

CITY OF MARINE ON ST. CROIX CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, February 8, 2018

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

Citizens Present: Gwen/Larry Roden, Kirsten Vadheim, John Goodfellow, Dan Malmgren, Gerry Mrosła, Kiersten Young, Katie Warner, Jason Crotty, Tom Warth, Tom Omdahl, Evan Johnson.

John Goodfellow – Mr. Goodfellow presented a timeline for the Urban Forest Task Force project. The hope is to have all pieces in place to apply for the Tree City USA status by the end of this year. He plans on having a draft tree ordinance ready for Council review by the March meeting, which is one of the requirements for obtaining the Tree City USA status.

Evan Johnson – Mr. Johnson, who lives on Broadway St., was in attendance to discuss the issue of snow plowing on County Road 4. With the shoulders being wider and the boulevard smaller, there is no place for the snow to go. Jason Crotty has spoken with the County and they are willing to come out and remove the snow that is currently piled up, but they do not have a timeline as to when that will happen. The City had also been clearing that sidewalk on the way to the cemetery, however Mr. Johnson asked them not to continue as it was placing more snow on his property. Pardun suggested talking to the County and asking if they will not plow the full shoulder area to cut back on the amount of snow being placed in the Boulevard. Crotty said they will also continue to clear the sidewalk with the skidsteer. Crotty will work with Mr. Johnson to come up with a solution.

Planning Commission - Chairman Mrosła reviewed the January meeting. Mike Tibbetts is requesting a subdivision at his property on Broadway St, and John Peatross inquired about building a third accessory building, which would exceed the maximum square footage.

Fire and Rescue – Chief Malmgren submitted the 2017 Annual Report. The Relief Association has donated \$20,000 from the 2017 fundraising proceeds. A donation was also received in the amount of \$500 in memory of Bob Walquist.

Miller moved and Mowery seconded to accept the \$20,000 donation from the Relief Association and \$500 from the Walquist family. Motion passed unanimously .

Roads - Katie Warner reviewed the Engineers Report. There will be a request to go out for bid for the 2018 road projects at the March meeting.

Personnel/Building Inspector - Sherrill Reid will no longer be doing animal control and a proposal was received from Brit Harmon, who currently is animal control for Forest Lake, Lake Elmo, and Newport. One change with the new animal control proposal is an increase in costs. Ms. Harmon charges a retainer fee of \$100 per month, plus the fees to come out for a call, with transportation costs. Pardun is proposing to pay for the monthly retainer however any costs

incurred for each specific call would be passed along to the owner of the animal involved in the call. This would involve a change to the dog ordinance however. Pardun will work on the ordinance amendment and have it ready for the Council to review at the March meeting.

Recreation – John Goodfellow has been working on a presentation to the Partnership Team to address wakes on the upper St. Croix between the Arcola Sand bar and Osceola and bringing awareness to the regulations.

Mowery met with Andy Powell and Jim Kent to discuss the trail maps and where to post them.

Finance – The transfer of the CD's in to the money market account is complete.

Cemetery – There may be a restoration project that the Restoration Society is working on.

Wastewater and Water Systems – No Report.

Citizen Committee Reports

Village Center Task Force – Willenbring reported that Fitzie Heimdahl would like to discuss with the Council a project that would involve murals painted on the utility boxes around town. There is a potential grant opportunity for help fund the project. Willenbring will invite him to the March meeting.

MarLa - Tom Omdahl reported the Marla has completed this years documentary series. The Oscar party is scheduled for February 24th. The AV equipment has been ordered and should be installed shortly.

Hall/Restoration – No Report.

Stormwater/Watershed – No Report

Millsite – No report.

Green Step Cities - There was a Green Step committee meeting to discuss the tasks needed to accomplish Step 4.

Holidays – There is one new volunteer for the committee.

School Property – No Report.

Consent Calendar – *Miller moved and Willenbring seconded to approve the Minutes of 1/11/18, Treasurer's Report of 12/17 and 1/18, List of Bills for 2/8/18, Zoning Administrators Report, Public Works Maintenance Report and Planning Commission Minutes . Motion passed unanimously.*

Old/New Business –

Advanced Disposal has requested an increase in the contract for CIP and Tipping fees per the contract allowance.

Mowery moved and Miller seconded to accept the request by Advanced Disposal. Motion passed unanimously.

Long/Short Term Goals – No Changes.

Mayor Notes/Clerk's Report – No Report.

Adjournment – Willenbring moved and Miller seconded to adjourn at 8:16pm. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes taken by Lynette Peterson, City Clerk