

CITY OF MARINE ON ST. CROIX CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
Thursday, September 12, 2013

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

Citizens Present: Gerry Mrosla, David Denn, Ryan Goodman.

Citizens Considerations – Jennefer Klennert, Advanced Disposal, was in attendance at the request of Clerk Peterson and Council Member Willenbring to update the Council on how Advanced Disposal will improve their service including where things are at with the Tuesday pickups. Advanced has changed their past practices. The pickup truck is now collecting the carts and dumping them into a split body truck, which houses both garbage and recycling. This eliminates any transfer issues with loose garage. Ms. Klennert advised they are working on obtaining a pack rat truck, which is similar to the mini packer used by Waste Management. Once this happens, all pickup would be moved back to Monday. There will also be a route manager following the route for the next few Tuesdays to make sure things are happening as they should.

Planning Commission – Chairman Mrosla reported that the Commission is currently reviewing Section 3 of the Development Code regarding variances.

Mrosla and Jack Warren met with the City Attorney to review the Memorandum of Understanding. A meeting was also held with a member of Bolton Menk regarding cost estimates to move forward with the watershed study. This cost was estimated at \$3200, of which half would be paid for by the Watershed District.

Willenbring moved and Lusher seconded to set the public hearing to amend the Local Surface Stormwater Management plan for the October 10<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting at 7:30pm.

Committee Reports –

Public Safety – There was a structure fire a couple of weeks back. Marine Fire was first on scene and was able to knock the fire down, however mutual aid was called to help eventually.

Several joint trainings, one with Scandia, which have been very successful.

Fire Hall repairs have been completed and the Wi Fi project is also complete.

There are two potential new members. Those names will be presented at the October meeting for approval.

A letter was received from the Washington County Historical Society offering to house the old pumper in their new building as the center piece. The discussion point comes from the fact that

the Historical Society will not take an equipment loan, only a donation. Chief Denn will present this proposal to the Department members and see if they are on board, then bring forth to the Council for final approval.

Roads - Ryan Goodman reviewed the Engineering Report. The final pay request came through for the overlay road project. The cost estimate for paving Quant Ave. came in at \$83,000. There was discussion as to whether only the three property owners along the proposed paved portion would be assessed or if the pavement would continue to the end of Quant and all property owners are assessed.

Personnel/Building Inspector - Received the animal control report.

Recreation- A Letter was received from Harold Teasdale regarding an issue with Oak Wilt in the Hollow. Teasdale is concerned the with the bow hunters bringing their deer stands in and out, there will be additional damage done to the bark. He is requesting the hunters agree to paint or seal the bark for any damage that occurs.

Finance – Pardun moved and Mowery seconded to approve the maximum levy at 14.92% . Motion passed unanimously. Gerry Mrosla brought forth a proposal from Jackson Meadow that the HOA pay the City \$4000 annually to help rebuild the reserve fund for the water system rather than increase the quarterly rates. The Council had concerns with this proposal and the consensus was to have the City run the water system the same way it runs the wastewater system.

Hall/Restoration - The Restoration Society will be submitting the grant application for the Village Hall within the next couple of weeks.

Cemetery – The Engineer has prepared some questions in order to move forward with the expansion.

MarLa - There was a volunteer appreciation dinner at Don and Judy Mauer’s residence.

Village Center – Willenbring submitted Minutes from the last Task Force meeting. 2014 work efforts will focus on signage (highlighting significant structures, parks and pathways) and engineering studies for the concept plan . Willebring thanked the group for completing the trail behind the General Store. There will be a meeting with representatives from the Historical Society to tour that trail.

Curt Moe is requesting no parking signs in front of the south entrance of the Mill Site trail. Pardun doesn’t believe it’s necessary. No consensus was reached. Mowrey suggested the issue be tabled until next month.

Stormwater/Watershed – Pardun questioned how much involvement Ryan Goodman had in the meetings held with the two other engineers from Bolton Menk. Ryan stated he had no involvement and is concerned with how projects have been done without his input and

knowledge as the engineer working directly with the City. There are a lot of questions regarding the proposal that was discussed between members of the Planning Commission and the Watershed regarding cost sharing, etc. Pardun suggested all future meetings be scheduled and run through the City Clerk's office. There were several questions regarding the proposal for Engineering time and costs, which will be needed as part of the Memorandum of Understanding. The total cost will be \$3600, of which \$1800 would be paid for by the City. The Watershed has applied for a grant to help with the cost of this proposal.

Wastewater and Water Systems – Crotty would like to replace the check valves at the same time as the flow meter is replaced. The money saved from the pumping will be used to pay for this project.

Consent Calendar – *Mowery moved and Pardun seconded to approve the Minutes of 8/8/13, Treasurers Report of 8/13, List of Bills for 9/12/13, Zoning Administrators Report - none, Public Works Maintenance Report and Planning Commission Minutes. Motion passed unanimously.*

Old/New Business –

Weed Ordinance – Clerk Peterson drafted a proposed weed and long grass ordinance in response to recent complaints by residents. The Council will review the ordinance and submit comments for review at the October meeting.

Long/Short Term Goals – No changes.

Mayor Notes/Clerk's Report – No report.

Adjournment – *Lusher moved and Pardun seconded to adjourn at 8:56p.m. Motion passed unanimously.*

Minutes taken by Lynette Peterson, City Clerk