

CITY OF MARINE ON ST. CROIX CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
Thursday, January 11, 2018

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

Citizens Present: Liz Kelly, Matt Thibodeau, Jeff Roach, Chase Peloquin, John Goodfellow, Kirsten Vanheim, Dan Malmgren, Bill Simpson, Gwen Roden, Tom Omdahl, Mary Burke, Mike Tibbetts.

Willenbring

Mayor Mills opened the public hearing at 7:04pm for the purpose of adopting a SFU District Overlay District ordinance and amend the current Zoning Map –

*Willenbring moved and Mowery seconded to approve the amended zoning map as drafted by Bolton Menk to add a single family overlay district section. Motion passed unanimously*

SFU Ordinance – Willenbring questioned if the addresses need to be listed as part of Section 3 (a) if those parcels are noted in the zoning map. Pardun does not believe those addresses need to be included. Gwen Roden noted that the Planning Commission added the addresses for perpetuity purposes. Willenbring’s concern is that it looks like spot zoning.

*Willenbring moved and Miller seconded to strike “the addresses of 550 Pine Street, 241 5<sup>th</sup> St and 150 5<sup>th</sup> St and as” from Section 3 (a). Motion passed unanimously.*

*Miller moved and Willenbring seconded to adopt Resolution No. 180111-01, Ordinance 149 amending the Zoning Ordinance to adopt a neighborhood service overlay district within the SFU District. Motion passed unanimously.*

Citizens Considerations –

Liz Kelly – Judd Street Water Issue – Liz Kelly was in attendance with several other Judd Street residents regarding the ditch behind Judd Street backing up in the yards. Ms. Kelly believes this issue began when the road was resurfaced and a larger culvert was put in. Win Miller sent an email to the City stating he believes the water is freezing just north of his house and believes if the City removes the ice from that location, that would solve the issue. Pardun noted that historically water has always been an issue in that location and the residents would clean out that area on their own. That practice stopped when that area became a wetland area. The City was able to work with various agencies to get that ditch cleaned out to help with the drainage as a good gesture and doesn’t believe the City is responsible to maintain that ditch or fix the water issue. It is a naturally occurring issue, and there are several other areas around town with freezing water issues also. Willenbring believes with the climate changing and the more intense rainfalls the water issues are going to get worse and he doesn’t think it is necessarily the City’s responsibility to fix mother

nature. Liz Kelly questioned if a hydrologist could be contacted to see if something can be done. Pardun noted it is bedrock there so you can't dig any deeper. Matt Thibodeau believes the ditch needs to continue to be maintained. Pardun stated the City said from the beginning that the City would not continue to maintain that ditch however the homeowners certainly could. Thibodeau questioned if the City would consider vacating the alley and then they can maintain it themselves. The Council said it may be an option but the City wouldn't have a problem with the residents working on the City alley. Matt Thibodeau questioned if the City would help the residents sandbag until a resolution is figured out. Pardun believes strongly that the City public works should not be doing additional duties like that and is not in favor of the City helping.

Chase Peloquin – City Assessor proposal – Dan Raboin, the current City Assessor, is leaving his position as an independent contractor. The City has received two proposals for his replacement – the first from Washington County and the second from Mr. Peloquin. Mr. Peloquin was in attendance to present his proposal and request the position. Mr. Peloquin is currently the assessor for the City of Scandia and a commercial appraiser for Chisago County.

Miller moved and Willenbring seconded to accept the proposal for Mr. Peloquin for the City assessor position. Motion passed unanimously.

John Goodfellow – Mr. Goodfellow was in attendance to update the Council on the urban forest. They also notified that they did not get awarded the grant, however Mr. Goodfellow will continue to look for other opportunities,

Planning Commission - No December meeting. Three pre-applications will be presented at the January meeting.

Fire and Rescue – Chief Malmgren reported the ice rink has been flooded, however maintenance may be an issue without the use of the school water. There were 95 runs in 2017. 2017 compensation came in under budget.

Roads - Ryan Goodman reviewed the engineering report. No update yet on the grant, but they hope to hear in February.

Personnel/Building Inspector - No report..

Recreation – Skating rink is open. Miller is meeting on the Gateway in February

Finance – Clerk Peterson is working on the CD consolidation. The computers in the City office were upgraded and city staff emails will be changing to the marineonstcroix.org accounts.

Cemetery – No Report

Wastewater and Water Systems – Pardun, Mills and Jason Crotty met to discuss the future of the wastewater system .

Citizen Committee Reports

Village Center Task Force – No report.

MarLa - Mary Burke and Tom Omdahl were in attendance to update the Council on upcoming events. Their birthday party is coming up which the Council is invited to attend. There are three board openings. The board has revised the AV equipment system plan. The plan would include a 150 inch screen, projector and speakers and will cost \$6215. The board is requesting \$2500 from the City and the library would cover the balance. This equipment would be kept in locking cabinets so not accessible to the public.

Hall/Restoration – A pipe burst on New Year’s Eve in the Village Hall. Heaters have been installed in the basement temporarily however a permanent solution will have to be discussed as part of the Village Hall restoration. The compressor went out causing the sprinkler system to fail, which has now been fixed. Pardun attended the last Restoration Society meeting to discuss the issues that need to be addressed. The large grant will be put on hold for another year and a smaller grant will be applied for in the mean time to cover plans and specs. The Restoration Society has agreed to pay up to \$5,000 for a grant writer. Pardun believes the rotted wood should be replaced and painting should happen this year with the funds currently put away.

Stormwater/Watershed – Pardun will be meeting with residents next week to discuss the raingardens .

Millsite – No report.

Green Step Cities - No report.

Holidays – No report.

School Property – No Report.

Consent Calendar – *Miller moved and Mowery seconded to approve the Minutes of 12/14/17, Treasurer’s Report of 12/17 - none, List of Bills for 1/11/18, Zoning Administrators Report, Public Works Maintenance Report and Planning Commission Minutes . Motion passed unanimously.*

Old/New Business –

Marla is requesting a temporary liquor license for their Oscar party on February 24<sup>th</sup>.

*Willenbring moved and Miller seconded to approve a temporary liquor license for Marla for February 24<sup>th</sup>. Motion passed unanimously.*

*Miller moved and Mowery seconded to approve the annual tobacco license renewal. Motion passed unanimously.*

Land Reconveyance – Pardun reported that Washington County has agreed to sell the piece property on the east side of Highway 95 to the City for a price of \$1350.

Citizen of the Year – Willenbring would like to add a special award this year for Jack Warren for a life time achievement award for his volunteerism for the City of Marine.

*Willenbring moved and Miller seconded to nominate Jack Warren for a life time achievement award. Motion passed unanimously.*

*Miller moved and Pardun seconded to nominate Lisa White as the 2017 citizen of year. Motion passed unanimously.*

Long/Short Term Goals – No Changes.

Mayor Notes/Clerk's Report – No Report.

Mayor Mills closed the meeting at 8:43pm pursuant to MN Statute 113D.05 to consider offers for the purchase of real property namely the Marine School.

Mayor Mills reopened the regular meeting at 9:24pm.

Adjournment – Miller moved and Pardun seconded to adjourn at 9:25pm. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes taken by Lynette Peterson, City Clerk