

CITY OF MARINE ON ST. CROIX CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, December 13, 2012

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

Citizens Present: Lon Pardun, Dan Willenbring, Tom Warth, Gwen Roden, David Denn, Mary Skamsner, Phillip Bock.

Citizens Considerations – Kevin Nyenhuis was in attendance to update the Council on the upcoming Dutch Christmas Market. This event is receiving great community support and the event will run this coming Friday through Sunday.

Citizen Letter – A letter was received from Brian Mader, resident of Tanglewood, requesting the City take over the plowing of Tanglewood Lane. The Homeowner's Association incurs charges of \$1800 per year to plow, and they believe since the residents on Tanglewood are taxpayers they should receive the same benefits as the residents who live on public streets. Mayor Mills noted that the City does not plow private roads because they are private, they do not meet City standards and the City has denied other requests by residents on private roads for maintenance. Clerk Peterson will respond to Mr. Mader.

Planning Commission – Gerry Mrlosa was in attendance to review the November meeting. There is a variance request in January and the Commission will hold a special meeting next week to set the Public Hearing date. Still working out a few details in the chicken ordinance. That public hearing will be held in January also.

Committee Reports –

Public Safety – Marina Getchell has joined the department temporarily as an EMT.

Miller moved and Mowery seconded to approve Marina Getchell as a probationary member. Motion passed unanimously.

The Department is looking to purchase a Pulse Oxygen Monitor and the Department would like to send a request letter to the Scandia/Marine Lions for funds to help purchase this item. The Council thought that would be a great idea.

John Gorka concert is January 12th at 7:00pm.

The Department members are still having a difficult time finding parking during calls. Chief Denn is requesting two additional reserved spaces, one to the north and one to south and also to replace one of the signs which has been removed.

Miller moved and Mowery seconded to increase the reserved parking spots from three to five and to sign those spots accordingly. Motion passed unanimously.

Chief Denn thanked Pete Marker for his role on the Public Safety committee during his term on City Council.

Roads - The City Engineer has completed and presented the updated roads inventory map, which rates the City streets from worse to best. This map will continue to be updated as road improvements happen, wear and tear, etc. Miller suggested adding alleyways to the map, as the City also maintains those.

Miller spoke with incoming County Commissioner Fran Miron regarding the County Road 4 concerns. There has been no official response from Washington County as of yet.

Proposed City Code Amendment – There are concerns that some residents are depositing snow from private property into the City right of way after the snow plows have gone through. An ordinance is being proposed to amend the City Code prohibiting the depositing of snow into City right of ways.

Miller moved and Marker seconded Ordinance No. 142, Resolution No. 121213-01, an Ordinance amending Chapter 8 of the Marine on St. Croix City Code “Nuisances” to Regulate Snow and Ice Removal and Placement in Street and Sidewalks. Motion passed unanimously.

Dan Willenbring is requesting special permission for Tanglewood Ln to deposit their snow on the City public trail easement.

Marker moved and Miller seconded to allow the Tanglewood Association to place snow in the public City trail easement. Motion passed unanimously.

Personnel/Building Inspector - The Animal Control contract has been signed, and a report has been submitted on the activity over the last month. The City will request that Ms. Reid notify City Staff when she is out of town and has someone else covering for her. The City is also concerned the she is dealing with wild animals.

Recreation – Tod Drescher was in attendance to discuss the proposed trail beginning on Parker Street by the Chocolate Shop and moving through to Burris Park. There was a question as to whether the City owned all of the property surrounding this proposed trail. Mr. Drescher contacted the County Surveyor and was able to obtain digital maps depicting this area. Mill Street has not been vacated, and it looks that the trail would be completely on City property. The Council was very comfortable removing the chain link fence, which will be done in the spring.

Finance – *Miller moved and Mowery seconded to set the 2013 levy at \$714098, or a 8.83% increase over 2012. Motion passed unanimously.*

Benson moved and Miller seconded to approve the proposed 2012 Reserve Funds. Motion passed unanimously.

Hall/Restoration - MarLa is holding a celebration on January 18th and is requesting the hall rental fee be waived. The council agreed to waive the fee but not the \$100 cleaning fee.

Marker moved and Miller seconded to waive the hall rental fee for MarLa. Motion passed unanimously.

Cemetery – Cameras have been pulled and road is delineated.

Village Center – Task Force Minutes will be reviewed under the VC committee reports. The Task Force is looking at dumpster surrounds for the area behind the Lumberyard Shops and Marine Mill. Miller questioned if these enclosures would apply to the other businesses around the downtown area also. Nothing has been decided yet, but that will be taken into consideration.

Dan Willenbring and Mary Vogel met with MnDOT to review the overall VC plan. The plan is to have monthly conference calls to continue the discussions on storm water issues. There may be some funding in 2014 to help with storm water issues. MnDOT has also suggested re-visiting the reconveyance of the property along Judd Street.

The Task Force will be meeting with members of the MN Historical Society to review the trail system behind the General Store on Friday, January 4th.

Wastewater and Water Systems – New pump at P21. Flow meter at P1 has been recalibrated, and it has been determined that will need to be replaced. The estimate on that will be approximately \$2,000.

Consent Calendar – *Miller moved and Marker seconded to approve the Minutes of 11/08/12, Treasurers Report of 11/12, List of Bills for 12/13/12, Zoning Administrators Report, Public Works Maintenance Report and Planning Commission Minutes. Motion passed unanimously.*

Old/New Business – *Miller moved and Marker seconded to approve certification of the 2012 Delinquent Garbage and Sewer charges.*

Miller moved and Benson seconded to approve the current liquor licenses for Olives, The Bikery Du Nord and the Brookside Bar and Grill for 2013. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Notes/Clerk's Report – Clerk Peterson reviewed the timeline for the pickup and delivery of the garbage and recycling containers for the changeover.

Discussion was held regarding the Zavrail Mine project in Scandia. The City hasn't taken a position on the issue, but the citizens could definitely send comments to the City of Scandia.

Mayor Mills thanked the outgoing members of the City Council for their service over the past years. Marker, Benson and Miller thanked the citizens and staff and wished the incoming Council members good luck and thanked them for running.

Adjournment – *Marker moved and Miller seconded to adjourn at 8:35p.m. Motion passed unanimously.*

Minutes taken by Lynette Peterson, City Clerk