

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

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

Citizens Present: Gerry Mroska, Mary Skamsner, Tom Boesel, Mary Planten-Krell, David Denn, Ryan Goodman.

Citizens Considerations ó Mary Planten óKrell was in attendance on behalf of the Youth Service Bureau to update the Council on what the Youth Service Bureau program does around the community is and what is new with the program. The Youth Service Bureau helps families in need with troubled teens, social media, etc. This program is funded by state and local agencies, health insurance plans and donations from private companies and various foundations. Mrs. Krell noted that the City of Marine has never been approached to help fund this program, and the goal of the Youth Service Bureau is to have every community participating in the program. The Bureau is requesting a \$250 donation from the City. The Council noted that they would take this issue under consideration at the upcoming budget meetings.

Planning Commission ó Chairman Mroska reported on the June meeting. There will be a public hearing at the July meeting for a new garage on Second Street. There will be a workshop on July 22nd to continue the review of the codes.

Public Safety ó The Streetdance had a net of around \$10,000. The department has four new members, which will begin at the probationary level and two previous members (Matt Thibodeau and Brady Collins) have returned as active members. The department has an opportunity to use state funding dollars to pay an outside technical college to come in and provide department training. Chief Denn is looking at hiring Pine Technical College. Willenbring questioned if a report could be provided etailing the daytime response versus nighttime response.

Lusher moved and Mowery seconded to approve Joe Hogan, Kahl Loman, Matt Machesney and Anthony Mutter as probationary members and Matt Thibodeau and Brady Collins as returning members. Motion passed unanimously.

Roads - Willenbring reported that the Council met at the end of June to discuss priorities and budgets. There will be a County Rd 4 team meeting next Wednesday. Discussions will be held at that meeting regarding a schedule for upcoming public comment meetings.

Ryan Goodman reported that MnDOT will be looking at the retaining wall on the west side of Highway 95 and the hope is for those repairs to take place in 2017.

Ryan and Jason Crotty met to discuss the City's assets in regards to roads, sewer, water, etc. They will continue to meet and discuss and at some point down the road a full report can be put together.

Personnel/Building Inspector - Mary Tomnitz has put in her resignation effective July 21st. The next step will be to post the job opening, which will be done tomorrow. The posting will close July 23rd, with interviews beginning July 29th and second interviews on August 4th. The Council thanked Mary for her time and wished her luck with her new position. Pardun suggested himself, the Mayor, City Clerk and a Planning Commission member as the team for the initial interview and the same team only swapping the Commission member for the Fire Chief for the second round. Willenbring would like to see copies of the resumes.

Willenbring moved and Lusher seconded to accept Mary Tomnitz resignation, and authorize the City Clerk to post the open position. Motioned passed unanimously.

Recreation ó Mowery reported that the barn quilt has been installed by the Log Cabin. The proposed backboard for tennis courts will be approximately 30 feet long and will be the entire height of the court.

Finance ó No Report.

Cemetery ó No report.

Wastewater and Water Systems ó Over 60,000 gallons were pumped during that big rain. Normal daily pumping is around 20,000.

Citizen Committee Reports

Village Center Task Force ó There was a meeting June 24th. The Village Center concept plan estimate was reviewed.

MarLa - There are several summer events coming up throughout the month of July.

Hall/Restoration ó There will be a meeting with Xcel Energy to see if rebates are available to update the lighting.

Stormwater/Watershed ó There is a rain garden meeting on July 15th at Christ Lutheran Church for residents on Rose St. Sixth Street, and Second Street. Currently there are approximately 11 families signed up.

Millsite ó No Report.

Green Step Cities ó The ReTAP audit will be in August on the Village Hall.

Holidays ó The Running Race and fireworks were very successful.

Consent Calendar ó *Willenbring moved Mowery and seconded to approve the Minutes of 6/09/15, Treasurers Report of 6/11, List of Bills for 7/9/15, Zoning Administrators Report -*

none, Public Works Maintenance Report and Planning Commission Minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Old/New Business ó The Civic Club is requesting a few budget items for the Stonehouse Museum. Willebring questioned some type of recognition for Toni Poletes, who recently passed away. The Council will draft a resolution for the August Council meeting.

Long/Short Term Goals ó No Report.

Mayor Notes/Clerk's Report ó No Report.

Adjournment ó *Willenbring moved and Lusher seconded to adjourn at 8:01pm. Motion passed unanimously.*

Minutes taken by Lynette Peterson, City Clerk