

CITY OF MARINE ON ST. CROIX CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, April 15, 2010

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

Citizens Present: Gwen Roden, Dale Stull, Greg Miller, Harold Teasdale, Barb Johnson, Brian Wicklund, Juanita Ikuta, Larry Whitaker, Suzanne Schlit, Megan Kavanagh.

Citizens Considerations

Brookside Liquor License Request – Greg Miller, Matt Miller and Bruce McGregor introduced themselves as the new owners of the Brookside. A letter was presented to the Council giving the background of each of the owners, and Mr. Miller advised the Brookside is currently under heavy construction, however their plan is to open the end of May. A request was made for the Brookside to obtain the on sale/off sale license along with the Sunday on sale. Clerk Peterson advised the background check has already been approved by Washington County. Benson suggested the Council take this opportunity to break up the on sale and off sale licenses and have them as independent licenses rather than a combination license. He believes this would give the City more flexibility. Clerk Peterson advised doing so would require an ordinance amendment, which is a 60 day process. Lammi believes the City has the flexibility to make that change at any time, and doesn't believe the City should delay the process for the current owners when they would more than likely be granted both licenses anyway. Myers was concerned that separating the licenses could open the City up for a potential liquor store, and believes the City is better off having those licenses contained in one building. Marker suggested granting the license request now and then the Council can re-evaluate at the time of renewal.

Lammi moved and Myers seconded to grant the on sale/off sale and Sunday on sale licenses to the Brookside Management Company. Motion passed unanimously.

Encroachment Agreement Request 601 Pine Cone Trail– Clerk Peterson reviewed this issue from the March meeting. Since that time, the City Attorney had drafted a new agreement to include a clause allowing the City to remove the garage, at the owner's expense, if needed. The realtor for this property contacted the City to advise that the Title Company would not accept the encroachment agreement with that clause included. The City Attorney has since contacted the Title Company directly and has gotten them to agree to the terms of the encroachment agreement.

Marker moved and Lammi seconded to accept the encroachment agreement for 601 Pine Cone Trail as drafted by the City Attorney. Motion passed unanimously.

Planning Commission - T-Mobile has submitted an elevation survey for the site located at the City maintenance shop. After review by the Commission, they determined that the maximum height of the proposed tower could be 87 feet without requiring a variance. There is still no formal application by T-Mobile.

Committee Reports –

Jackson Meadow – Myers reported that the City has received the water permit, however the usage was over the limit for number of gallons allowed annually. The result will be an additional permit fee of approximately \$375 per year.

Chief Denn noted that the cistern test failed due to an issue with the float system. This issue has been fixed.

Public Safety – The Appreciation Dinner went very well, and it was noted that the department has put in over 1600 volunteer hours since the beginning of the year.

Next week is Severe Weather Awareness week, and the tornado sirens will be tested on April 22nd.

Roads – There was a brief meeting prior to the Council meeting to review the options for re-doing Judd Street from Highway 95 to the historic bridge. Lammi stated there will be no dimension or size changes to the road, and TKDA should have a full project description ready for the May meeting.

Personnel/Building Inspector – No Report.

Recreation – Page Holmquist was in attendance on behalf of the July 4th committee. The committee is requesting to move the location of the porta potties this year and to also coordinate with Waste Management for additional recycling bins. Holmquist also advised that the committee discussed reducing the amount of security this year and increasing the advertising. Marker was concerned that adequate security be present, especially if the advertising is increased, as that means more people. The Council also thought it was very important to include some Washington County deputies. Marker stressed that the committee make sure the insurance from the private security was in place, and that the City be named as an additional insured.

Walking Trail – Myers noted that the trail guide is progressing well. The City has contributed \$2000 towards the cost and the Restoration Society will contribute the additional \$2000.

Jackson Meadow Trail Issue – Myers reported that the Public Safety Department had done some training with the new utility vehicle along the City trails in Jackson Meadow. Some of the residents were upset that the trails had recently been seeded and that the vehicle had damaged the trails. Myers explained that the Department had recently purchased the utility vehicle, and given the recent history with the high fire danger along the railroad tracks, felt the need to make sure

that all department members were familiar with the area along the trail system. Lammi sent a letter to the Jackson Meadow residents stating how much the City appreciates the volunteer hours put into maintaining the trails, however that he believes that the training should continue and that the City would repair any damage that may have been done to the trails. Myers noted that he has walked the trails and saw no damage. After further discussion, the City advised they will make sure to notify the residents in Jackson Meadow prior to any future trainings along the trails, and will also make sure that the training is done when the ground is dry and firm.

Logging Update - Jason Crotty reported that there were three bids received for the logging project at the maintenance shop. Bell Pole Company came in with the best bid and will be logging approximately 1/3 of the pines.

Myers moved and Marker seconded to accept the bid from Bell Pole Company to do the thinning of the pines on the City's 40 acres. Motion passed unanimously.

Finance – No Report.

Hall/Restoration – No Report.

Cemetery – Marker review the City's talks with Joan Grant to acquire a portion of her property for a cemetery expansion. The Parks and Trails Council has also been actively pursuing the Grant property and the Grants have made the decision to move ahead with the Parks and Trails Council. The only options left at this point would be to use the land at the maintenance shop or the newly acquired property to the east of the cemetery.

Riverway Rules – No Report.

Village Center – No Report.

Wastewater and Water Systems – The pump repairs are almost complete.

Consent Calendar – *Lammi moved and Benson seconded to approve the Minutes of 3/11/10, Treasurer's Report dated 3/10, the List of Bills for 4/15/10, Zoning Administrator's Report, Planning Commission Minutes, and the March Maintenance Report. Motion passed unanimously.*

Old/New Business – Myers reported that the Trails Legacy grant application has been re-submitted.

The Carnelian-Marine Watershed District has officially adopted its new rules.

Mayor Notes/Clerk's Report – The Mattson sewer request is now in litigation and the City has turned this issue over to the League of MN Cities.

Adjournment –*Marker moved and Myers seconded to adjourn at 8:55p.m. Motion passed unanimously.*

Minutes taken by Lynette Peterson, City Clerk