

CITY OF MARINE ON ST. CROIX CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, January 10, 2013

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Mills at 7:00pm

Citizens Present: Pat Conley, Fran Miron, Nanc McLeslie, Sue Logan, Kevin Nyenhuis, Pat Pardun, Mary Skamser, Gerry Mrolsa, Bill Miller, Ryan Goodman, Bill Ries, Philip Bock.

Oath of Office – Clerk Peterson administered the Oath of Office to Dan Willenbring, Lon Pardun and Mary Lusher as new Council members and Glen Mills as Mayor.

Designate Official Depository – *Mowery moved and Pardun seconded to designate Chris Mowery 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 the Security State Bank of Marine be the official depository, that Johnson and Turner be the official legal firm, that Bolton and Menk be the City Engineer and that Robert Rules of Order, Revised, be the official rules of the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.*

Citizens Considerations –

MarLa Update – Sue Logan was in attendance on behalf of MarLa to give the Council their annual report. The library association is requesting a new liason from the Council to communicate between MarLa and the City. There are many ideas MarLa would like to pursue this year, including ways to utilize the Jordan bequest. There were 2072 hours volunteered by 67 volunteers over the past year. There are over 2,000 books on the shelves, and 630 browse books for people to utilize. MarLa is also increasing the variety of programs offered, including adding author talks and potentially Community Education classes to help increase revenue.

Mowery thanked Sue Logan and Nanc McLeslie for volunteering and coming to update the Council. Willenbring questioned recognizing the 67 volunteers publicly. Nanc will work with the Messenger to get those names published.

Planning Commission – Planning Commission Chair Mrlosa was in attendance to update on the Planning Commission activities. There will be a meeting with Jim Shaver to discuss the Watershed by the end of January. There are currently three vacancies on the Watershed Board, for which it would be good to have a Marine representative. There will be two public hearings in January, one for a variance on Pine Cone Trail, and also the Chicken Ordinance.

Committee Assignments – Mowery/Willenbring on Public Safety, Mowery/Willenbring on Roads, Pardun on Personnel, Mowery/Lusher on Recreation, Pardun on Finance, Mills on Hall/Restoration, Mills on Cemetery, Willenbring/Lusher on Village Center, Pardun on Stormwater and Mills on Wastewater.

Committee Reports –

Public Safety – John Gorka concert this Saturday. Truck out of service next week for repairs, and 2012 was a record year for run calls.

Mowery recognized the Public Safety and Public Works Dept. for their work on getting the ice rink started.

Annual Relief Association meeting will be held Monday, February 4th at 6:00pm.

Roads - Ryan Goodman, City Engineer, reviewed his Engineering report. A letter was received from Washington County stating that they have identified County Rd 4 as an identified need in their CIP.

Willenbring updated the Council on the Village Center meeting with the MN Historical Society. There is a request to upgrade the trail behind the General Store, and the Historical Society stated they would consider increasing the grant amount for maintenance of this trail if it were improved.

The Village Center committee is requesting various stormwater study requests from MnDOT, Washington County and the City. Ryan will draft the request letter.

Personnel/Building Inspector - Willenbring would like to see more of the facts in the animal control report rather than opinion. Clerk Peterson will pass this request along again to Sherrill Reid.

Recreation – Mowery is meeting with Jason Husveth this weekend to revisit the trail mapping.

Jackson Meadow has submitted two requests for Council consideration. The first request is to place benches along the trails, including some City trails. Carl Nordgren believes this was approved by the City approximately three years ago. The Council does not recall any specific proposal being approved. There were also questions about maintenance, setbacks, foundations, etc. The City will request a proposal from the Homeowners Association, then work with the City Engineer to review.

The second request is a trail maintenance reimbursement request in the amount of \$2016.77, which represents 60% of the 2013 trail budget. Many of the reimbursement costs are for maintenance on equipment for which the City does not own, along with gas for mowing trails when the City handles the mowing of all the trails. Mayor Mills also questioned the buckthorn removal expenses.

Bill Miller believes the Council needs to consider the City's position on how those trails are maintained, and also believes there should be invoices to accompany the reimbursement request.

Willenbring suggested the Association provide the City a budget for the upcoming year, and any reimbursement be accompanied by invoices. Mowery and Lusher will talk to Mr. Suby to discuss the Council's request.

Finance – No Report.

Hall/Restoration - The final paperwork for the outstanding museum Legacy Grant has been completed and submitted.

Cemetery – No Report.

Village Center – The VC Committee continues to meet monthly with MnDOT. A meeting was held with the Historical Society. Curt Moe and Anne Reich lead a tour of the upper and lower areas of the Mill Site. The Historical Society may do some archeological studies on the lower Mill Site area.

Meetings are set for Feb. through April for the first Monday of the month. Items discussed are Third Street, stormwater issues, the Burris Park trail, garbage dumpster surrounds and putting together a Marine grant template that would encompass all City entities for all grant applications.

Stormwater/Watershed – Planning Commission will be meeting with Jim Shaver at the end of January.

Wastewater and Water Systems – There have been some low water pressure complaints. Jason Crotty believes it is from the new VFD.

Consent Calendar – *Willenbring moved and Lusher seconded to approve the Minutes of 12/13/12, Treasurers Report of 12/12, List of Bills for 1/10/13, Zoning Administrators Report, Public Works Maintenance Report and Planning Commission Minutes. Motion passed unanimously.*

Old/New Business – Mayor Mills was approached by the Scandia Marine Lions considering hosting a triathlon. Mayor Mills will keep the Council informed as he hears more. There was an article advertising an Iron Man bike race going through Marine later this year. Mayor Mills will keep an eye open for more information on that.

Mayor Notes/Clerk's Report – No Report.

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Adjournment – *Willenbring moved and Mowery seconded to adjourn at 8:23p.m. Motion passed unanimously.*

Minutes taken by Lynette Peterson, City Clerk