

CITY OF MARINE ON ST. CROIX CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, September 9, 2010

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

Citizens Present: David Denn, Michael Mackner.

Citizens Considerations –

Michael Mackner- Marine Depot – Mr. Mackner was in attendance to present a proposal to bring the Marine train depot back to town. As part of the St. Croix/Osceola railway, both the Dresser and Osceola railroad depots have been restored and the restoration of the Marine Depot would complete that connection. Mr. Mackner is founder of the Minnesota Transportation Museum, and if the Council is on board with this idea, Mackner would then take it further to get the support from the MTM. Marker questioned whether the MTM would look at a fully operational depot or a closed depot. Mackner believes the most likely scenario would be to make the depot a museum. Clerk Peterson will draft a letter of support from the City for Mr. Mackner to take to the MTM in order to proceed.

Art Hage – Library Letter – Mr. Hage submitted a letter on behalf of the Marine Library Association reiterating their support of a joint powers agreement between the City and Washington County.

Planning Commission – Rebecca and Roland Alm attended the August meeting to request a variance to place a holding tank on their property located at 400 Judd Street. The property is located near a wetland, and the setback for any holding tank from a wetland is 75 feet. The Alm's would need a variance to place the tank within 15 feet from the wetland. The other conflict is the type of structure currently on the property. The building would not contain bedrooms or a kitchen, and therefore is not considered a principle structure, but rather an accessory building. Current code does not allow for an accessory building without a principle structure. The lot is also substandard due the overall square footage not meeting the one acre minimum required by code.

The Commission reviewed the current structure on the property and concluded that given the lot size, along with the many other conditions which do not meet current code, there really is nothing the Alm's can do with this property.

Committee Reports –

Jackson Meadow – Still no word on the takeover request.

Public Safety – Several events coming up, including the annual department meeting and joint training, fire prevention week and the Art Fair. Benson questioned the time City staff has put into

the planning and execution of the Art Fair since taking this event over. He is concerned that the number of hours put into this event may be taking away from the other day to day responsibilities of the City and would like staff to create a summary of time spent on this event.

Roads - Miller advised the Third Street/Maple Street project is on hold until spring. Jack Warren is looking into a potential grant for storm water, which could be used for that project.

The culvert along Berkey Street is scheduled to be replaced this fall.

Public Works will be purchasing a new mower, which is slated for this years budget.

Personnel/Building Inspector – No Report.

Recreation – Mowery met with the MN Historical Society and members of the trail committee to discuss the Mill Site maintenance. There are thoughts of eventually adding a trail head and information kiosk. There will also be upcoming repairs on the fencing, deck and benches.

Finance – The maximum proposed 2011 levy increase has been set at 5.64%. The final levy will take place in December at the Truth in Taxation meeting.

Clerk Peterson explained that the Public Safety Department would like to take the unused funds from the 800 MHZ to pay for the new computer CAD system, however these funds will need to be allocated for that purpose.

Miller moved and Marker seconded the maximum 2012 levy increase at 5.64%. Motion passed unanimously.

Miller moved and Mowery seconded to use the \$7386 for 800 MHZ to pay for the computer software system for the CAD system. Motion passed unanimously.

Hall/Restoration – Mayor Mills would like the stairs to the Village Hall painted prior to Art Fair. He also suggested moving the antique pumper to the Log Cabin in Burriss park. The thought would be to remove the existing wall to the north and display the pumper on that side of the cabin. The wall would then be replaced with glass for easy viewing.

Cemetery – No Report .

Village Center – Benson reported that the County is still working on the joint powers agreement for the library venture. Included in this agreement will be a clause which would allow the Marine Library Association to put forth a request for funding from the Jordan bequest to purchase new items for the library.

The Village Center committee is working on a storm water plan for the Third/Maple street project, which would be used as a guideline for future road projects.

Wastewater and Water Systems – Working on jetting lines along Rose Street.

Consent Calendar – *Miller moved and Marker seconded to approve the Minutes of 8/11/11, 8/25/11, Treasurer’s Report dated 8/11, the List of Bills for 9/8/11, Zoning Administrator’s Report, Planning Commission Minutes, and the August Maintenance Report. Motion passed unanimously.*

Old/New Business – None.

Mayor Notes/Clerk’s Report – None..

Adjournment – *Miller moved and Benson seconded to adjourn at 8:10p.m. Motion passed unanimously.*

Minutes taken by Lynette Peterson, City Clerk