

CITY OF MARINE ON ST. CROIX CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
Thursday, January 8, 2009

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

Citizens Present: Jack Warren, David Denn, Mandy Hathaway, Ray Vandever, Harold and Carol Teasdale, Susan Pollack, Natalie Pollack, Gwen Roden.

Oath of Office - Clerk Peterson administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Mills and Councilmen Myers, Marker and Benson.

Citizens Considerations – Senator Ray Vandever was in attendance to briefly discuss the state deficit and any impact the loss of LGA will have on the City for 2009. Mr. Vandever also discussed a proposed bill to have the Watershed district present their proposed annual budget to the County Board for review prior to adoption. Mr. Vandever will be presenting this bill to legislation this upcoming session and requested the City draft a letter of support to accompany the bill. The Council thought the proposed bill was a great idea and directed the City Clerk to draft the letter.

Planning Commission – No December meeting.

Designate Official Depository – *Lammi moved and Myers seconded to designate Mike Lammi as acting Mayor, that the monthly meeting date be the second Thursday of the month at 7:00pm, that the Country Messenger be the official newspaper, that 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- The Council reviewed the various committees and assigned as follows: Jackson Meadow – Myers/Marker; Public Safety – Lammi/Benson; Roads – Lammi/Benson; Personnel – Lammi; Recreation – Myers; Finance – Marker; Hall/Restoration – Myers; Cemetery – Mills/Marker; River Way Rules – Myers; Village Center – Benson; Wastewater – Mills.

Committee Reports

Jackson Meadow Public Improvements – Myers reported that he and Jack Warren met with TKDA to review past invoices which Harold Teasdale is disputing due to potential double billing. The result of the meeting is a credit for \$1477.59, which TKDA will refund the City and the City will adjust from Mr. Teasdale's total past due invoice amount. Teasdale also submitted a letter to the City questioning the current invoice amount of \$2886.75. This invoice was based upon TKDA's review of the modeling, a site walk through and updating the current punch list. Myers stated the City has not yet seen that updated punch list and will contact the City Engineer. Myers has also requested that in the future, he review any invoices billed to Mr. Teasdale prior to

sending them. Teasdale is upset that TKDA continues to bill for the current City Engineer to review work done by the previous Engineer, and those costs continue to get passed down to Jackson Meadow.

Public Safety – Chief Denn attended a meeting for the Washington County Chiefs Association to discuss the transition to the 800 MHZ system, which is scheduled to happen on February 16<sup>th</sup>. Dan Malmgren will be the designated trainer for the department, and all training must be complete prior to the February 16<sup>th</sup> date. The City has received the contract from Washington County, and after reviewing that contract, Chief Denn encouraged the City to go ahead and sign. Each radio will cost \$400, with the maintenance fees coming in around \$2,000 per year.

Recruitment Update- Lammi commended Chief Denn and Captain Pardun for securing enough recruits for the ambulance to keep the squad going. Benson questioned the continuation of recruiting to avoid this type of situation in the future. Chief Denn stated there will continue to be on-going recruitment efforts, however he believes that future discussions will need to take place regarding incentives for the department members.

Mayor Mills advised there was a letter received regarding a request for reimbursement made by the City for EMT classes. The City has an understood policy that if a department member takes a class, which is paid for by the City, and does not remain on the squad for at least one year, then that member will reimburse the City for the cost of the class. The City Clerk will forward the letter to the City Attorney for review.

Roads- Lammi reported he was able to locate additional salt through an outside company, which should get us through the rest of the winter season. If there is excess, it can be stored until next winter.

Personnel/Building Inspector – No Report.

Recreation – Myers reported that all is good with the ice rink and the new trails in Jackson Meadow are working great. The Marine ski race will be held on January 25<sup>th</sup> at William O'Brien.

Finance – The 2008 Financial Statement should be ready for the March meeting.

Hall/Restoration – The next Restoration Society meeting will be held on January 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

Cemetery – No Report.

Riverway Rules – Clerk Peterson will check with Jack Warren for the next meeting date.

Village Center – Robin Brooksbank will continue to work with MNDOT for the Village Center signage project.

Wastewater and Water Systems – Jason Crotty reported there have been some pump issues, and

he is currently with a company to find a solution. Currently also working with the City Engineer to obtain updated sewer maps.

Pine Cone Trail – The City Engineer has recommended approval of the final two change orders, along with final payment to C&B Excavating. Public Works has stated there are also a few hour meters that need to be replaced also.

*Lammi moved and Marker seconded to approve the Change Orders 2 and 3 and also final payment to C&B Excavating contingent upon the receipt of the items listed in the letter from TKDA dated January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009 and the additional replacement of the hours meters. Motion passed unanimously.*

Consent Calendar – *Lammi moved and Benson seconded to approve the Minutes of 12/8//08, Treasurer's Report dated 12/08, the List of Bills for 1/09/08, Zoning Administrator's Report, Planning Commission Minutes, and the December Maintenance Report. Motion passed unanimously.*

Old/New Business – The John Gorka concert will be held January 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm, which will benefit the Public Safety Department.

Mayor Notes/Clerk's Report – Citizen of the Year – Mayor Mills nominated Robin Brooksbank for her service on the Council and for her work on such issues as the waterfall fence and ambulance fundraiser.

*Lammi moved and Marker seconded to nominate Robin Brooksbank as the 2008 Citizen of the Year. Motion passed unanimously.*

Clerk Peterson advised there is a conference through the League of MN Cities for newly elected officials and will forward that information to Marker, Benson and Myers to see if they are interested in attending.

Adjournment – *Lammi moved and Marker seconded to adjourn at 8:50p.m. Motion passed unanimously.*

Minutes taken by Lynette Peterson, City Clerk