

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

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

Citizens Present: Rich Burton, Chris Niskanen, Gerry Mrosła, Kyle Weaver, Mary Skamser and Gwen Roden.

Citizens Considerations ó Rich Burton was in attendance representing the Friends of Scandia Parks and Trails. Mr. Burton was in attendance last year requesting to add Dahlia Horse bike trail signs in Marine which would connect Marine trails to Scandia trails. Since then, Scandia was told by Washington County that only the County could place signs on County Roads, however they would charge \$300 per sign. The other option would be to place very small signs with a single red arrow on a current existing County sign, with signs on Scandia streets stating the meaning of the red arrow signs. Scandia opted for the second option. Mr. Burton is requesting to extend the trail through Marine, and placing one sign at Chestnut Street and two signs at Maple Street and County Rd 4. Willenbring noted that the County will be reconstructing County Rd 4 beginning in 2016 and questioned whether the Parks and Trails committee has had discussions with them about adding signage to their County signs at that time. Willenbring is also concerned about posting County Rd 4 as a bike trail when it doesn't meet width requirements for a bike trail on a County Road. The Council suggested contacting the County Engineer to verify there are no issues with designating County Rd 4 as a bike trail from Marine to Scandia.

Chris Niskanen ó Mr. Niskanen was in attendance on behalf of Marine Elementary School requesting City support for the school's marketing effort to increase enrollment. If the school does not increase its enrollment, there is the potential that Marine could lose one full time teacher in the 2015-2016 school year. Mr. Niskanen has presented a draft Resolution supporting Marine Elementary School's effort to increase enrollment. Mr. Niskanen will field any questions and suggestions between now and the August meeting, and will present the final draft in August.

Planning Commission ó Gerry Mrosła updated the Council on the June meeting. The Commission discussed the current process for variance and conditional use permit requests and presented a revised check list for the process prior to the applicant going to the Commission. Chairman Mrosła will work with Clerk Peterson on the process.

Village Center - Willenbring noted the Task Force met on June 9<sup>th</sup>, and also met with the Historical Society to discuss potential projects for the grant the Historical Society is hoping to receive. July 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am, the Task Force will be meeting with local businesses to discuss the attractiveness of the downtown area. The Task Force would like to move forward with the new garbage receptacles. Two cans would be \$2300 and the idea would be to possibly hire someone part time to empty the trash or have volunteers empty the containers. Jason Crotty noted that Stillwater empties their cans twice a week and they would also need to be emptied into the dumpster at the maintenance building. Mayor Mills is concerned about using volunteers and

consistency of how long that would continue. Also, given the gate situation at the shop, it would make sense to have the Public Works guys empty the cans and there was a question of whether the Council wants to add more responsibility to their workload. The Council decided to move ahead with purchasing two sets now, and if the dumping of the can becomes an issue, then the City will not purchase any additional cans in the future.

## Committee Reports

Public Safety ó The Streetdance raised just over \$6,000 and there was a great turnout.

Stillwater Fire would like to borrow the City UTV for their Log Jam event this weekend. Mayor Mills is not in favor of this request. There is concern of damage, etc. The only way he would feel comfortable loaning it out would be if a representative from the City were there to run it. The Council consensus was to not loan it out.

The Antique Pumper committee still has not gotten any further will getting the building site prepped for the building. Mayor Mills would like to give them a little more time, but if there is no progress in the next couple of months he would like to move forward with giving it to Washington County.

Roads - Dressel Contracting has submitted a final payment request for the gravel project in the amount of \$16,470.29 which is approximately \$3,000 under budget.

*Willenbring moved and Lusher seconded to approve the final payment request to Dressel Contracting in the amount of \$16,470.29. Motion passed unanimously.*

Ryan Goodman submitted the final copy of the cemetery expansion plan with the suggested changes from the last meeting.

## Personnel/Building Inspector -

Animal Control ó The Animal Control officer submitted a monthly report. Mowery noted that a few quotes in report are incorrect. Mowery will follow up.

Recreation ó Mowery contacted the City Attorney regarding many of the trail issues that have occurred over the last several months, and the Attorney submitted a response. Mowery requested the Council read the letter and be ready to discuss at the August meeting.

## July 3<sup>rd</sup> Fireworks -

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Finance ó Clerk Peterson requested Budget Wish List items.

Bill Miller submitted a letter requesting the Council create a list of priorities for the 2015 and future budgets. The Council believes they currently do this, but appreciate the concern from Mr. Miller.

Hall/Restoration - No Report.

Cemetery ó No Report.

MarLa - Washington County is in the process of Strategic Planning Steering Committee and is looking for a representative from Marine. Tom Triplett would like to be that contact person, with Lusher being his Council liason. The Council thought that would be a great idea/

Stormwater/Watershed ó Pardun met with Jim Shaver and Jed Chestnut regarding the Berkey/Judd Street water issues. Mr. Chestnut seems optimistic that a resolution for those water issues could be reached.

Wastewater and Water Systems ó A proposal was received for the replacement of the Third Street panel replacement. The proposed cost of the project, which would include the re-location of the panel, would be \$24,404. There is money currently in the wastewater reserve funds to cover this project.

*Pardun moved and Willenbring seconded to accept the proposal from Telemetry and Process Controls in the amount of \$24,404. Motion passed unanimously.*

Still waiting to hear about the land applying license.

Consent Calendar ó *Willebring moved and Mowery seconded to approve the Minutes of 6/14/14, Treasurers Report of 6/14, List of Bills for 7/10/14, Zoning Administrators Report - none, Public Works Maintenance Report and Planning Commission Minutes - none. Motion passed unanimously.*

Old/New Business ó Local candidate filing open July 29<sup>th</sup> and runs through August 12<sup>th</sup>. Willenbring, Mowery and Mayor Mills terms are up this year.

Long/Short Term Goals ó

Mayor Notes/Clerk's Report ó Long time cemetery volunteer, Gary Campbell, has passed away. Mayor Mills noted he will sorely missed.

Mayor Mills would like to see a draft proclamation from the 175<sup>th</sup> committee prior to the all town picnic. Clerk Peterson will contact Dorothy Deetz.

Adjournment ó *Willebring moved and Pardun seconded to adjourn at 8:28p.m. Motion passed unanimously.*

Minutes taken by Lynette Peterson, City Clerk