

CITY OF MARINE ON ST. CROIX CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, February 9, 2017

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

Citizens Present: Ryan Goodman, Jason Crotty, Frank Ticknor, Fitzie Heimdahl, Mary Skamser, John Goodfellow, Larry and Gwen Roden, Charles Arnason, Anne Reich, Dan Malmgren, Nancy Cosgriff, Mike Tibbetts, Mary Vogel, Karen and Andy Kramer, Fran Miron, Sue Logan, Jim Maher, Mary Lusher, Tod Drescher.

Citizens Considerations ó

County Rd 4 ó Frank Ticknor, Washington County, was in attendance to present a Cooperative Agreement and a resolution establishing a no on street parking ordinance as part of the County Rd 4 project. Mr. Ticknor presented a power point presentation describing the timeline of the County Rd 4 project. The bid process will happen in March, approved in April and construction is set to begin in May. The County will hold an open house for residents in May to walk through the construction process. A question was asked if the overhead utilities would be buried during this project. Pardun noted that the cost to the City would have been approximately \$800,000 to bury just the main lines, and would not include the private utilities to each residence. The City chose to not pursue that option due to the cost. There was a question of whether the access to 5th Street needs to be closed. The City and County believe that is a very dangerous intersection, and in addition would eliminate much of the stormwater running down that hill. Willenbring noted that he and Lon have attended more than eighteen construction meetings with the County and is very happy with the proposal and thanked the design team.

Pardun moved and Willenbring seconded to approve the Cooperative and Maintenance Agreement between the City of Marine and Washington County for County State Aid Highway 4. Motion passed unanimously.

Willenbring moved and Pardun seconded establishing a no on-street parking zone along a portion of Maple Street/Broadway Street from Ostrum Trail to St. Croix Trail. Motion passed unanimously.

John Goodfellow ó Urban Forest Plan ó Mr. Goodfellow presented his final report on the Urban Forest Plan. His recommendation based upon the results is for the City to become a Tree City. The requirements for this is for the City to create a tree care ordinance, a tree board, and host an Arbor Day event. The Council will consider Mr. Goodfellow's recommendation.

Fitzie Heimdahl ó The Historic Bridge history research is complete, and a report has been submitted for the Council's review. The results showed that the original Military Road, originating at Point Douglas and going north to Superior, did go through Marine. The bridge most likely was part of the Military Road and was built in 1872. The construction project is

moving forward with the next step being the ordering of the stone. The hope is to have the project complete by summer.

Planning Commission ó Clerk Peterson reported on the January meeting. The Commission reviewed the proposed ordinance for an overlay district in the SFU District. There will be a public hearing at the February meeting for Jack Warren, who is requesting a rear yard setback variance for the Asa Parker house.

Public Safety ó Chief Malmgren submitted the 2016 annual report. There were a total of 69 runs last year, which is lower than normal. 65% of those runs were within the City limits.

A Relief Association By Law Amendment was presented authorizing the Relief Association to conduct fundraising efforts.

Mowery moved and Willenbring seconded to approve Resolution No. 170209-02 amending the By Laws of the Marine on St Croix Firefighters Relief Association to allow for fundraising efforts. Motion passed unanimously.

Roads - Ryan Goodman is requesting approval of the plans and specs for the Third, Pine, Cherry, and Elm Street construction project. Goodman would like to push out the bid opening slightly to see if the City can get a better bid price due to the County Road 4 project being bid around the same time. The bid approval should happen at the April Council meeting.

Willenbring moved and Pardun seconded to approve the plans for Third, Pine, Cherry and Elm street and to authorize the City Engineer to go out for bid. Motion passed unanimously.

Engineering Report ó Ryan Goodman reviewed the Engineering report. There is a tree workshop on February 23rd. Continuing to work on the Comprehensive Plan.

Personnel/Building Inspector - Jami Philip has resigned as the Assistant Clerk and the job has been posted. First round interviews will begin early next week.

Recreation ó The ice rink is closed for the season due to the unseasonable warm weather. Miller reported that Kristina Smitten has applied for a grant through the DNR to help restore native plants and buckthorn removal. The City has provided a letter of support, as a small portion of the lands affective is City owned.

The DNR has put together an input group and then will expand to citizens to discuss the central region relating to parks, which will include the Anson property. This will also include the Gateway Trail extension.

Finance ó No Report

Cemetery ó No Report.

Wastewater and Water Systems ó No Report.

Citizen Committee Reports

Village Center Task Force ó Nancy Cosgriff presented a power point presentation updating the Council on the current members of the Task Force, projects completed and upcoming projects. Miller thanked the group for all of their work and also wanted to recognize the current members of the Task Force. The current project the Task Force is working on is the historic signage project. Willenbring noted how so many of the community volunteers bring with them extensive knowledge and connections to many of these projects. Willenbring would also like to schedule a workshop to discuss the historic signage proposal. Miller would like to also discuss future priorities as part of that workshop. Commissioner Miron offered up a resource through Washington County with Chris Eng and the Economic Development initiative.

MarLa - Anne Reich reported on the upcoming library events. The Oscar Party is coming up on February 25th and is currently sold out. There are also several speaker events and children's programs in the next month.

Hall/Restoration ó Pardun is looking further into the historical grant discussed at the January meeting and will have more information for the March meeting.

Stormwater/Watershed ó Pardun reported that the MPCA grant will be applied for in March by the Watershed District for the area across from Chestnut Street and potentially Maple Street.

Millsite ó No Report.

Green Step Cities - No report.

Holidays ó No Report.

School Property ó Pardun reported that the school committee attended a learning session with the school board, however not much progress was made. The Board maintains they cannot discuss the property due to the Stay, however if the school committee could get a letter from their attorney stating the board could discuss the Marine elementary property, then they would move forward. Miller hopes that when that letter is present, the committee can meet with both the Administration and School Board.

Pardun moved and Miller seconded to set a public hearing for May 9th at 7:00pm for a proposed ordinance adopting a neighborhood service overlay district within the Single Family Urban District.

Currently the Charter School is in discussions with May Township to use the Concordia Language School for the upcoming school year.

Consent Calendar ó *Miller moved and Pardun seconded to approve the Minutes of 1/12/17 and*

1/12/17, Treasurer's Report of 1/17, List of Bills for 2/9/17, Zoning Administrators Report-none, Public Works Maintenance Report and Planning Commission Minutes-none. Motion passed unanimously.

Old/New Business ó

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Long/Short Term Goals ó No Report.

Mayor Notes/Clerk's Report ó Several names have been noted for Citizen of the Year ó Dorothy Deetz, Gayle Knutson, Anne Reich, Lorelee DiLorenzo and John Goodfellow. Miller questioned what the criteria is for these nominations. Miller feels like this is becoming a contest, and would like to discuss the qualities of the people nominated. He questioned whether it should be continued. Willenbring suggested each person put together a list of qualities they would like to base this nomination on and the Council can discuss and choose a nomination based on those.

Adjournment ó Miller moved and Mowery seconded to adjourn at 9:28pm. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes taken by Lynette Peterson, City Clerk