

CITY OF MARINE ON ST. CROIX CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, May 13, 2010

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

Citizens Present: Fred Hundt, Dale Stull, Bruce McGregor, David Denn, Gordon Maltby, Dorothy Deetz.

Citizens Considerations

Park Rental Waiver Request – Fred Hundt was in attendance to request the rental fee be waived for the Burris Park on June 13th. Several members of the community are holding a benefit picnic for Toni Poletes, one of the owners of Ostlunds Garage, who is battling cancer.

Myers moved and Lammi seconded to waive the park rental fee for the July 13th event. Motion passed unanimously.

Encroachment Agreement Request 401 Holmes Street– Jason Peterson submitted a written request for an encroachment agreement to place a 20x20 shed partially on Gaskill Street. Gaskill is a platted, but unimproved street on the far east side of the Peterson property. The shed would be in the corner of the property and would comply with both the front yard setback from Berkey Street and the side yard setback. The shed would be built on 6x6 skids and have a wooden floor, therefore making it a movable structure. Marker noted that during his years on the Planning Commission, the City encouraged encroachment agreements for sheds as temporary structures. Dorothy Deetz, resident, stated they have the same situation where they placed a shed between their property and the neighbors on a City alley.

Marker moved and Lammi seconded to accept the encroachment agreement for 401 Holmes Street as drafted by the City Attorney. Motion passed unanimously.

Planning Commission - The Commission is still working on updating the various zoning districts. The hope is to have a joint meeting with the Council to review the changes sometime this fall, then proceed with a Public Hearing.

Committee Reports –

Jackson Meadow – Jason Crotty reported that the City will begin mowing the trails. Myers received an email from a JM trail committee member stating they believe they could mow with their tractor. Myers will check into. The City will also look further into the insurance liability issue of having volunteers work on City property.

Public Safety – Clerk Peterson requested approval for the one day liquor license and music permit for the upcoming street dance on June 19th.

Lammi moved and Marker seconded to approve the 1 day liquor license and outdoor music permit for the Fireman's Streetdance on June 19th. Motion passed unanimously.

Grant Applicaton – Chief Denn advised the department would like to apply for a \$25,000 FEMA grant to be used for an SCBA air compressor. If the City receives the grant, the Department would be responsible for 10% of the total amount.

Lammi moved and Marker seconded to move ahead with the application for a \$25,000 FEMA grant for \$25,000 with the expectation that the City would be responsible for 10%. Motion passed unanimously.

Roads– Lammi updated the Council on the Judd Street project. The City has approximately \$370,000 to spend on the re-build. TKDA has sent a proposal to create the specs for the project, and the bid came in around \$30,000. Lammi thought that amount was too high, and is proposing that the City allow TKDA to proceed, but not to exceed \$25,000. If the proposed cost comes in over the \$370,000 mark, then Lammi proposed the City only rebuild as much of the road as the \$370,000 would pay for. Gordon Malty questioned whether the road would be widened, and also cautioned the Council on the striping regulations. His suggestion was that the City not stripe Judd Street at all. Lammi advised the road width will not change, nor will the character of the road. The City will also check with the City Engineer regarding the striping regulations.

Personnel/Building Inspector – Public Works will be changing their hours to working four 10 hour days, with one working Monday through Thursday and the other working Tuesday through Friday. Lammi stated they will try this for 30 days, and if it is successful, then make these hours permanent.

Recreation – Myers reported that the trail map is progressing well. The text has been created and edited, and should be complete by Memorial Day.

Matsumoto Fence Request – Joe Matsumoto owns the property located at 1601 Broadway St, and is proposing to put up a deer fence around the perimeter of the property. There is currently a trail easement which runs through the property, and Mr. Matsumoto is wondering if the Council would consider re-locating a portion of that easement. That easement is owned by both the City and the MN Land Trust, so any re-location would need approval from both entities. The Council would like to see drawings of the property, along with the current and proposed trail location. Myers will contact Mr. Matsumoto and the Land Trust to discuss further.

MN Historical Society Property - The MN Historical Society would like to partner with the City of Marine and Marine residents to help maintain the Mill Site area. This would be a volunteer effort by both the City employees and the trail committee, which could also include using Sentence to Serve when they are available. Clerk Peterson will again follow up regarding volunteer liability.

Logging Update - Bell Pole Company will begin marking trees next week and hopes to begin cutting early next month.

Finance – No Report.

Hall/Restoration – No Report.

Cemetery – Gary Campbell submitted a full inventory of work needing to be done on the stones in the cemetery. The Council was very impressed and appreciative of the work Mr. Campbell has done for the City, and suggested the City put a call out for volunteers in the next newsletter to help with some of the repairs.

Riverway Rules – No Report.

Village Center – No Report.

Wastewater and Water Systems – Jason Crotty advised the MPCA has completed the annual audit for the drainfield. The current permit has expired, and the City is running under the old permit until the new permit is approved which should be sometime in July.

Consent Calendar – *Marker moved and Lammi seconded to approve the Minutes of 4/15/10, Treasurer's Report dated 4/10, the List of Bills for 5/13/10, Zoning Administrator's Report, Planning Commission Minutes - None, and the April Maintenance Report. Motion passed unanimously.*

Old/New Business – Mayor Mills noted the Washington County Memorial Day program will be on Friday, May 14 at noon.

Mayor Notes/Clerk's Report – The annual insurance renewal is due, which requires action by the Council or either waive or not waive the tort liability limit.

Marker moved and Lammi seconded to not waive the tort liability limits. Motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment – *Marker moved and Lammi seconded to adjourn at 8:01p.m. Motion passed unanimously.*

Minutes taken by Lynette Peterson, City Clerk