

CITY OF MARINE ON ST. CROIX CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, January 9, 2014

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

Citizens Present: Gerry Mrosla, Mike Aspengren, David Denn, Doug Latusek, Isabel Steele, Bill Ries and Tom Warth.

Citizens Considerations – None

Designate Official Depository – Lusher moved and Pardun seconded to designate Chris Mowery as acting Mayor, that the monthly meeting date be the second Thursday of the month at 7:00pm, that the Country Messenger be the official newspaper, that the Security State Bank of Marine be the official depository, that Johnson and Turner be the official legal firm, that Bolton & Menk be the City Engineer and that Robert Rules of Order, Revised, be the official rules of the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Planning Commission – Chairman Mrosla updated the Council on the November meeting. There will be a CUP public hearing for Mark and Dana Miller at 4 Butternut Falls.

Local Surface Water Management Plan – Kristina Smitten submitted a revised draft of the plan incorporating comments from the Watershed District and DNR. The comment period runs through January 24th, so there may be additional revisions to the plan. The Council will act on the revised plan at the February meeting.

Committee Assignments – Lusher would like to assist Pardun with Stormwater. Mowery would like to be removed from Roads and Pardun will take his place with Willenbring.

Committee Reports –

Public Safety – There are two firefighters beginning school next week. The radios will be reprogrammed shortly, and the orders have been placed for the allotted 2014 turnout gear. The department is also looking at replacing helmets and footwear. The latest update on the new CAD system is that it has been postponed once again and there is no date for implementation. Chief Denn presented the 2013 Annual Department Report.

Antique Pumper Update – Doug Latusek was in attendance as one of the members of a committee formed to work on the placement of the antique pumper. The committee has worked with a local architect to design a building to house the pumper and has also spoken with local contractors who may be willing to donate materials for the building. Isabel Steele is a member of the Civic Club and noted that the Civic Club is supportive of this project and would like to place the building on the Museum property. Latusek presented a copy of the building plan to the Council for review and believes this project can be paid for by local donations. Chief Denn noted that in

order for any donations to be considered tax deductible, the funds need to be managed by a 501.3.c. Latusek stated they will be asking the Civic Club to assist with that end of the project.

Roads - No Report.

Personnel/Building Inspector - The new animal control contract has been signed and a report has been submitted.

Recreation – Mowery requested comments at the December meeting on the trail map. Willenbring requested the private trail on the Science Museum property by Tanglewood be removed. Mowery will bring that comment to Jason Husveth and have a final map updated. At the December meeting, discussion was also held regarding misuse of public trails and what type of consequences there would be. Mowery checked into trail ordinances for Scandia, May Township and Stillwater and all the language is the same. Any violation of the trails is considered a misdemeanor and law enforcement should be called. Mowery also addressed horses on the City trails. Horses are allowed unless signs are posted by the City prohibiting them due to potential damage.

Finance – Clerk Peterson will be working on the 2013 Financial Statement.

Hall/Restoration - The Restoration Society will be meeting next week. The grant was approved and the hope is that the work on the basement will begin late in the spring.

Cemetery – Jason Crotty is working with the City Engineer on the new expansion location by the maintenance shop.

MarLa - There will be a meeting/celebration on January 24th to discuss the future plans for the library and to celebrate the second anniversary.

Village Center – No Report

Stormwater/Watershed – No Report.

Wastewater and Water Systems – A few step station issues. May Township had questioned whether Marine would be interested in a joint powers agreement to manage their wastewater system. After checking with the City Engineer and City Attorney, it was decided that it would not be a good decision.

Consent Calendar – *Mowery moved and Lusher seconded to approve the Minutes of 12/12/13, Treasurers Report of 11/13, List of Bills for 1/9/14, Zoning Administrators Report - none, Public Works Maintenance Report and Planning Commission Minutes - none. Motion passed unanimously.*

Old/New Business – Citizen of the Year will be discussed at the February meeting.

Long/Short Term Goals – No changes.

Mayor Notes/Clerk's Report – Mayor Mills announced several training opportunities for the Council if anyone is interested. The Watershed District will be meeting January 29th at the Scandia Community Center to discuss amendments to the Watershed Plan.

Adjournment – *Lusher moved and Mowery seconded to adjourn at 7:51p.m. Motion passed unanimously.*

Minutes taken by Lynette Peterson, City Clerk