

CITY OF MARINE ON ST. CROIX CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
Thursday, April 9, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Mills at 6:00pm. Pardun and Willenbring present, Mowery and Lusher absent.

Citizens Present: Sally Swanson, Doug Latuseck, Bill Ries, Matt Miller, Mike Aspengren, Mike Tibbetts, Dave Denn, Charles Arnason, JoAnna Falkofske, Lee Kent.

Citizens Considerations ó JoAnna Falkofske, depot manager for the Osceola train, would like to bring in a train load of people for the July 3<sup>rd</sup> fireworks. They are anticipating between 300-400 people this year. Last year there were approximately 245 people and the City charged \$200 for an extra security person and requested volunteers the morning after to help with cleanup. Mayor Mills questioned how many security people were hired last year. Clerk Peterson will check and report back at the May meeting.

Sally Swanson ó Ms. Swanson was in attendance on behalf of the Scandia Marine Lions requesting Mayor Mills and possibly a couple of firefighters volunteer to participate in a pie eating contest on May 2<sup>nd</sup> as a fundraiser for local youth. Last year \$24,000 was raised. Mayor Mills agreed.

Planning Commission ó Continuing to work on the code updates, and there will be a workshop on April 15th.

Public Safety ó

Antique Pumper Committee Update ó Doug Latuseck was in attendance to update the Council on the progress of the fundraising efforts to keep the pumper in town. The funds have been raised, however there has been a change in the proposed location. Matt Miller has offered the garage at the Brookside as the new storage building. The garage would be renovated to provide permanent storage for the pumper, along with an opportunity for public viewing in a central downtown location. Mayor Mills questioned the timing of the project. Mr. Latuseck believes it could be complete early to mid-fall. Pardun noted that the fundraising dollars were done under the premise that the building would be placed behind the museum, and Pardun questioned whether this might be an issue for the people who gave donations. Bill Ries advised the committee has spoken with a few of the people who contributed larger donations and they are fine with the change. The committee will also be circulating a petition to residents with the location change to make sure residents are on board. Ries also noted that the main objective of the fundraising efforts was to keep the pumper in town, it was not necessarily focused on the location. Willenbring has concerns regarding the future, should the Brookside sell, etc. Matt Miller advised the Brookside would give the City a permanent easement, then the City would enter into a lease agreement with the Brookside. Willenbring likes the idea, but believes the direction of this project has been all over the board and would like to see everyone on board as to location, etc. Latuseck believes the Brookside is willing to do whatever it takes to make the City

comfortable, and if that includes deeding the land and garage to the City, then that is what they are willing to do. The Committee believes housing the pumper next to the fire hall would be the best option. Willenbring noted that there are a lot of pieces to this process and would like to see further details before making any decisions. Chief Denn believes the downtown location is a much more productive option and believes this project should become an official project whether spearheaded by the City at this point or the committee. Matt Miller believes this project could be ready for construction within 90 days and completed in 2015. Willebring would like this committee to bring the plan to the Village Center Task Force for their input. Doug Latuseck will be the spokesperson throughout this process and will plan on monthly updates to the Council. The committee will present the plan to the VCTF at the April 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

Interstate Mutual Aid agreement ó This is a boilerplate agreement between all departments in the County for mutual aid assistance. This agreement would allow Marine to assist with m

*Willenbring moved and Pardun seconded to approve the Mutual Aid agreement between Washington County and the Fire Departments of St. Croix County, Wisconsin. Motion passed unanimously.*

Approval of a Probationary Member – *Pardun moved and Willenbring seconded to accept Patrick McCarthy as a probationary member of the fire department. Motion passed unanimously.*

Jackson Meadow Vandalism - Willenbring reported that there has been vandalism and property damage in Jackson Meadow over the last couple of days. The Sheriff's department has been notified but residents are requesting the City ask for extra patrol. Lee Kent, resident, questioned whether the City would consider putting a light on the cameras or additional signage indicating there are security cameras in the area to try and detour these activities. Clerk Peterson will contact Washington County to request extra patrols on behalf of the City.

Roads - The County Road 4 design team would like to meet with the City to begin preliminary discussions. This will take place on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, with the first public information meeting being May 21<sup>st</sup> at Christ Lutheran Church. Soil borings will also be starting, and Willenbring would like to use that opportunity to get borings on Maple Street and Third Street and possibly the drainfield.

Personnel/Building Inspector - Pardun noted that there are issues with getting information in on a timely manner for the quarterly newsletter, and he will talk to some of the people submitting information to address this.

Recreation ó No Report.

Finance ó No Report.

Cemetery ó No report.

Wastewater and Water Systems ó Broken force main on P-1.

Citizen Committee Reports

Village Center Task Force ó No March meeting. Upcoming meeting with the Historical Society on Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm.

MarLa - No report.

Hall/Restoration ó The new furnaces have been installed.

Stormwater/Watershed ó The stormwater committee meets the third Wednesday of every month. They are discussing the watershed grant, set goals, and dredging the Mill pond.

Millsite ó No Report.

Green Step Cities ó Lusher submitted the committees goals list, and requested authorization for ReTAP to come in and do an energy audit on the City Hall. This audit will be free to the City, and the committee will minimize any work done by City staff in conjunction with the audit.

*Willenbring moved and Pardun seconded to approve ReTAP to do an energy audit at no cost to the City of Marine. Motion passed unanimously.*

Holidays ó No Report.

Consent Calendar ó *Willenbring moved Pardun and seconded to approve the Minutes of 3/12/15, Treasurers Report of 3/15, List of Bills for 4/9/15, Zoning Administrators Report - none, Public Works Maintenance Report and Planning Commission Minutes. Motion passed unanimously.*

Old/New Business ó Mayor Mills reported that the City is currently no longer able to accept brush at the compost site due to Washington County regulations. This means there is no longer an economical way for the City to dispose of its own brush, and no way for residents to dispose of their own brush other than individual brush piles.

Long/Short Term Goals ó No Report.

Mayor Notes/Clerk's Report ó No Report.

Adjournment ó *Pardun moved and Willenbring seconded to adjourn at 8:15pm. Motion passed unanimously.*

Minutes taken by Lynette Peterson, City Clerk