

CITY OF MARINE ON ST. CROIX CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, February 13, 2014

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

Citizens Present: Gerry Mroska, Jason DeMoe, Dale Mulfinger, Elson Johnson, Peter Curtis, David Denn, Tom Warth, Andy Creagar, Sue Logan.

Citizens Considerations – Dale Mulfinger was in attendance to propose he and his family host an event at the Log Cabin every Sunday during the summer months. Mr. Mulfinger is the great grandson of Sven Anderson who built the original log cabin located in Burriss Park. Mr. Mulfinger's family was instrumental in restoring that cabin and would like to see the cabin be used in a way that recognizes the family and their history in Marine. The family would like to continue these events every summer for a period of five years, at which time the family would evaluate whether to continue. The Council thought it was a great idea. Mr. Mulfinger will prepare a formal proposal and submit to the Council prior to moving forward.

Citizen of the Year – Councilman Mowery nominated Sue Logan as the 2013 Citizen of the Year for her many roles associated with the Marine Library Association. Clerk Peterson advised there were also nominations from Marine citizens for Dale Stull and Ken Ostlund.

Mowery moved and Willenbring seconded that in conjunction with the celebration of the 2 year anniversary of the successful collaboration of the Marine Library Association, Washington County Library, and the City of Marine on Saint Croix, that Susan Logan be named as 2013 City of Marine on Saint Croix Citizen of the Year. Sue has offered her time and talents as President of the Marine Library Association and a coordinator of the Marine Community Library's operations and volunteer efforts. And in addition that Dale Stull and Ken Ostlund be named 2013 Citizens of the Year Posthumously. Motion passed unanimously.

Planning Commission – Chairman Mroska updated the Council on the January meeting. There was a public hearing for Mark and Dana Miller at 4 Butternut Falls to consider a CUP for a bathroom in an accessory building and a variance for front yard setback. There were a few changes made since the Commission recommended approval, but they are minor changes and are included in an email given to the Council for review. If these changes are approved by the Council, then they will be incorporated into the final CUP/Variance. One large addition to the Findings is the inclusion of an explanation as to why the Commission believes the garage should remain in the present footprint, requiring the setback variance. If the garage were to be moved to within the setback, there would be a need to remove one or more mature trees. The Commission believes this is not the intention of the City's ordinance nor the DNR.

Willenbring moved and Pardun seconded to approve Planning Case 010314-01 for Mark and Dana Miller, 4 Butternut Falls, to allow a bathroom facility in an accessory building, and a variance to allow part of the new structure to be an additional 8 feet on the street side without a

30 foot setback. In addition, to include the supplemental information included dated February 11, 2014 and prepared by Mary Tomnitz providing additional details on the recommended conditions and findings. Motion passed unanimously.

Local Surface Water Management Plan – The Met Council has reviewed the final draft and has no comments. The Watershed District has also reviewed the final draft and will be approving at their next meeting. The Council had no further comments on the draft.

Pardun moved and Willenbring seconded to approve the final draft of the Local Surface Water Management Plan revised January 9th, 2014. Motion passed unanimously.

Willenbring moved and Pardun seconded to express thanks for Kristina Smitten, Jack Warren and Gerry Mroska for their time and effort put into the Local Surface Water Management Plan. Motion passed unanimously.

Willenbring moved and Mowery seconded to reappoint Gwen Roden, Ron Brenner and Gerry Mroska each for a three year term. Motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports –

Public Safety – Gordy Skamsner is working with the City Attorney on the finalizing the details of using the Skogloff bequest money for a scholarship program.

ISO review will be taking place on February 24th.

Chief Denn is working with Stillwater and Scandia on reviewing the May Township fire contract.

New turnout gear has been ordered. This will take care of about 80% of the department, with the remaining members receiving new gear in 2015.

The Civic Club has not confirmed that their organization is a 501.3.C and therefore may not be able to help with donations for the Antique pumper. There is also concern that adding an additional building to the Stonehouse Museum property may cause the City to lose the Historic Designation for that property. The Civic Club would like the two members of the Public Safety department working on this project to attend an upcoming meeting to discuss these issues.

