

CITY OF MARINE ON ST. CROIX CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, June 11, 2015

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

Citizens Present: Gerry Mrosla, Mary Skamsner, Ann Rinkenberger, Olivia Nienaber, Curt Moe, Anne Reich, Steve Suby, Gordon Maltby, David Denn, Ryan Goodman.

Citizens Considerations ó

Olivia Nienaber ó Barn Quilt Request ó Ms. Nienaber is a resident of Scandia and is heading up a project called the Barn Quilt Trail project. This is a project that takes an 8x8 wooden square painted to look like a quilt and placed on the sides of barns, buildings or posts. Ms. Nienaber is requesting a \$250 donation to help fund this project, which would help with the cost of building and placing six barn quilts. The barn quilts will be placed along four different bike trail areas throughout Scandia, Marine and May Township. Mayor Mills suggested placing a barn quilt by the Log Cabin in Burris park or the Gazebo.

Willenbring moved to amend the motion to contribute \$300. Motion passed unanimously.

Mowery moved and Lusher seconded that the City fulfill the request by Olivia Nienaber and contribute \$250 to the Washington County Barn Quilt trail as amended to \$300. Motion passed unanimously.

Brookside Bar and Grill Music ó Mayor Mills has received no complaints regarding the music and therefore has approved the remaining June permits and the requested July permits. Matt Miller received one call requesting the music be turned down, and did not receive any calls after.

Curt Moe ó Millsite Update ó Mr. Moe reported that the contract with the MN Historical Society for the Mill Site has been renewed for an additional two years. A question was raised regarding the striping or No Parking Signs behind the Marine General Store for the trail. Willenbring is concerned with striping on property not owned by the City. Curt will talk to the owner of the General Store to see if they are okay with striping on their property. There is still a high volume of volunteers working on the Millsite property.

Planning Commission ó Chairman Mrosla noted the Commission is continuing to work on the codes.

Public Safety ó Chief Denn reported that Matt Thibodeau has returned to the department after approximately a ten year break. The department has the potential of having over forty members, which is a new high, however most of those new members are not properly trained and are not available during the daytime hours. Moving forward, any potential member will be placed on a

waiting list if they are not available during the day.

Antique Pumper Committee Update ó

Willenbring and Pardun seconded to secure the services of Landmark Surveying to survey the property of the Brookside for the Pumper Project not to exceed \$2000.

Roads - Willenbring noted that the County Rd 4 information meeting happened last month. Many comments cards noted the interest for a bike route to be added.

Ryan Goodman submitted cost estimates in regards to an updated road rating system, and Village Center concept plan. Goodman reviewed the updated road rating system, and noted that the total preliminary cost estimate to fulfill these projects through 2031, would be \$2,414,000.

The Village Center concept plan was broken into five parts based upon different areas of the concept plan. Willenbring would like the Task Force to review this proposal first, then bring their comments to the Council at the next meeting. Ryan Goodman noted that many of these costs included are stormwater, sewer, Mill Stream, etc.. and some of those costs could be covered by grants and other funds. Clerk Peterson noted that these cost estimates were put together for discussion purposes for upcoming budget meetings. Pardun suggested having a Council workshop to review the information within the next couple of weeks, which will give the Council members time to digest the information and come up with questions. Pardun would like to see some of these priorities called out and a project decision made. The Third Street project has been put on hold for several years and there is still no time line. Willenbring noted that the City is currently waiting for the results from the state before doing any projects. Willenbring would like to see the workshop focus on capital improvement projects in general rather than focusing on the Village Center. Ryan also noted that as part of any work done in the Village Center, the City needs to make sure that there are right of way easements and construction agreements in place with various agencies.

Anne Reich is concerned with the swale at the end of the sidewalk on Judd Street by the Mill Site property. She believes it is a public safety issue and would like to see the City address this issue prior to winter. Jason Crotty will look into.

Personnel/Building Inspector - No Report.

Recreation ó No Report.

Finance ó No Report.

Cemetery ó No report.

Wastewater and Water Systems ó The P-1 lift station project will be moving forward with construction to start in July. The cost would be approximately \$23,000.

Citizen Committee Reports

Village Center Task Force ó The next meeting is June 24th at 6:00pm.

MarLa - The deck on the south side of the Village Hall has been used frequently. Steve Suby noted that many residents would like to see a larger deck built off of that side of the Village Hall, and suggested the potential of using the Jordan bequest. Mayor Mills noted that the County would probably not allow the money to be used for those purposes. Lusher, along with four other residents, attended a meeting at Washington County regarding the future of County libraries. Clerk Peterson noted that the movement of the garbage cans to the north side of the building isn't working out. They are currently doubled up and they are not getting utilized. A suggestion was made to pour a concrete pad on the north side. Jason Crotty will look into.

Hall/Restoration ó No report.

Stormwater/Watershed ó Pardun reported there was a meeting on May 20th. Joel Stedman attended his first Watershed meeting as the Marine rep. The next meeting is June 17th.

Millsite ó No Report.

Green Step Cities ó There will be a recognition meeting in Duluth in which representatives from the City of Marine are invited to attend.

Holidays ó The Osceola train group will be bringing people in for the fireworks and contributing \$200 towards the cost of extra security.

Consent Calendar ó *Willenbring moved Mowery and seconded to approve the Minutes of 5/09/15, Treasurers Report of 5/15, List of Bills for 6/11/15 with the addition of \$954 to Pro Hydro Testing, Zoning Administrators Report - none, Public Works Maintenance Report and Planning Commission Minutes. Motion passed unanimously.*

Old/New Business ó No report.

Long/Short Term Goals ó No Report.

Mayor Notes/Clerk's Report ó No Report.

Adjournment ó *Mowery moved and Lusher seconded to adjourn at 8:39pm. Motion passed unanimously.*

Minutes taken by Lynette Peterson, City Clerk