

CITY OF MARINE ON ST. CROIX CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, August 8, 2013

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

Citizens Present: Gerry Mrosla, Bob and Lynne Hollerbach, Manfred Neidemhauser and Christine Dove.

Citizens Considerations – Linda Tibbets is requesting to waive the cleaning fee from the Toni Poletes benefit. Mowery believes the City was generous in donating the use of the hall and is not in favor of setting a precedence of waiving the fee in the future.

Mowery moved to deny the request to waive the cleaning fee and request payment. The motion failed to get a second.

Willenbring moved and Lusher seconded to waive the cleaning fee. Willenbring and Lusher for, Mowery and Mills against. Motion fails.

Because the motion to waive the fee failed, the cleaning fee policy will be enforced and Ms. Tibbitts will be required to pay.

Mayor Mills read a letter from the Marine Landing restaurant owners who were upset that the City did not contact the Landing directly to let them know about the River Rumble. Willenbring noted that the contact for the River Rumble was given the phone number for the Landing and they did try to contact them regarding the event.

A letter was received from Jim and Kim Lundholm-Eades thanking the City for a great job on the road repair along Rose Street and the alley.

Bob and Lyn Hollerbach, residents on Quant Avenue, were in attendance to thank the City for a great job on the gravel work for Quant Avenue. They were very pleased with the contractor and the end result.

Christine Dove is a new resident on Quant Avenue and would like to know if the City would consider blacktopping Quant Avenue up to the point the road narrows. Jason Crotty will talk to the City Engineer and run some numbers to get a cost estimate.

Planning Commission – Gerry Mrosla will be meeting with Dave Snyder next Thursday afternoon to discuss the Memorandum of Understanding. The draft MOA should be ready for Council review by the September Council meeting, at which time the Council will set the public hearing date for final approval.

Committee Reports –

Public Safety – Chief Denn reported that the City of Marine has a new automatic mutual aid agreement with Scandia in order to help with the number of responders during the daytime hours. This agreement will be in affect Monday through Friday 6:00am to 6:00pm.

Art Fair is on track – there are over 100 vendors currently participating.

The Department purchased another computer for the trucks, of which most of the cost will be covered by a FEMA grant.

Roads - Engineering Report was submitted by the City Engineer. All crack sealing is complete.

Personnel/Building Inspector - No Report.

Recreation- Mowery and Jason Crotty met with Carl Nordgren to discuss where private land and public land boundaries are. There are several complaints from Jackson Meadow of horse tracks and 4 wheeler land, some of which are on private land. One suggestion was to place a sign letting people know when they are leaving public property to avoid any confusion. The JM HOA is requesting a couple of trees be removed for their cross country tree trails. They are a combination of pine trees and Oak trees, and all are on City property. Crotty thought there are a few that made sense to remove for safety reasons, and others that really didn't seem necessary. Mowery will work with Public Works to make the determination of which trees should be removed.

Finance – Budget meeting dates were set for August 20th at 6:00pm with the follow up meeting September 12th at 6:00pm if needed.

Hall/Restoration - Mayor Mills would like to see different lighting upstairs and a more commercial upgrade to the hall bathrooms.

Cemetery – Jason Crotty will check with the City Engineer on expanding the cemetery.

MarLa – The County approved the request for receiving a portion of the Jordan bequest.

Village Center – The River Rumble event was a success. Willenbring would like to see a letter of appreciation sent by the City with an invitation to come back again. The Task Force also suggested some type of business chamber of commerce by organized.

The trail behind the General Store is complete and looks great. There is an area on top by the asphalt that is currently sod, but could be turned into a rain garden in the future.

There are still concerns regarding the Third Street dumpster. Tod Drescher is trying to contact the owners of Marine Mills to request they build an enclosure for their dumpsters.

The Task Force would like to get a base traffic count if the north end of Judd Street was closed. The cost for the City Engineer to perform this would be \$750.

Stormwater/Watershed – Planning Commission working on the Local Stormwater Plan along with the Watershed Management Plan.

Wastewater and Water Systems – All sewer projects have been repaired. The cistern is repaired, well number 2 was repaired and the underground pipe was repaired.

Consent Calendar – *Willenbring moved and Mowery seconded to approve the Minutes of 7/8/13, Treasurers Report of 7/13, List of Bills for 8/8/13, Zoning Administrators Report - none, Public Works Maintenance Report and Planning Commission Minutes - None. Motion passed unanimously.*

Old/New Business – The City has received several complaints regarding over grown lawns and noxious weeds. Clerk Peterson will obtain sample ordinances for review at the September meeting.

Long/Short Term Goals – Clerk Peterson will remove the Jackson Meadow trail reimbursement request, and will also provide sample ordinances of the dangerous dog ordinance for the September meeting for review.

Mayor Notes/Clerk's Report – The Stonehouse Museum was featured in the St. Paul Pioneer Press.

Adjournment – *Willebring moved and Lusher seconded to adjourn at 8:21p.m. Motion passed unanimously.*

Minutes taken by Lynette Peterson, City Clerk