Roads - Ryan Goodman reviewed his engineering report. The DNR is looking at implementing groundwater management plan around the metro area. This is being initiated largely due to the White Bear Lake water issue. As of right now, the DNR will be focusing more on bigger cities and not cities with individual wells, such as Marine. Ryan hopes to have the cemetery expansion

plan ready to present to Council by the March meeting.

Personnel/Building Inspector - No Report.

Recreation – Mowery is still working with Jason Husveth on the final trail map. Mr. Husveth has been very busy lately, but hopes to have it completed soon. Mowery would like to promote the trail map in some way once it's complete. This could be sending out a city wide letter thanking the people involved with this project along with a copy of the trail ordinance, and adding it to the city website. Mowery also mentioned a typo in the Messenger from the last Council meeting. The Messenger stated that any trail violation was a felony, when in fact it is a misdemeanor.

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

Hall/Restoration - The Restoration Society has received the grant for the basement project, and will be starting that project late this spring.

Cemetery – No Report.

MarLa - Fundraiser scheduled for March 1st.

Village Center – No February meeting. Willenbring met with Ben Leonard, new manager of the Community Outreach for the MN Historical Society, to review the Mill Site projects. The Historical Society has allocated \$500,000 to the upcoming bonding bill for the purpose of working on several of the Mill Site trail projects. Willenbring plans on having monthly call between himself, Mr. Leonard and Curt Moe to keep the lines of communication open.

Willenbring has also been in contact with representatives from the Phipps Center regarding the bench project in the MillSite. The Phipps will be putting together signage to place next to the benches, and the City may need volunteers to help with that at some point. The Phipps would also like to place a booth next to the bench during the Art Fair to help promote this project. Clerk Peterson will discuss this with the Art Fair committee. The Phipps would also like to add a link to our City website to promote the bench trail project.

The St. Croix Tourism brochure is complete and available at the City, General Store and Ostlunds. The St. Croix River Alliance will be using Burris Park in June for a luncheon. There will be approximately 80 people in attendance. Joel Stedman submitted a letter to the Council regarding concerns with the Village Center Task force and what their overall role is. Willenbring would like to have the Task Force put together a capital improvement plan for the Council in order to better define future projects and costs for the City. After some discussion there was no consensus to move forward with that project.

Stormwater/Watershed – Watershed meeting next Wednesday, 6:30pm at the Scandia Community Center.

Wastewater and Water Systems – One frozen sewer line. Fluoride system is still not back on.

Consent Calendar – Mowery moved and Willenbring seconded to approve the Minutes of 1/9/14, Treasurers Report of 1/14, List of Bills for 2/13/14, Zoning Administrators Report, Public Works Maintenance Report and Planning Commission Minutes - none. Willenbring would like to make a correction to the December Minutes that his conversation was with a Chanhassen City Council member and not the Mayor. Motion passed unanimously.

Old/New Business – Olives restaurant is currently delinquent with their taxes with the State of Minnesota. If this issue is not resolved by March 2nd, then their liquor license will be revoked.

Washington County Historic Courthouse will be designating April 1st as Marine Day. There will be a reception from 3pm-8pm. On April 6th there will be a program at the Courthouse and the presenter will be Mary Smith, curator of the Stonehouse Museum. There will also be Marine artifacts on display all month at the Courthouse..

Long/Short Term Goals – No changes.

Mayor Notes/Clerk's Report – Board of Review meeting will be Tuesday, April 8th at 9:00am.

Log Cabin in the Bandstand Park – The log cabin built during the Kerschmarket in December is still in the Bandstand Park. Clerk Peterson spoke with Kevin Nyenhuis in January regarding the removal, however nothing has happened. Pardun suggested a letter be sent to Mr. Nyenhuis stating the deadline for removing the cabin will be March 15th. If the cabin is not removed by that time, the City will keep his \$200 park deposit. The Council thought that would be a fair deadline.

175th Celebration – Sue Logan reported that there is a citizen committee working on events for the 175th celebration. The Restoration Society will also be doing a paddleboat event in May.

Adjournment – Pardun moved and Mowery seconded to adjourn at 8:26 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes taken by Lynette Peterson, City Clerk