

CITY OF MARINE ON ST. CROIX CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
Thursday, October 9, 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, Ryan Goodman, Paul Creager, Dorothy Deetz, Tom Warth, Gerry Mroska, Bill Smitten, Tom Boesel

Citizens Considerations ó

Paul Creager ó Mr. Creager, on behalf of the Square Lake Film Festival, would like to host a free family screening of the movie ET upstairs of the Village Hall and would like to request the Council waive the rental fee for this event. MarLa will be co-sponsoring the event.

*Willenbring moved and Mowery seconded to waive the fee for the event on October 31<sup>st</sup>. Motion passed unanimously.*

Dorothy Deetz ó Dorothy advised that the 175<sup>th</sup> Committee will be holding a New Year's party upstairs of the Village Hall. The committee would like to sell alcohol during this event, however in order to do so the City would need to sponsor this event and also to apply for the one day special liquor license through the State of Minnesota.

*Mowery moved and Pardun seconded that the City sponsor the New Year's Eve party on December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014 and approve a one day liquor license for that event. Motion passed unanimously.*

Curt Moe ó Mike Tibbetts made a wooden map box to hold the Historic Walking Trail maps, and Mr. Moe would like to place the box on the front of the Village Hall. The box would be painted white to match the Village Hall. The Council consensus was to go ahead.

Curt also requested that an area in front of the south side of the Mill Site be painted with stripes the width of two car lengths for no parking. The Council would like to see an area the width of one car initially. Discussion was held as to whether a No Parking sign would be needed also. Willenbring will work with public works on the details.

Sue Logan ó Sue updated the City Council on what is happening with the library association. The current agreement between the City of Marine and Washington County is coming up on the three year anniversary. MarLa is very happy with the success of the library. The usage is up, and the book collection continues to grow. There are currently approximately thirty full time volunteers, and a few more that are seasonal volunteers. There were 22 summer events for children during the summer months, and close to 22 adult programs throughout the year. Marla would like to request a withdraw of 2% or \$6,000 whichever is greater, from the Jordan bequest. Willenbring commented that the library venture has been a huge success and great for the

community.

Planning Commission ó Chairman Mroska reported on the September meeting. There will be a public hearing for a driveway CUP in October. October 22 there will be a PC workshop to continue to work on the code updates. There will also be a speaker at that workshop to discuss solar power.

Village Center ó Willenbring reported on the October Task Force meeting. Discussion included the \$500,000 grant request through the legislature, the potential of fencing the ruins down below the Mill Site, signage for the various Mill Site areas and also the local businesses. There is also a trail counter for the Mill Site trail, which logged over 900 people in September.

### Committee Reports

Public Safety ó Willebring read Dave Dennis' monthly report. The Art Fair was a huge success, raising approximately \$20,000 with an additional \$550 for the Skogloff scholarship fund. The Department held its open house, which was attended by 70-80 people.

Roads - Ryan Goodman presented the cost proposal for the Judd Street ditch flood mitigation plan. There was a meeting held with various agencies on September 17<sup>th</sup> to discuss the location of the original ditch and to discuss the next step, which is the preparation of a topographic survey, ditching/grading plan, and those cost estimates. The preliminary cost estimate to do this is \$10,150.00.

*Willenbring moved and Mowery seconded to approve the proposal by Bolton & Menk to do a topographical survey and cost estimate for Judd Street. Motion passed unanimously.*

Ryan reviewed the October Engineering report. Currently he is assisting the public works department on the O&M manual for the wastewater system. Washington County will be going out for RFP on the County Rd 4 project this month.

The new truck has been ordered.

Personnel/Building Inspector - Pardun and Clerk Peterson met with two representatives from Crabtree Companies to review their laserfiche proposal. Pardun noted that Crabtree Companies is used by a majority of the municipalities in and around the Twin Cities and come highly recommended. The proposal for the software, training and scanner was \$7980. In addition, the City would be hiring an intern for approximately 80 hours to do the actual document scanning. The overall project cost would be under \$10,000 and the City currently has just over \$24,000 in reserve funds for this project.

*Willenbring moved and Pardun to accept the proposal by Crabtree Companies and to authorize an intern to work for the City part time to scan the documents.*

Animal Control ó No report.

Recreation ó No Report.

Finance ó *Pardun moved and Mowery seconded to set the Truth in Taxation date for Wednesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00pm. Motion passed unanimously.*

Hall/Restoration - Still waiting for an update from the Restoration Society on the Village Hall basement project.

Cemetery ó The public works department worked on a beautification project with Jan Stull.

MarLa - No Report.

Stormwater/Watershed ó Pardun presented information on a Watershed grant for stormwater management implementation. The City has a Memorandum of Understanding with the Watershed that would allow the City to create raingardens within the lower village that would offset the cost of the residents having to create these stormwater mitigation projects on their property. The Watershed applied for this grant last year however did not receive it. Pardun noted that the City needs to clarify with BOWSER that this particular grant will allow for the money to be used for that purpose.

Wastewater and Water Systems ó The new panel is installed on Third Street. The new fluoride pump was installed and it working great.

Consent Calendar ó *Willebring moved and Pardun seconded to approve the Minutes of 9/11/14, Treasurers Report of 9/14, List of Bills for 10/9/14, Zoning Administrators Report, Public Works Maintenance Report and Planning Commission Minutes - none. Motion passed unanimously.*

Old/New Business ó *Willenbring moved Pardun seconded to approve Gail Coolidge, Mary Skamser, Annie Moore, Lorelee DiLorenzo, Kathy Marker, Joel Steadman and June Eagleton as General Election judges. Motion passed unanimously.*

The 2014 candidate forum will be held on Thursday, October 23, 2014 at 7:00pm.

Long/Short Term Goals ó Willebring noted that there is an interest with putting the building for the Antique pumper somewhere in the downtown area. That group of people will be contacting the antique pumper committee to discuss.

Mayor Notes/Clerk's Report ó

Adjournment ó *Willebring moved and Pardun seconded to adjourn at 8:28p.m. Motion passed unanimously.*

Minutes taken by Lynette Peterson, City Clerk