

CITY OF MARINE ON ST. CROIX CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, January 12, 2017

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

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Citizens Present: Ryan Goodman, Jami Philip, Jason Crotty, Mary Burke

Oath of Office ó Clerk Peterson administered the Oath of office to the newly elected Council members, Lon Pardun, Bill Miller and Glen Mills.

Designate Official Depository ó

Miller moved and Mowery seconded to designate Chris Mowery as acting Mayor, that the monthly meeting date be the second Thursday of the month at 7:00pm, that the Country Messenger be the official newspaper, that the Security State Bank of Marine be the official depository, the Johnson and Turner be the official legal firm, that Bolton & Menk be the City Engineer and that Robert Rules of Order, Revised, be the official rules of the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Citizens Considerations ó None

Planning Commission ó No December meeting

Committee Assignments ó No change

Public Safety ó Mowery read Chief Malmgren's public safety report. Lorelee DiLorenzo has retired after seven years of service. Chief Malmgren is recommending Gordy Skamser as the new Deputy Chief.

Mowery moved and Miller seconded to approve Gordy Skamser as the new deputy chief of the Fire and Rescue Department.

Clerk Peterson reported that the Relief Association is working on an amendment to the bylaws to officially take over the fundraising for all Fire and Rescue events. Also the Art Fair committee is looking into hiring a marketing person to help out.

Mowery noted that there was conversation last fall as to whether the pumper committee would present a proposal to the Council to make that an official committee, however nothing was ever received. Mowery wanted to clarify that the maintenance of that pumper building will fall under the control of the City and the department.

Roads -

Engineering Report ó Ryan Goodman reported that last fall they looked at the wall by the Judd Street waterfall and its deficiencies. At some point, repairs will be needed and the Council should think about setting money aside for those repairs.

County Rd 4 ó Cooperative agreements were received for the County Rd 4 project. The Engineer will provide comments to the Council prior to the February meeting when the agreements need to be acted upon. Clerk Peterson will also forward those agreements to the City Attorney for comment.

Personnel/Building Inspector - No report.

Recreation ó The rink is flooded and ready to use.

Finance ó No Report

Cemetery ó No Report.

Wastewater and Water Systems ó No Report.

Citizen Committee Reports

Village Center Task Force ó There will be a presentation in February covering upcoming projects, members etc.

Andy Kramer had planned on presenting the sign proposal to the Council in February. There was a question as to whether the Council would like to schedule a workshop to review that plan prior to the February Council meeting to save time. Mayor Mills and Miller are not in favor of the sign proposal, however will wait until the February meeting to discuss.

MarLa - Miller and Mary Burke met with the County Commissioners and they are thrilled at how successful the library has been. Next week the library will be hosting their fifth birthday party. There are several events coming up in February. Gayle Knutson has received grants to fund the film series next year, and also a short film she has been working on. Her film will be shot in downtown Marine.

Hall/Restoration ó A structural report was submitted by Atkins Associates for the Village Hall. There are several repairs that have been noted and the plan has broken out the projects into three phases. There was also a lead abatement done on the Village Hall, which does show some lead throughout the building. Ryan Goodman presented a potential grant opportunity that would fall into the Village Hall project. Ryan noted the grant could be applied for in steps. The first grant

could be used to pay for the plans and specs for the project. Once that is done, the larger grant could be applied for to do the work. Pardun requested Bolton Menk move forward to pursue that grant opportunity.

Stormwater/Watershed ó Pardun reported MnDOT has expressed interest in helping to repair an outflow ditch across from Chestnut Street, however the grant application that the Watershed applied for to help with that was denied. There is another grant opportunity that the Watershed is willing to apply for and is hoping the City will participate.

Pardun moved and Miller seconded that the City of Marine on St Croix supports and agrees to participate in the Carnelian Marine Watershed District grant application for the Chestnut Street outflow and Maple Street and Hwy 95 water retention system with a 25% participation. Motion passed unanimously.

The City is hoping to incorporate the raingarden bids into the County Rd 4 project.

Pardun attended the last Watershed meeting, and there will be testing done on the sediment in the south Mill Pond. There will be cost share of \$4,000 for the project.

Millsite ó No Report.

Green Step Cities - No report.

Holidays ó No Report.

School Property ó Pardun reported the open house had a great turnout. The committee will be attending the January 19th School Board meeting and Pardun hopes to have report at the February Council meeting.

Consent Calendar ó *Miller moved and Pardun seconded to approve the Minutes of 12/8/16 and 12/14/16, Treasurer's Report of 12/16, List of Bills for 1/12/17, Zoning Administrators Report-none, Public Works Maintenance Report and Planning Commission Minutes-none. Motion passed unanimously.*

Old/New Business ó Comprehensive plan workshop will be February 2nd at 6:30. MarLa is requesting a one day liquor license for their Oscar party.

Miller moved and Mowery seconded to approve a one day liquor license for MarLa on February 25th. Motion passed unanimously.

Long/Short Term Goals ó No Report.

Mayor Notes/Clerk's Report ó Three names have been suggested for Citizen of the Year, Anne Reich, Gayle Knutson and Lorelee DiLorenzo. Council will discuss at the February meeting.

Adjournment ó Miller moved and Mowery seconded to adjourn at 8:02pm. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes taken by Lynette Peterson, City Clerk