

CITY OF MARINE ON ST. CROIX CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, September 8 , 2016

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

Citizens Present: Ryan Goodman, David Denn, Jason Crotty, Jami Philip, Deidra Pope, Robyn Dochterman, Fizzie Heimdahl, Tod Drescher, Natalie Warren, Dorothy Deetz, Sheryl Johnson

Citizens Considerations ó St Croix Chocolate Shop ó Deidra Pope and Robyn Dochterman, owners of the St. Croix Chocolate Shop, were in attendance to request a park rental waiver for their annual Carmalpalooza event. This year the event will be a fundraiser for the Marine School Association. They are also requesting the north end of Judd Street to be closed for a period of time during the event for safety purposes between the shop and the park where the activities will be held. Pardun questioned if closing the street will cause any parking issues. The suggestion was made to block off Judd Street at Oak Street and also Linden Street. Ms. Pope will talk to the Post Office to make sure they are aware and don't have any issues.

Miller moved and Pardun seconded to waive the park fee rental and close off the north end of Judd Street for the event for the St. Croix Chocolate Shop.

Natalie Warren was in attendance to advise the Council that the bike racks purchased through REI have arrived. There is also going to be an event going through Marine that will be put on by the St. Croix River Association called the Peddle Paddle on September 25th that will utilize those new bike racks.

Planning Commission ó No August meeting.

Public Safety ó Art Fair on September 17th and 18th. The Department has qualified for \$1700 in training reimbursement for 2017.

Roads - Willenbring noted that the City Engineer has reviewed the plans for the historic bridge proposal and has no concerns. Fizzie Heimdahl reported that the Restoration Society will be meeting later this month and he would like to be able to tell them the Council has approved the scope of the project. The Council has agreed to let the project move forward as the money is already in the budget. Willenbring requested that Fizzie send the City Clerk a monthly update on the progress as the project moves along.

The next County Rd 4 meeting will be September 21st. The final plan should be ready to present to the Council in the next couple of months.

Engineering Report ó Ryan Goodman noted that second sweeping has been complete for the seal coat project. Still working on the street plans for the 2017 CIP project list.

Personnel/Building Inspector - No Report.

Recreation ó John Goodfellow, Marine resident, has submitted a proposal to put together an Urban Forest Plan for the City, which would help with the Green Step Cities program and also could be incorporated into the Comprehensive Plan update. This project would have no cost to the City, however Mr. Goodfellow would like to apply for a grant with the St. Croix Watershed Steward to help with the project costs. The City would then be the administrator of this grant if approved.

Miller moved and Mowery seconded to give John Goodfellow permission to start an Urban Forest Plan and apply for a grant on behalf of the City. Motion passed unanimously.

Gateway Trail ó Brandon Helm has met with the Jackson Meadow Homeowners Association to answer questions regarding the proposed trail. There will be another meeting at the end of September to continue those talks.

Miller reported that the DNR will be sending a trail management plan regarding the Anson property.

Committee Consolidation-

Finance ó Pardun moved and Willenbring seconded to set the maximum 2017 levy at \$871,845.68, which represents a 4.4% increase. Motion passed unanimously.

Cemetery ó No Report.

Wastewater and Water Systems ó Pardun reported there was a meeting with the City Engineer to discuss any wastewater projects that may be done during the County Rd 4 project.

Citizen Committee Reports

Village Center Task Force ó Willenbring reported on the September meeting. There was discussion on how to incorporate the walking trail map into the signage plan. There will be a formal presentation at the October meeting, along with a request to go out for a grant for this project.

Dumpster Enclosures ó Willenbring reviewed the current garbage contract and there are no provisions limiting the number of dumpsters the City is billed for. He will also be meeting with the owner of the Lumberyard Shops to discuss the proposal for consolidating dumpsters. Dorothy Deetz reported that Andy Kramer has designed an enclosure for the General Store that may run into issues with encroaching on City property. Discussion was held regarding the Brookside enclosures and the fact that there are dumpsters currently on City property, which is not allowed.

MarLa - The summer program is complete for the year. The speaker series will continue this fall and the documentary series will begin in November. There will be a fundraiser held on October 15th. November 19th will also be a fundraiser at the Village Hall.

Miller moved and Mowery seconded to approve a one day liquor license for MarLa for their October 15th fundraiser. Motion passed unanimously.

Hall/Restoration ó There are a couple of bids received for the doors, and there is a contractor coming tomorrow to look at the structural work.

Stormwater/Watershed ó The rainwater project is on hold and the hope is to re-bid the project early winter. The Watershed District has set their preliminary budget at 9%.

Millsite ó No Report.

Green Step Cities - No Report.

Holidays ó No Report.

School Property ó Pardun and Miller met with District 834 representatives. There wasn't much accomplished due to the Stay surrounding the BOLD proposal. The committee will keep in contact with these representatives.

Consent Calendar ó *Miller moved and Pardun seconded to approve the Minutes of 8/11/16, Treasurer's Report of 8/16, List of Bills for 9/8/16, Zoning Administrators Report, Public Works Maintenance Report and Planning Commission Minutes-none. Motion passed unanimously.*

Old/New Business ó The Ash Tree in the park across from the post office has been treated for EAB.

Long/Short Term Goals ó No Report.

Mayor Notes/Clerk's Report ó The Marine School Association has requested.

Adjournment ó Miller moved and Pardun seconded to adjourn at 7:51pm. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes taken by Lynette Peterson, City Clerk