

CITY OF MARINE ON ST. CROIX CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, August 14, 2014

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

Citizens Present: Curt Moe, Sue Logan, David Denn, Ryan Goodman, Kyle Weaver, Brad and Ginny Borrman, Chris Niskanen.

Citizens Considerations –Brad Borrman – Mr. Borrman, 111 West Maher Lane, purchased their property on West Maher back in the late 90's. Mr. Borrman, along with several other residents on West Maher, currently own that road. Many years ago, that road was extended and those additional homes now have an easement to use the property, and essentially it is used as a public road. Mr. Borrman is concerned with liability issues and since the City currently has a full easement for maintenance, they would like to see the City own the road fully. Clerk Peterson will send a letter to all the owners of West Maher asking if they would be willing to give the road to the City. Clerk Peterson will also research the extension of the turnaround for easements.

Chris Niskanen – Mr. Niskanen was in attendance at the July meeting to request a Resolution of support for the Marine Elementary School marketing plan to increase enrollment and retain existing students. The Council was presented with a final Resolution for consideration.

Willebring moved and Mowery to approve Resolution Number 081414-01 Supporting the Marine Elementary School's efforts to increase enrollment and continue its high academic success. Motion passed unanimously.

Sue Logan - The All Town Picnic will be taking place on Sunday, August 24th. The Scandia Marine Lions was planning on using their food license for this event, however they have maxed out their number of licenses, so the committee is currently working with Washington County to try and secure an additional license.

Marla would like to request the use of the Council chambers for some of their events and would like to also use the monitors and power point equipment. The Council thought that would be fine.

Planning Commission – Still working on the Development Code updates and the Variance and Conditional Use Permit process.

Village Center – The Committee met with the majority of the local business owners to get comments and concerns. A few issues discussed was the traffic issues downtown, parking and sidewalks. Another concern was garbage and dumpsters. The group is also interested trying to

get a business sign installed again. Willenbring noted that the businesses would like to look into the possibility of using fiscal disparity dollars to fund a few of these projects.

Committee Reports

Public Safety – There are two new probationary members of the department.

The Antique Pumper committee has not yet given any definite plans for moving forward. Mayor Mills would like to see a hard deadline for this project, and does not want to see it go through another hard winter sitting in the maintenance shed. Mowery agreed. Willenbring suggested the building be placed on Historical Society property, across from the Fire Department and will look into that possibility. The Council will review at the September Council meeting.

Willenbring moved and Pardun seconded to approve Joseph Koppy and Brady Collins as probationary members of the Public Safety Department.

Roads - Ryan Goodman reviewed his Engineering Report. Washington County has hired the new point person for the County Road 4 project.

Personnel/Building Inspector - The City has mowed the Asa Parker house. A letter was received from a resident regarding their neighbors yard not being mowed. Pardun sent a letter to that neighbor and the yard had since been mowed.

Animal Control – No report.

Recreation – Mowery is working with Gerry Mroska on the Jackson Meadow trail issue, and things are moving along well.

The Cyclo Cross race will take place on October 5th this year, and a representative will attend a Council meeting prior to that event to update.

Finance – Clerk Peterson requested dates for the upcoming budget meetings. The first meeting will be on Monday, August 25th at 6:00pm and the second meeting will be Monday, September 8th at 6:00pm.

Hall/Restoration - The Restoration Society met and are moving forward with the bid process for the Village Hall basement project.

The Art Reach St. Croix would like to host a documentary on Thursday, October 30th. The budget for this event is \$200, which is significantly lower than the regular hall fee. Art Reach is requesting the City Council lower the fee to accommodate their request. This event is free to the public. The Council believes that the City has had a good relationship with Art Reach in the past, and agreed to lower the fee.

Mowery moved and Willenbring seconded to lower the rental fee for Art Reach to \$100 plus a

\$100 cleaning fee. Motion passed unanimously.

Cemetery – Jan Stull, resident, would like to donate screening to the cemetery by the green shed. Jason Crotty is working with Mrs. Stull on the details.

MarLa - No Report.

Stormwater/Watershed – Pardun met with Jim Shaver and residents along Judd Street to discuss the water issue. Ryan Goodman put together a cost estimate for the permitting process to get this work completed. The cost would be \$2850. Pardun would like to move forward with this project. Willebring questioned whether this project would be assessed to those property owners or if the City would pay for this project that would essentially only benefit those particular property owners. Currently the City has not told those property owners that the City would pay for any fixes. There is money in the stormwater budget, so the Council consensus was to move forward with that project.

Wastewater and Water Systems – Pumping will begin next week, and the land applying will be in Scandia. The new lift station for Third Street has been ordered.

Consent Calendar – Willenbring moved and Pardun seconded to approve the Minutes of 7/10/14, Treasurers Report of 7/14, List of Bills for 8/14/14, Zoning Administrators Report, Public Works Maintenance Report and Planning Commission Minutes - none. Motion passed unanimously.

Old/New Business – Mowery moved Pardun seconded to approve Gail Coolidge, Mary Skamser, Annie Moore, Loralee DiLorenzo, Kathy Marker, Ruth Peck and June Eagleton as General Election judges. Motion passed unanimously.

Long/Short Term Goals – Clerk Peterson will add Third Street and Judd Street under Stormwater.

Mayor Notes/Clerk's Report – There has been issues again with garbage and recycling not getting picked up. Jennefer Klennert is no longer with the company, and Clerk Peterson is currently working with the company to get this resolved.

Adjournment – Willenbring moved and Pardun seconded to adjourn at 8:28p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes taken by Lynette Peterson, City Clerk