

CITY OF MARINE ON ST. CROIX CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
Thursday, June 9, 2016

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

Citizens Present: Ryan Goodman, Jason Crotty, Natalie Warren, Bill Ries, Gerry Mrosla, Harold Teasdale, Mary Burke, David Denn, Anne Reich, Dorothy Deetz, Bill Smitten, Tod Drescher.

Citizens Considerations ó

Natalie Warren ó SCRA - Ms. Warren is working with local governments, land owners and realtors to bring awareness of local ordinances within the riverway area. This will help current landowners, along with future landowners know what is and is not allowed within the riverway district. There will a meeting for City administrators on June 20<sup>th</sup> to review each local government's ordinances and share ideas. Ms. Warren noted she is available for all local governments in Washington County if they need help or have any questions on their current ordinances

Planning Commission ó Chairman Mrosla was in attendance to update the Council on the May meeting. There will be a pre-application meeting in June for a property located on Pine Cone Trail. There was also a potential property owner for a lot in Tanglewood who was looking for an opinion as to whether the City would be willing to work with them on a variance for building on steep slope. The Commission could not give a formal approval without an actual application being filed, however the consensus was that the City would be able to work with the applicant.

Public Safety ó Streetdance will be Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup>. Chief Denn noted that the senior officers have really stepped up in in his absence. The goal is to have a candidate for the new chief by September. Live training burn is scheduled for July. Miller questioned when the antique pumper building will be painted. Bill Ries is hoping for early next week.

Roads - Ryan Goodman is requesting approval from the Council to move forward with preparing plans and specs for the 2107 road projects.

*Pardun moved and Miller seconded to approve Bolten and Menk to move forward with preparing plans and specs for the 2017 roads project plan. Motion passed unanimously.*

Reconveyance ó Pardun reported on a meeting held with representatives from MnDOT to discuss the possible reconveyance of several parcels located with the Village Center, including the wayside rest, to the City. MnDOT seems very cooperative in the process, however advised it could take up to two years to complete. A letter has been drafted formally requesting to begin the reconveyance process.

Historic Bridge Update ó Fitzie Heimdahl has uncovered the area around the bridge and has determined the bridge is there. Win Miller, Mike Tibbetts and Fitzie Heimdahl will meet with Pardun to discuss what was found and what they would like to see happen.

Engineering Report ó Ryan Goodman reported crack filling and seal coating should be finished by July 28<sup>th</sup>. The next County Rd 4 project meeting will be by June 15<sup>th</sup>.

Personnel/Building Inspector - No Report.

Recreation ó John Goodfellow questioned whether the Council would like to treat the Monfort Dunn ash, as the timing is crucial to have it done in June. The cost would be approximately \$350. The Consensus of the Council was to move forward as there is money in the parks and rec budget.

Miller updated the Council on the gateway trail. The consensus currently with the DNR is to bring the trail in through the bottom section of the Hollow property and north by Guslander Trail. Andy Powell was introduced as the new trail designate for Jackson Meadow. Miller would like to see more trail signs on the posts. Andy Powell noted the maps that are currently there are strictly the Jackson Meadow ski trails and not the City of Marine public trails.

Finance ó No Report

Cemetery ó A few trees have been removed and the stumps were ground down.

Wastewater and Water Systems ó No Report.

#### Citizen Committee Reports

Village Center Task Force ó A dumpster enclosure plan has been prepared for the area behind the coffee shop. This enclosure will be built with grant money through the Waste Wise program. Mr. Drescher has reworked the plan and the concrete apron has been removed and the entire enclosure is off City right of way, which will eliminate the need for an encroachment agreement with the City. Pardun questioned if there is a stipulation for the grant that if the enclosures are removed, the grant money would need to be paid back and who would be responsible for that. Dorothy Deetz believes the only piece of the grant that would fall under that category would be the compostables and the bins. Pardun is concerned that there might be an issue building a permanent structure on the Marine Mills property and the next owner might either not want that enclosure there or may not be willing to allow the other business owners to use their dumpsters. Dorothy Deetz noted they had not thought about that and will look into it.

MarLa - Mary Burke was in attendance to give an update on MarLa. Last week there was an article in the Messenger on the new historical books that are currently displayed in the library. There are several upcoming speaker opportunities to attend. The childrens summer programs are also underway.

Hall/Restoration ó The City is in the process of finding a company to evaluate the condition of the Village Hall and get a full scope of what needs to be done. Once that is complete, then the Council can determine what projects they would like to pursue.

Stormwater/Watershed ó Pardun reported that the raingarden project is underway, with the pre-bid happening next week and construction happening in the fall.

Millsite ó There will be a meeting next week with the various agencies to discuss the trail project. Pardun will be attending.

Green Step Cities - Anne Reich will be attending the League of MN Cities program next week to accept the award for the 2<sup>nd</sup> step.

Holidays ó Everything ready for the July 3<sup>rd</sup> fireworks event.

School Property ó Mayor Mills and Pardun attended a meeting last month at Withrow Ballroom to discuss the closures with State and Local representatives. The goal of the committee is to have a plan by this winter for potential uses of that property. Pardun would like to request approval from the Council to obtain a private appraisal of the property and building.

*Pardun moved and Miller seconded that the City obtain an appraisal of the Marine Elementary School property not to exceed \$3000. Motion passed unanimously.*

Consent Calendar ó *Miller moved and Pardun seconded to approve the Minutes of 5/12/16, Treasurer's Report of 5/16, List of Bills for 6/9/16, Zoning Administrators Report, Public Works Maintenance Report and Planning Commission Minutes. Motion passed unanimously.*

Old/New Business ó Bill Smitten reported that the Jackson Meadow community is questioning the camera system on the water tower. There are currently three cameras mounted to the building, however they are not high quality cameras. The community is looking at upgrading that camera system and is hoping there will be some cooperation with the City on the purchase of the new equipment. The proposal would be for a free standing camera that would be located by the stop sign, and would stand approximately 14 feet high. The Council requested a proposal, however there is some money in the budget.

Long/Short Term Goals ó No Report.

Mayor Notes/Clerk's Report ó No Report.

Adjournment ó Miller moved and Pardun seconded to adjourn at 8:25pm. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes taken by Lynette Peterson, City Clerk