with a University of Minnesota class to create an overlay of all of the trail system.

Finance – The Truth in Taxation meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 1st at 6:00pm.

Hall/Restoration – There was an error in the calculation of the square footage for the village hall. The additional material will add an additional \$10,150 to the project total. The engineer has agreed that these additional costs are legitimate and the insurance company has agreed to pay the full amount. The Council needs to approve the change order in order to proceed.

Lammi is collecting information on the solar panels for the roof.

Lammi moved and Marker seconded to approve the change order needed for the additional \$10,150. Motion passed unanimously.

Cemetery – The road has been seal coated as a temporary fix. Mayor Mills is looking into information on mausoleums as a way to conserve space.

Riverway Rules – The next meeting will be held on September 16th.

Village Center – No Report.

Wastewater and Water Systems – Mayor Mills is collecting information from other cities on how to calculate ERU's.

Consent Calendar – *Lammi moved and Benson seconded to approve the Minutes of 8/13/09 and 8/27/09, Treasurer's Report dated 8/09, the List of Bills for 9/10/09, Zoning Administrator's Report, Planning Commission Minutes, and the August Maintenance Report. Motion passed unanimously.*

Old/New Business – Clerk Peterson sent a certified letter to the Brookside regarding the music violation however has not received a response.

Myers requested several pot holes on Oak Knoll get filled.

Mayor Notes/Clerk's Report – No Report.

Adjournment – *Marker moved and Myers seconded to adjourn at 8:20p.m. Motion passed unanimously.*

Minutes taken by Lynette Peterson, City Clerk