

CITY OF MARINE ON ST. CROIX CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, August 11 , 2016

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

Citizens Present: Gerry Mrosla, Matt Miller, Win Miller, David Denn, Charles Arnason, Ryan Goodman, Fitzie Heimdahl, Mike Tibbetts, Anne Reich, Tod Drescher, Larry Whitaker, Peter Curtis, Tom Warth, David Stephens, Bill Simpson, Dan Froiland, Shannon Quinn, Bill Ries, Andy Kramer, Mike Aspengren, Annie Moore, Dorothy Deetz, Joe Stohr, Doug Latuseck, John Waugh, Tom Omdahl

Citizens Considerations ó

Matt Miller ó Brookside ó Mr. Miller was in attendance to discuss a situation in which he believes there have been inferences and accusations by a Council member of misappropriating funds. Mr. Miller stated he heard from three different sources that a member(s) of the Council had asked for a full accounting of the antique pumper building accounting. Pardun questioned who the sources were, because to his knowledge nobody on the Council was approached and asked by Mr. Miller about his concern or the information relayed from those sources. Win Miller, who represents the Millstream Association, believes there was a misunderstanding and does not believe there is an issue. Mr. Miller stated he was told by his source that there was one Council member who requested this audit information and was not a formal request by the entire City Council. Win Miller believes this whole situation was a big misunderstanding and believes that the residents and Council are all appreciative of the work the Brookside has done. The Council agreed.

Tom Warth ó Is concerned that the trails through the Anson property have stopped being mowed and the parking area off of Broadway will be closed due to budgetary issues. Mr. Warth will be starting a petition to ask the park begin to mow the trails again and would like formal support from the City council. John Waugh, resident, has been walking those trails for years and is concerned if the parking area is closed, it will cause dangerous conditions as those cars will begin to park along Broadway Street. Miller is frustrated that the park did not notify the City at all of the parking lot closing or trails and has a call into Wayne Boener, park manager, but has not yet heard back. Miller will wait to hear back from the park and then move forward with bringing it to the attention of the State Legislators. Mr. Warth will be contacting the St. Paul Pioneer Press and also moving forward with the petition.

Planning Commission ó Chairman Mrosla was in attendance to present a variance request and Conditional Use Permit request for John Goodfellow and Kirsten Vadheim, 825 Pine Cone Trail. The variances are for sideyard setback and overall garage size and the Conditional Use permit is for a bathroom in an accessory building.

Willenbring moved and Miller seconded to approve Planning Case 072614-01, for a sideyard setback, size and a conditional use permit for John Goodfellow and Kirsten Vadheim, 825 Pine Cone Trail. Motion passed unanimously

Public Safety ó Art Fair will be September 17th and 18th. Both Marine and Scandia are having trouble finding crews for daytime calls. Willenbring and Mowery are working on the criteria for the new Chief. The three founding members of the antique pumper committee are questioning what the role of the committee will be going forward. Bill Ries noted this committee was approved as a citizen committee as has continued to update the council on a regular basis. Mr. Ries believes this committee was created as citizens, who just happened to also be firefighters. Pardun has always thought of that committee as a fire department committee. Mr. Ries believes this committee should be a separate citizen committee, just as there are other committees that help to manage other city entities. Miller noted that the pumper is a City building that is housing a piece of City equipment and questioned how it would be managed. Also, this is a new building so he is questioning what projects this committee has in mind for that building. Willenbring suggested the committee present the Council with a formal proposal as to what the committees vision is for the building moving forward. Doug Latuseck stated the committees vision is for that building to run as a museum. Pardun agreed with Willenbring's suggestion to bring forth a proposal to the Council for consideration.

Roads -

Historic Bridge Update ó Fizie Heimdahl presented a proposal for the Historic Bridge. The Restoration Society has met and approved their financial portion of the budget. The Council will review and discuss the request at the August budget meeting.

Engineering Report ó Ryan Goodman presented the monthly engineering report. Governor Dayton will be meeting to discuss a special session. One issue is the transportation bill for small cities is currently not being funded and Ryan is suggesting the Council take a little time to contact the legislators to encourage the state to fund that bill.

Pardun reported the County is currently working on obtaining right of way and the plan is still to begin construction late spring of 2017. Mike Tibbetts still has several concerns with this project and doesn't believe that the City has done enough research on the affects of the sediment and water quality before moving forward. Willenbring offered to give Mr. Tibbetts the number for the County engineer and also print a copy of the hydraulic report to Mr. Tibbetts.

Personnel/Building Inspector - No Report.

