

CITY OF MARINE ON ST. CROIX CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, January 12, 2012

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Mills at 7:00pm. Marker, Mowery and Miller present.

Citizens Present: David Denn, Greg Johnson, Robin Brooksbank, Harold Teasdale.

Citizens Considerations –

Robin Brooksbank – MarLa Update – Brooksbank was in attendance to update the Council on the library. Marla is currently working on a formal agreement between themselves and the City, which would clarify the responsibilities of such things as insurance, utilities, staff training, etc. Marla will draft this agreement and forward to the City for review by the City Attorney. Brooksbank also questioned the possibility of outside community members using the space for meetings, book clubs, etc. The concern with this proposal was the possible liability if the space isn't being "rented", and also the number of people with outside access of the building. The Council suggested that any space be loaned by a member of Marla, then they would be responsible for the parties using the space.

Planning Commission – The last meeting was held December 6th with Jim Shaver in attendance to discuss the Watershed rules. The next meeting is January 31st, and Dan Willenbring questioned if the City had a projector they could use for a presentation. The City does not, however will consider adding a line item for the 2013 budget.

Designate Official Depository - Miller moved and Mowery seconded to designate Pete Marker 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 Tolz, King, Duvall and Anderson be the City Engineer and that Robert Rules of Order, Revised, be the official rules of the meeting. Marker, Mowery and Miller for. Mills abstained. Motion passed.

Committee Assignments – Mayor Mills suggested keeping the same assignments, especially with Council member Benson's absence. This can be re-evaluated at the February meeting if need be.

Committee Reports –

Jackson Meadow – Marker received a letter from Harold Teasdale advising the City that the Jackson Meadow Homeowners Association has decided to withdraw the request for the City to take over the wastewater system, and request that the City allow the Homeowner Association to maintain the system themselves. Teasdale would also like the City to consider releasing the Letter of Credit. Marker is reviewing this request with the City Attorney and City Engineer. He is not looking for a decision right away, however is looking for a sense as to how to move forward. Currently the system is not owned by the City, although the Development Agreement does contemplate the City taking over the system. Miller questioned if the Homeowners

Association is also looking at taking back the potable water system, because when the City agreed to take over the water early, the intent was to also get the wastewater. Marker stated he did not think the intent of the Homeowner's Association was to take back the water system, however that could certainly be proposed. Marker believes it is important for the City to continue to have an interest in the system, and will continue to work with the City Attorney on the details of the request and review again at the February meeting.

Teasedale is also requesting to store the Association's tractor at the City maintenance shop. Mowery will follow up on that request.

Public Safety – Chief Denn reported that the ambulance license has officially been transferred by the EMSRB to Lakeview. Lakeview's ambulance has been temporarily stationed in Marine, however after a meeting with Scandia Fire, Scandia has agreed to allow Lakeview to station the ambulance at the Scandia Fire Hall. The hope is to make this arrangement long term. Marker stated that this transfer process has been bumpy, and very much appreciates the hard work Chief Denn, Deputy Chief Mills and Deputy Chief Johnson have invested to make this happen. Chief Denn advised that Deputy Chief Mills and Johnson have been appointed for an additional two year term. The Department also received several donations, one of which is for \$2200 from the Osceola Community Health Foundation, which will be used for the new truck computers and additional supplies.

Marker moved and Mowery seconded to approve the re-appointment of Diane Mills and Dick Johnson as Deputy Chiefs for a two year term. Motion passed unanimously.

Miller moved and Marker seconded to accept the following donations: \$2200 from the Osceola Community Health Foundation, \$500 from John Dimunation, \$400 from Wendy Adams, and \$400 from an anonymous donor to be used by the Public Safety Department. Motion passed unanimously.

Roads - Miller advised that the Mill Site signs are being ordered and should be installed by spring.

William O'Brien is requesting a resolution from the City authorizing the placement of five signs along Broadway Street for no parking. The rule for standard sign placement is one sign every 300 feet, which would cover from the railroad tracks to Guslander. Mowery noted the concern last month from a citizen regarding the number of signs along that stretch. Marker also questioned if five signs were really necessary. Mayor Mills will bring these concerns back to the park for discussion, and re-visit the issue at the February meeting.

Personnel/Building Inspector –No Report.

Recreation – Jason Husveth, Principle Ecologist from Critical Connection Ecological Services, was in attendance to offer his services to the City pro bono. Husveth has proposed assisting the City with the various aspects of mapping and describing the existing and future trail system. The

outcome would then be a completed trail map that citizens and visitors could use to navigate the trail system. The proposed timeline is that all the data be collected between now and March, with the final maps completed by April. The Council extended their sincere appreciation to Mr. Husveth for his generous offer.

Trail Update – Mowery advised the trail committee has met with Public Works to come up with a maintenance plan for the trail system. Carl Nordgren will be the contact for Jackson Meadow and Mowery will continue to be the Council liaison. Jack Warren has been working with Tom Ellig of the Minnesota Historical Society on possibly adding an interpretive trail to the Mill Site.

Finance – No Report.

Hall/Restoration – Mayor Mills advised he and the Public Works staff are still working on resolution to the sprinkler tank issue. The new City office has been painted, and the Council Chambers will be ready for the February meeting.

Cemetery – No Report.

Village Center – No Report.

Wastewater and Water Systems – Worked on sewer issues at the Gabrielson and Lynn residences.

Consent Calendar - *Marker moved and Miller seconded to approve the Minutes of 10/13/11, 12/8/11, Treasurer's Report dated 12/11, the List of Bills for 1/12/12, Zoning Administrator's Report, Planning Commission Minutes and the December Maintenance Report. Motion passed unanimously.*

Old/New Business – Clerk Peterson requested action on the annual renewal of the Marine General Store tobacco license.

Marker moved and Mowery seconded to approve the tobacco license for the Marine General Store for 2012. Motion passed unanimously.

Citizen of the Year – Mayor Mills questioned if there were any nominations for Citizen of the Year. Chief Denn suggested the entire ambulance crew as a whole be acknowledged and Diane Mills be nominated. Mowery suggested Kristina Smitten for her work on Planning Commission and MarLa. These suggestions will be taken under advisement, and if there are any more suggestions they can be addressed at the February meeting.

Mowery thanked Jason and Tommy for the great job they did on building the surround for the lockers.

Mayor Notes/Clerk's Report – None.

Adjournment – *Marker moved and Miller seconded to adjourn at 8:35p.m. Motion passed unanimously.*

Minutes taken by Lynette Peterson, City Clerk