

CITY OF MARINE ON ST. CROIX CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, August 11, 2011

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

Citizens Present: Andy/Karen Kramer, David Denn, Jack Warren.

Citizens Considerations – None

Planning Commission – The City Council attended the July meeting to hear the presentation from Village Center Task Force for the Village Center concept plan. The Commission formally recommended that the Council amend the Comprehensive Plan to incorporate this concept plan, however currently the plan is only a concept drawing and has not been put into verbiage. Once this is done, a public hearing would need to be held in order to amend the Comprehensive Plan. Clerk Peterson advised that the Commission is also currently working on updating the Stormwater Management plan, which will also require an amendment to the Comprehensive Plan. She suggested holding one public hearing to address both amendments, which would most likely occur either spring or summer 2012.

Committee Reports –

Jackson Meadow – Marker reported there has been no movement yet on the wastewater takeover request. Marker has also contacted the City Attorney regarding the clarification of which trail easements the City has.

Public Safety – Washington County has submitted a Joint Powers Agreement for a proposed emergency notification system, referred to as Code Red. This system would allow all cities to notify their residents of any situation through the County via email, text message or phone call. The annual cost to the City of Marine would be \$54.15.

Washington County is also proposing a warranty agreement to replace the expiring Motorola warranty for the 800 Mhz radios. The cost would be \$1.00 per radio per month.

Chief Denn also reported that the new LUCAS device has been ordered and should be here before Art Fair. Mayor Mills was also able to secure a \$1,000 donation from the Marine/Scandia Lions towards the price of the device.

Marker moved and Miller seconded to enter into a Joint Powers Agreement between the Washington County Sheriff's Office and the City of Marine on St. Croix for the purpose of providing a mass emergency notification system known as Code Red. Motion passed unanimously.

Miller moved and Benson seconded to enter into a warranty agreement with Washington County for the 800 Mhz radio system at the cost of \$1.00 per radio per month. Motion passed unanimously.

Roads– City staff along with Councilman Miller met with the new City Engineer and staff manager from TKDA to discuss the frequent staff turnover in the past few years, along with other issues the City has concerns with. Miller felt like all issues were property addressed and hopes TKDA will continue to meet the City’s needs in the future.

Public Works has inquired about possibly reclaiming a portion of Maple Street to Third Street. Part of this project would also incorporate moving the lift station panel and trenching for underground utilities, which is also part of the Village Center concept plan. Two bids have been received, and now they are just looking for Council feedback. Benson questioned the possibility of holding off on this project until next year, which would give the Village Center committee time to look at that area and suggest any additional ideas for the project. Discussion was held regarding whether or not the budget would allow for this project next year. Benson questioned if the money to be used this year for that project could be put in reserves and used in 2012. The Council that would probably work.

Personnel/Building Inspector – Benson met with City staff and will be working on reviewing and re-writing job descriptions.

Recreation – Mayor Mills questioned the status of expanding the bridges on Cedar Street. Jason Crotty advised this is a possible Eagle Scout project for this fall.

Finance – Clerk Peterson reminded everyone that budget time is fast approaching and requested all Council members have their wish list items ready for the August meeting.

Hall/Restoration – Mayor Mills would like to add the City offices to the back of the library space and return the current office back to the Council Chambers. His timeline for getting this project started is the end of 2011.

Cemetery – No Report.

Village Center – Benson suggested forming a committee designated specifically for helping to review and incorporate village center concept ideas into City plans, i.e. the Third/Maple Street reclaiming project. This committee would be comprised of one Council member, two local business owners, two Planning Commission members and one citizen at large. The Council thought this would be a great idea, and requested Benson present his recommendation for the committee members at the September meeting.

Benson and Mayor Mills met with Pat Conley and the Washington County Library Board. After some discussion regarding the proposed plan for the Marine library, the County advised they would be willing to install scanners, which would eliminate the need for paid employees through

the City. They also reiterated their position for making the kiosk's a part of the plan, which the Marine Library Association now seems open too. Lastly, the County stated they would be open to the idea of possibly turning over the Jordan bequest to City control. Benson will continue to pursue.

Wastewater and Water Systems – Jason Crotty reported there were two panel replacements this month.

Consent Calendar – *Miller moved and Benson seconded to approve the Minutes of 7/14/11, Treasurer's Report dated 7/11, the List of Bills for 8/11/11, Zoning Administrator's Report, Planning Commission Minutes and the July Maintenance Report. Motion passed unanimously.*

Old/New Business – The Bureau of Criminal Apprehension is requesting a joint powers agreement between their agency and the City of Marine. This agreement would allow our prosecuting attorney to access the BCA's data network for any work being done on behalf of the City of Marine.

Marker moved and Miller seconded to approve Resolution No. 110811-01 Approving State of Minnesota Joint Powers Agreements with the City of Marine on St. Croix on behalf of its City Attorney and Police Department. Motion passed unanimously.

US Cable Merger -

Mayor Notes/Clerk's Report – No Report.

Adjournment – *Marker moved and Benson seconded to adjourn at 9:06pm. Motion passed unanimously.*

Minutes taken by Lynette Peterson, City Clerk