Recreation ó Boardwalk Discussion ó Clerk Peterson reported on a meeting held with Curt Moe, Tom Omdahl and Jim Schoeller to discuss additional boardwalks being placed on the Mill Site property below the waterfall area. The DNR has concerns that the boardwalks are not secured, however permanently anchoring the boardwalks would make them structures and the City's floodplain ordinance does not allow for structures to be placed in the floodplain district. After some consideration, the suggestion was made to secure the boardwalks to nearby trees with a

rope. This would keep them from floating away, eliminating the DNR's concerns, but also would not make them a permanent structure, and therefore complying with the floodplain ordinance. The City Council agreed with that interpretation. Clerk Peterson will notify the DNR of the Council's decision.

Gateway Trail ó Miller and Mowery met with Andy Powell and a member of the Gateway Trail committee. The Scandia side is complete, and there are three potential sites for Marine. The idea is to place a tunnel underneath the railroad tracks, then determine from there where to extend the trail. The current timeline is eight years, however Mr. Powell would like to see this done in four years. Once the Gateway is here, that opens the door for additional Legacy grant funds for the City also.

Committee Consolidation- Mowery would like to discuss consolidating some of the parks committees but will wait to discuss until the September meeting.

Finance ó The first budget meeting will be Monday, August 29th at 6:30pm.

Cemetery ó No Report.

Wastewater and Water Systems ó I&I issues are fixed.

Citizen Committee Reports

Village Center Task Force ó No July meeting.

Historic Signage Update ó Anne Reich reported that there are several locations designated for these historic signs and the committee has a presentation that they will present to the Task Force and then bring forth to Council at the September meeting.

Bike Rack Proposal ó Tod Drescher presented a proposal for two bike racks that will be donated by REI in collaboration with the St. Croix River Association. The proposed locations for these bike racks will be just north of the river trail behind the General Store and across from the antique pumper on the Mill Site property. Mr. Drescher also noted that the City has the opportunity to purchase additional bike racks at a \$25 per rack discount and no shipping, so each bike rack would cost \$260. Willenbring would like to see the City purchase two additional bike racks at the cost of \$520, and the funds can be taken out of the Village Center funds. Mayor Mills concern is if they are not anchored there is a chance they could be stolen. Pardun doesn't recall ever seeing the racks we already have being used. Mowery questioned if they may get used more if there are more available. Pardun is also concerned about the additional time it will then take for the public works guys to have to move those racks every time they mow the parks.

Willenbring moved and Miller seconded to purchase two bike racks to be placed in two of the locations discussed with the funds coming out of the Village Center budget. Willenbring, Mowery and Miller in favor, Pardun opposed. Motion passed.

Dorothy Deetz ó Questioned the status of the dumpster enclosure issue. The Waste Wise grants are ready to be submitted and the question is how the City is going to address the new proposed ordinance, the billing question for the condo association and the MnDOT land transfer for the Brookside enclosure. Willenbring will work with the City Clerk on the garbage contract and billing and have a proposal for the September Council meeting .

MarLa - Miller reported there was a library strategic planning session to discuss new initiatives moving forward. Anne Reich reported there are two big fundraising events, one in October and one in November.

Hall/Restoration ó Jason Crotty would like to address the Village Hall needs at the August budget meeting.

Stormwater/Watershed ó Pardun met with Jim Shaver to review the raingarden bids. The bids were much higher than anticipated. Pardun is pushing the Watershed to move forward with the project hopefully this fall, however the Watershed may want to hold off and re-bid.

Watershed rules review on August 25th.

Millsite ó No Report.

Green Step Cities - No Report.

Holidays ó No Report.

School Property ó Pardun reported the committee has interviewed appraisers and received bids. The district has contacted the City and assigned two district representatives to be involved in discussions with the City. Pardun will invite them to the August committee meeting.

Consent Calendar ó *Willenbring moved and Pardun seconded to approve the Minutes of 7/14/16, Treasurer's Report of 7/16, List of Bills for 8/11/16, Zoning Administrators Report, Public Works Maintenance Report and Planning Commission Minutes. Motion passed unanimously.*

Old/New Business ó

Drop Home Law ó *Miller moved and Willenbring seconded to set a public hearing for Monday, August 29th at 6:25pm to consider an ordinance to opt out of the Drop Home Law. Motion passed unanimously*

Barn Quilt Request ó The Civic Club has been asked to place a Barn Quilt, similar to what was placed at the Log Cabin, at the museum.

Miller moved and Pardun seconded to approve the placement of a barn quilt at the Stonehouse

Museum with the location to be determined by the Civic Club. Motion passed unanimously.

Long/Short Term Goals ó No Report.

Mayor Notes/Clerk's Report ó Miller is concerned with the amount of information for Council items not being submitted until right before the agenda. The agenda items are being requested one week prior to the meeting and the City Clerk would like to see all supporting documentation submitted one week prior also. The consensus of the Council is to have any agenda item and supporting documentation submitted no later than one week prior to the meeting.

Adjournment ó Miller moved and Pardun seconded to adjourn at 9:07pm. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes taken by Lynette Peterson, City Clerk