

CITY OF MARINE ON ST. CROIX CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
Thursday, July 14 , 2016

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

Citizens Present: Dorothy Deetz, Anne Reich, Tod Drescher, Gerry Mroska, Fitzie Heimdahl, David Denn, Jeanne Davis, Mary Skamser, Katie Warner, Peter Oesterrich, Gayle Knutson, Gwen Roden, Sue Logan

Citizens Considerations ó

Peter and Erica Oesterreich ó Land Division Request ó Peter Oesterreich was in attendance to request a land division. Currently the Oesterreichs own two parcels of property. They would like to sell one parcel to the property to the north,

*Willenbring moved and Miller seconded to approve the land division request from Pete and Erica Oesterreich. Motion passed unanimously.*

Planning Commission ó The Commission has finally finished the zoning code revisions. The Commission would like the Council to review the draft, and once that is complete a joint meeting will be scheduled between the Council and Commission.

There is a public hearing scheduled for the July meeting for a property on Pine Cone Trail.

Public Safety ó The antique pumper building is complete. There are some funds leftover, which the Millstream Association will be donating back to the City. They would like to see those funds used for future maintenance of that building.

Chief Denn reported on a successful training last week. The Streetdance was successful, and brought in just over \$5,000. The next big event will be Art Fair.

Willenbring reported that he and Mowery will be soliciting input from the department members on qualifications and traits for the next person appointed as Department Chief. The hope is to have a candidate selected in October or November.

Roads -.

Historic Bridge Update ó Fitzie Heimdahl was in attendance to update the Council on the historic bridge project. The bridge has been excavated down to the concrete piping. The next step is to work with a historic consultant to research the history of the bridge in relation to the town and state. He believes this needs to be done prior to any further restoration. Heimdahl would like to see the extended piece of the pipe removed, which would not harm the bridge in any way. The Restoration Society is willing to match any funding the City provides with this project. Pardun noted that there was never a discussion for budget numbers or the Council has not seen a full

scope of the project. Mike Tibbetts presented pictures of the bridge with an illustration of the proposed reconstructed stone work. Tibbetts believes the entire project for the west side could be completed for approximately \$7,000. Willenbring thanked Tibbetts for the drawings however the City would have to have the City Engineer review the drawings and give his opinion. Tibbetts noted that the proposed arch is not connected to the road and would be built in front of the current bridge as an aesthetic piece. Willenbring still believes that the City needs to have the engineer sign off on the project to protect the City from any liability. Mowery questioned the full scope of the project. Heimdahl gave a little history of the bridge and currently the project scope is focused on the west side of the road and making a recreation of the original façade. Willenbring would like to see a full proposal, timeline and cost estimate before any approvals are given by the Council.

Engineering Report ó Katie Warner was in attendance as Ryan Goodman is out of town. Ms. Warner reviewed the engineering report. Willenbring reported that Washington County is currently meeting with individual homeowners on the County Rd 4 project. The final design should be ready to present by late fall.

Personnel/Building Inspector - Candidate filing opens August 8<sup>th</sup> for local offices.

Recreation ó Things are moving forward with the Gateway trail.

Finance ó Clerk Peterson questioned dates for upcoming budget meetings. A doodle request will be sent out to set those dates.

Cemetery ó No Report.

Wastewater and Water Systems ó Televising has been completed along County Rd 4. I&I has been found along Judd Street, which will be fixed next week.

#### Citizen Committee Reports

Village Center Task Force ó Willenbring reported on the Village Center Task Force meeting. A subcommittee is working on signage. Andy Kramer has identified 46 historical areas of the town and compiled a matrix of those locations. This information will hopefully be used for future interpretive signage. Work is also being done on a Welcome to Marine sign.

A grant through REI is available for bike racks around river access points. The VCTF likes the idea of putting a bike rack at the top of the trail behind the General Store. There is no formal request for the Council as of yet.

Discussion was held on the dumpster enclosures. The issue is complex in terms of billing, property owner agreements, and potential code changes. The businesses are really on board with the waste wise grant program and so there will be some negotiation with the garbage company on the consolidation of the dumpsters. Plans are being drawn up for the General Store enclosure

and the Brookside would also like to move forward with an enclosure once the ownership of that property with MnDOT is figured out.

MarLa - Kim Roberts came to speak in collaboration with the St. Croix River Association. The kids programs have been very well attended.

Hall/Restoration ó Jason Crotty has contacted Collaborative Designs and is waiting to meet with someone to discuss the hall projects.

Stormwater/Watershed ó Pardun reported that there is an opportunity with MnDOT to do some work on a ditch north of town in collaboration with the City and the Watershed District.

Millsite ó A TEP meeting was held between several agencies to discuss the proposed trail improvements. The DNR and BWSR gave the go ahead to build the boardwalk on all locations except the leg across the falls area, as there may be permits required for that area. Jim Schoeller was replacing Curt Moe to take over the finance piece.

Green Step Cities - Anne Reich presented the Step 2 award of the Green Step Cities program to the City Council.

Holidays ó The July 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> event was a huge success. Over 400 people were brought in with the Osceola train, but there were no issues. The committee would like to see more metal staked No Parking Signs purchased.

School Property ó Pardun reported that appraisers will be interviewed within the next two weeks. This fall, a public meeting will be held to get input from the community. Down the road, the Council will need to decide what the best use of the property would be. Discussion was held on the type of appraiser that will be used and what to do with the information once obtained.

Consent Calendar ó *Miller moved and Mowery seconded to approve the Minutes of 6/9/16, Treasurer's Report of 6/16, List of Bills for 7/14/16, Zoning Administrators Report, Public Works Maintenance Report and Planning Commission Minutes. Motion passed unanimously.*

Old/New Business ó

May Township Solar Ordinance ó Miller reported that May Township has recently passed a moratorium on ground solar systems and wanted the City to be aware.

Drop Home Law ó A law was recently passed requiring cities to allow a temporary drop home on a property to be used to house sick, injured or elderly family members on the property. The State is allowing cities to opt out of this requirement, if done by September 1<sup>st</sup>.

Election Judge Approval ó *Willenbring moved and Miller seconded to approve June Eagleton, Gail Coolidge, Mary Skamser, Diane Mills, Kathy Marker, Annie Moore, Lorelee DiLorenzo*

*and Joel Stedman as election judges for the 2016 Primary and General Elections. Motion passed unanimously.*

Long/Short Term Goals ó No Report.

Mayor Notes/Clerk's Report ó No Report.

*Willenbring moved and Pardun seconded to close the public portion of the meeting at 9:05pm and go into executive session. Motion passed unanimously.*

*Willenbring moved and Mowery seconded to approve the separation of a public safety member from the department. Motion passed unanimously.*

Adjournment ó Miller moved and Mowery seconded to adjourn at 9:29pm. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes taken by Lynette Peterson, City Clerk