

CITY OF MARINE ON ST. CROIX CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, April 10, 2014

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Mills at 7:00pm. Pardun, Lusher and Willenbring present. Mowery absent.

Citizens Present: Ryan Goodman, Susan Ferron, Barb Hudson, Tom Warth

Citizens Considerations ó Susan Ferron was in attendance on behalf of the St. Croix River Association to request a music permit for Burriss Park on June 20th. The SCRA will be holding their annual paddling event that day and will be stopping in Marine for lunch that afternoon. The group will only be in Marine for approximately 2 hours.

Mowery moved and Lusher seconded to approve an amplified music permit for the SCRA on June 20th. Motion passed unanimously.

Barb Hudson ó Ms. Hudson is a resident of Pine Cone Trail, which is a privately owned road, and is upset that residents are letting their dogs run unleashed along Pine Cone Trail and chasing other dogs and cats. Ms. Hudson called animal control and was told that in order for the dog to be picked up, Ms. Hudson would have to catch and control the loose dog. Washington County would be the only other option, as they are our law enforcement. Pardun volunteered to meet with Ms. Hudson and talk to this particular dog owner. A suggestion was made that the City consider creating a dog park for people who do not like the idea of leashing their pets. Clerk Peterson will look into other cityø who have dog parks and the potential liability involved.

Planning Commission ó There will be a public hearing at the April meeting for Ross and Bridget Levin for a front yard setback variance.

Committee Reports

Public Safety ó There will be a meeting next week with Bill Voedisch, Town Chairman for May Township, to discuss the possibility of having Marine as their sole public safety provider.

The Appreciation Dinner will be held on Sunday, April 27th. Willenbring would like to see this dinner expanded to include all City volunteers for next year. No decision was made.

Willenbring moved and Pardun seconded to approve Klay Fahrnum and Joseph Stoehr as probationary members. Motion passed unanimously.

Roads - Commissioner Fran Miron and County Engineer Wayne Sandberg were in attendance to discuss the upcoming County Road 4 reconstruction project. The project will be broken into two segments. The first segment will be a full reconstruction from Highway 95 to Ostrum Trail. The second segment will be a pavement improvement project from Broadway to Manning Trail. The County is anticipating the total cost to the City will be approximately \$450,000. One significant part of the project will be addressing the drainage issue. Mr. Sandberg suggested the City

consider conducting a study for a regional drainage plan, for which the City could potentially split the cost between the City, County and State. Willenbring would like to see the Watershed District and Village Center Task Force included in any discussions involving stormwater and drainage issues. Mr. Sandberg suggested the City make a decision on whether or not to move forward with the drainage study no later than June 1st, as there should be community engagement meetings as early as this fall to get citizen feedback. The project design should be completed by early 2015 so construction can begin in 2016. Willenbring would like to be the point person for this project going forward.

Engineering Report ó Ryan Goodman reported that the League of MN Cities is currently working to clarify the sales tax exemption law, as it is causing some confusion in regards to road construction projects.

Personnel/Building Inspector - There are some changes to the compost rules this year. According to our current permit with Washington County, the City can no longer accept any logs or branches larger than 4 inches in diameter.

Recreation ó Mowery will be meeting with Jason Husveth in May to complete the trail map updates.

The 175th Committee is requesting the City cover the liability insurance policy for the All Town Picnic in August. Pardun questioned whether the Council would consider paying for the premium as a contribution to the event, or whether the City should pay the premium then be reimbursed by the committee. Clerk Peterson will check into what type of policy would be required and how much the premium would be, then report back at the May meeting.

Finance ó No Report.

Hall/Restoration - Floors, stage and balcony of the Village Hall has all been refinished. The Restoration Society is currently working on the bids for the basement project.

Cemetery ó Ryan Goodman presented the draft expansion plan at the March meeting. Now that the Council has had a chance to review, Ryan is requesting action by the City Council. Willenbring would like to see an option for water included in the report, along with a note stating that the option for a columbarium has also been explored.

Willenbring moved and Lusher seconded to accept the Cemetery Expansion Report prepared by Bolton and Menk dated 2014 with the addition of a water source option and the exploration of adding a columbarium. Motion passed unanimously.

MarLa - The Library Association has been awarded a grant and will be presenting various film festival events in the coming months. A representative from Marla will be in attendance at the May meeting to present the details.

Village Center ó Willenbring requested the Task Force report have its own line item created on the agenda under Planning Commission. Clerk Peterson will have this done for next month's meeting. The Task Force will be participating in Mill Stream Days this year to help promote the trail from the Chocolate Shop to the Mill Pond in Burriss Park. Also, on May 20th Ben Leonard of the Minnesota Historical Society will be in Marine to tour the Mill Site and meet with Chris Stein of the National Park Service to discuss upcoming projects and events. Some of the upcoming priority projects will be looking at a cost to relocate the power pole that houses the lift station on Maple/Third Street, documenting stormwater issues, and reviewing design options for the north end of Judd Street. The next meeting will be June 9th at 7pm.

Stormwater/Watershed ó Pardun will meet with Jim Shaver of the Watershed District to discuss the Judd Street water issues. Pardun and the City Engineer walked that area and discussed possible debris removal and ditching possibilities to help alleviate some of the water. Another possible solution would be to place a culvert under Berkey Street.

The Watershed District will be amending their rules and there will be a meeting on April 22nd for public comment.

Wastewater and Water Systems ó There have been a couple of frozen sewer lines due to the frost this year, and the pump is out in P-4.

Consent Calendar ó *Willebring moved and Mowery seconded to approve the Minutes of 3/13/14, Treasurers Report of 3/14, List of Bills for 4/10/14, Zoning Administrators Report - none, Public Works Maintenance Report and Planning Commission Minutes - none. Motion passed unanimously.*

Old/New Business ó Lusher will be working directly with Dale Mulfinger on the specifics for opening the Log Cabin this summer.

Long/Short Term Goals ó No changes.

Mayor Notes/Clerk's Report ó None

Adjournment ó *Mowery moved and Pardun seconded to adjourn at 8:48p.m. Motion passed unanimously.*

Minutes taken by Lynette Peterson, City Clerk