

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

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

Citizens Present: Dorothy Deetz, Nancy Cosgriff, David Denn, Ryan Goodman, Jeanne Davis, Sue Logan, Tom Warth.

Citizens Considerations – Dorothy Deetz was in attendance to discuss the 175th Celebration events for the upcoming year. The plan is to have a thread of events throughout the year, including Memorial Day, Millstream Day, etc. Some of the new events planned are the Paddle Wheel trip May 31st, All Town Picnic August 24th in Burriss Park and a New Year's Eve party to end the year. The request is that the City be the fiscal agent for the event costs. Deetz thought the total cost would run between \$1500 - \$2000. The City has agreed to cover some cost if there is a short fall, however the committee believes this event will essentially pay for itself. The committee would also like to get an all town photograph similar to what was done for the 150th Celebration.

Lusher moved and Willenbring seconded to be the fiscal agent for the 175th Celebration not to exceed \$3000. Motion passed unanimously.

Planning Commission – No February Meeting.

Committee Reports

Public Safety – Chief Denn noted that the Appreciation dinner will be Sunday, April 27th at 5:00pm.

There was trouble with 4178 which is the oldest truck. There has been some interest from May Township residents in potential membership.

The Department passed the ISO test and will be maintaining its current rating.

Roads - Ryan Goodman reviewed his Engineering Report. The County Engineer and County Commission will be attending the April meeting to discuss the County Road 4 Improvement project. Willenbring requested a meeting with the County Engineer prior to the April meeting. Ryan noted that the County is very hesitant meeting with City representatives on an individual basis, so they may not agree to a meeting ahead of time. Currently the projected costs for the City will be \$450,000 over two years.

Ryan presented several meeting opportunities discussing the groundwater management issues stemming from the White Bear Lake issue.

The Cemetery expansion plan has been completed and presented to the Council. The plan discusses the potential uses of that property as a whole, including the Gateway Trail, land for a public works expansion, and future development sites. The project cost for Phase 1 is \$471,700 and Phase II is \$256,800.

Willenbring and Pardun met with Public Works to review the road inventory. Willebring put together a report based on the rating system and overall the roads are in fairly decent shape.

Personnel/Building Inspector - No Report.

Recreation – No Report.

Finance – Clerk Peterson reported that during the completion of the 2013 Financial Statement, it was discovered that there is a budget surplus of \$216,311. These funds have accumulated through Fiscal Disparity dollars received from the State through the County levy check, which the Clerk was not aware the City had been receiving. Since 2006, these funds have added up to \$100,188. The remaining \$100,000 is accumulated unused budget funds over the last ten years. Going forward, the Council will need to decide what to do with the fiscal disparity each year, and also what to do with the \$216,311 currently in the budget. Pardun noted the County Rd 4 project coming up and suggested the Council consider using that money towards that project.

2013 Financial Statement – Pardun moved and Lusher seconded to accept the Statement of Cash Receipts, Disbursements and Balances Year Ended December 31, 2013. Motion passed unanimously.

Hall/Restoration - Floors upstairs are currently being refinished. The grant for the basement project was approved and the funds were received today.

Cemetery – No Report.

MarLa - Working on the summer program schedule.

Village Center – No February meeting, but the group had a workshop to review the role of the Task Force. There will be formal meeting on April 7th at 7:00pm.

Stormwater/Watershed – Pardun attended the last Watershed meeting, at which time they approved the City's Local Surface Water Management Plan, with a few minor language changes. Pardun will continue to attend the meetings to try and understand a little better what they do with the budget.

There is another grant opportunity that the City will work with the Watershed District on for \$100,000. Pardun noted that this is not a matching grant, so the City would not need to budget for additional funding. Kristina Smitten is requesting a Resolution of support to accompany the grant application. The grant money, if received, would be owned by the Watershed District, and

Pardun is not sure how that money would be allocated to Marine projects.

Pardun moved and Lusher seconded that the City Council approve Resolution No. 140313-02 supporting the grant opportunity from the Legislative Citizen Commission Minnesota Resources Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund for funds available in July 2014 with a grant deadline of March 28th, 2014. Motion passed unanimously.

Wastewater and Water Systems – Fluoride issue in Jackson Meadow still not resolved. There is a frozen sewer line at the Marina.

Consent Calendar – Willebring moved and Pardun seconded to approve the Minutes of 2/13/14, Treasurers Report of 2/14, List of Bills for 3/13/14, Zoning Administrators Report - none, Public Works Maintenance Report and Planning Commission Minutes - none. Motion passed unanimously.

Old/New Business – Olives Restaurant is paid up on their taxes and are operating as usual.

The Iron Man Bike race will be going through Marine again this, however there are no foreseen issues.

Long/Short Term Goals – No changes.

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

The Mayor from Princeton is requesting all cities proclaim April as National Donate Life month.

Willenbring moved and Pardun seconded to approve Resolution No. 140313-01, Proclaiming April as National Donate Life Month. Motion passed unanimously.

The St. Croix River Association has sent out a notice that there is a bill currently being proposed to Legislature allowing the DNR to override any variance approved by a City. The League of MN Cities is against this proposal.

Adjournment – Willenbring moved and Lusher seconded to adjourn at 8:50p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes taken by Lynette Peterson, City Clerk