

CITY OF MARINE ON ST. CROIX CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, May 8, 2014

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

Citizens Present: Dorothy Deetz, Ryan Goodman, Sue Logan, Tom Warth, Gayle Knutson, Doug Latuseck, Mary Skamser, Jason Husveth, Charles Arnason, Gerry Mrosla, Tom Omdahl,.

Citizens Considerations ó Jason Husveth was in attendance to present the final draft of the trail map. Mr. Husveth presented the map to the Council electronically, pointing out the public trails, bike trails and Jackson Meadow trails. There are just over 30 miles of public walking trails within the City limits. Mowery would like to send a copy of the map to every resident along with placing the map on the City website as a downloadable pdf. These maps will also be available at the City office for non-residents.

Marla - Gayle Knutson and Sue Logan were in attendance to report that Marla has received a grant in the amount of \$4200. This grant money will allow for a series of movie documentation nights which will happen the first Thursday of every month, beginning in October. Marla will be contributing \$1000 towards this event also.

Planning Commission ó Gerry Mrosla was in attendance to report on the April meeting. There was a public hearing for 401 Judd Street, however it was discovered that an additional variance was needed, so the hearing has been recessed for the May meeting. There will be a public hearing for Dan Willenbring for a side yard setback at the May meeting. The Commission will be having several special meetings over the next couple of months to wrap up the code updates.

Village Center - No May meeting. The next meeting will be June 9th at 7:00pm.

Committee Reports

Public Safety ó Doug Latuseck was in attendance to update the Council on the Antique Pumper situation. The committee has researched using the Stonehouse Museum site and has been told that placing the pumper building on that site would not impact the historical designation of the museum. Willenbring questioned bringing the building to the downtown area, around Burris park. Latuseck stated that the design plan is specific to the Museum site, and any movement of the location would require a complete redesign. Tom Warth likes the idea of keeping the building at the Museum location to help bring additional traffic to the museum. There was a question of whether the Civic Club is on board with the project. Willenbring would like to see those organizations sign off on the building permit. Latuseck will also get the City a list of the materials and which parts of the project are covered by donations and what amount will need to

be fundraised.

The Appreciation dinner was successful.

Roads - There is a meeting with Washington County, City Engineer, Willenbring and Pardun to discuss elements of the County Road 4 project prior to the County coming up with the design. The meeting will take place on May 22nd at the County maintenance building.

Ryan Goodman presented his monthly Engineering Report. The final copy of the cemetery expansion report should be available within the next couple of weeks. Gravel Quotes were received for the upcoming work on Old Guslander, West Maher and 2nd Street. Three bids were received and the Engineer is recommending Dressel Contracting.

Willenbring moved and Lusher seconded to accept the bid from Dressel contracting in the amount of \$19,950. Motion passed unanimously.

Personnel/Building Inspector - Pardun looked into the cost of putting together a dog park based upon the discussion at last months meeting. The cost of fencing would be \$10-\$12 a running foot, and there is a question of what property would be used. Mowery doesn't see a big demand for a dog park in town. Pardun will talk to the animal control officer on policy issues.

Pardun is looking at the current Personnel Policy and has discovered that a few employees have a significant amount of banked vacation time. Pardun would like the City to look at providing long/short term disability for employees which would allow for the employees to be able to use more of their vacation time. Pardun will bring this up again at the June meeting for further discussion.

Recreation ó Dorothy Deetz was in attendance to update the Council on the 175th events. Clerk Peterson researched the liability insurance for the all town picnic, and if the City is willing to declare this event as a City sponsored event, then the insurance would fall under the City's general liability coverage. Dorothy questioned whether the City would consider donating the cost of the porta potties. The consensus of the Council was that the City could cover that cost.

Willenbring moved and Pardun seconded to approve Resolution No. 20140508-01 declaring the All Town Picnic on August 24th, 2014 a City sponsored event as part of the Marine on St. Croix 175th celebration.

Mowery has followed up on the discussion from last November regarding the Cyclo Cross event in Jackson Meadow. Mowery has contacted Catherine Brekke, who is head of the Chilkoot Velo Cycling Club, the organization which sponsors the Cyclo Cross event. Mowery sent a letter to that organization discussing the concerns of the City Council, including liability issues. Their board met last night and Ms. Brekke will be in contact with Mowery with the outcome.

Finance ó No report.

Hall/Restoration - Sixth grade play rehearsals will begin this coming week.

Cemetery ó Preparing for Memorial Day.

MarLa - No report.

Stormwater/Watershed ó No Report.

Wastewater and Water Systems ó No overflows with the system with all the rain, however the gallons pumped far exceeded the normal amount. There is evidence of I&I in the lower village.

Jason Crotty updated the Council on the land applying program discussed last year. The MPCA has allowed the City to apply for the permit a year early, so Crotty is currently working on getting that submitted. There will still be a significant cost savings by changing to the land apply option. Once the permit is processed by the MPCA, there will be a 60 day public comment period prior to final approval. Pardun noted how appreciative the Council is that Public Works took the initiative of bringing this process to the attention of the Council and going through the process of getting licensed.

Still struggling to keep fluoride levels even in Jackson Meadow, but Public Works is working on getting that resolved.

Consent Calendar ó *Mowery moved and Willenbring seconded to approve the Minutes of 4/10/14, Treasurers Report of 4/14, List of Bills for 5/8/14, Zoning Administrators Report, Public Works Maintenance Report and Planning Commission Minutes. Motion passed unanimously.*

Old/New Business ó There is a new editor at the Country Messenger and the Osceola Sun.

Willenbring presented pictures of stormwater flows from the recent rains from the area behind the Marine General Store. Willenbring presented pictures from last year, and again after the trail reconstruction was done last fall. The water is now ponding in the rain garden and running down the drainage ditches.

The Art Bench sign was installed last weekend, along with a bird banding event in the Mill Site.

Long/Short Term Goals ó The trail mapping and management can be removed.

Mayor Notes/Clerk's Report ó No report.

Adjournment ó Mowery moved and Lusher seconded to adjourn at 8:14p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes taken by Lynette Peterson, City Clerk