

CITY OF MARINE ON ST. CROIX CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, June 8, 2017

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

Citizens Present: Ryan Goodman, Natalie Warren, Daniel Cummings, Fitzie Heimdahl, Kiersten Young, Sheriff Dan Starry, Commander Doug Anschutz, Dorothy Deetz, Anne Reich, Curt Moe, Washington County Commissioner Miron,

Citizens Considerations ó Sheriff Starry introduced himself as the new Washington County Sheriff, along with Commander Doug Anschutz. Sheriff Starry has been with the Washington County Sheriff's Department since 1993. Washington County is currently partnering with several Wisconsin and Metro Counties and agencies to battle the drug trafficking organizations within these areas. Commander Anschutz reported on all of the community activities the department is involved in, and also addressed the motorcycle noise complaints. The department will do more directed patrols, etc. to help with the issue. Miller noted the Brookside posted notices requesting the bikers help to keep the noise down, but also requested additional help from the deputies if possible.

Daniel Cummings ó Mr. Cummings is requesting a movie permit for GR Film Productions to shoot parts of a movie for one day. There will be no road closures, etc. and the filming will take place at the Marine General Store and Ostlunds Marine. The filming will take place during the week, within the next two weeks.

Miller moved and Willenbring seconded to approve the movie permit application for GR Film Production with a \$50 permit fee. Motion passed unanimously.

Natalie Warren ó Ms. Warren presented a newly created Landowner's Guide to the Lower St. Croix Riverway, which is an overview of the riverway regulations within the riverway district for homeowners. This project was a collaboration of DNR, Zoning Administrators, Watershed District and the Watershed District.

Fitzie Heimdahl ó Fitzie was in attendance to update the Council on the historic bridge project. New information has been found that shows the current stone bridge replaced the original wooden bridge that had deteriorated. Fitzie is still researching to find more definitive information. Mike Tibbetts will be beginning the construction of restoration project after the July 4th holiday.

Commission Fran Miron ó Commissioner Miron was in attendance to support Sheriff Starry and listen in on the rest of the Council meeting.

Planning Commission ó Chairman Mroska updated the Council on the May meeting. A public hearing was set for the June meeting for an accessory apartment request.

Public Safety ó Chief Malmgren reported on the Streetdance happening Saturday, June 17th. The department is looking for a drop tank, for which a DNR grant has been applied for to help with the cost. The truck committee has begun the process, however it is slow.

Roads - Willenbring and Pardun will meet to discuss the proposed change of the roads CIP. Ryan Goodman reported the pop up meeting at Millstream Days went very well, and they will also be holding another pop up meeting at the Streetdance. The community open house meeting will be set for Saturday, July 29th from 9am ó 11am.

As part of the County Rd 4 project, there was more fill found by the wetland area east of the cemetery therefore causing the need for additional material. Otherwise the project is moving along.

Personnel/Building Inspector - No Report

Recreation ó The Urban and Community Forest Task Force will hold their first meeting at the Village Hall on Monday, June 12th. The official Arbor Day date for 2018 will be Friday, April 28th.

Miller reported that the citizen group for William O'Brien State park is ongoing and upcoming discussion will focus on the Anson property and Gateway Trail.

The black willow tree will be measured tomorrow to see if it qualifies as a state record.

Finance ó No Report

Cemetery ó Memorial Day went well.

Wastewater and Water Systems ó The lateral work on County Rd 4 is complete, along with the force main repairs in Butternut Falls.

Two new homes in Jackson Meadow are complete and now connected to the water system.

Citizen Committee Reports

Village Center Task Force ó Willenbring reported on the workshop in May to discuss the Historic Signage proposal. Andy Kramer will be bringing a formal proposal to the Council in July or August. The Task Force discussed the concern of members working with outside agencies. The list of 35 projects requested at the May meeting was distributed, which was originally approved in 2011. Willenbring would hate to see this group of volunteers to go away and essentially we lose the Village Center and then have to start over. Miller stated he requested

to see the list again because the priorities of the City today isn't necessarily the same as they were back then and wants to make sure that the long and short terms goals are just as important. Miller would like to see the list of projects by the Task Force reviewed and re-prioritized based on what is going on today. Miller would like to see upcoming projects presented to the Council ahead of time rather than time spent ahead of time and then coming to the Council to try and sell the idea.

MarLa - This Saturday is the kick off to the summer program. There will also be a science program through July and a reading incentive program this summer.

Hall/Restoration ó Pardun reported on the Village Hall restoration. A report was received from Atkins regarding their proposal for the restoration work. There is also a grant opportunity that will allow the restrooms and front entrance to become ADA compliant that the City engineer will be working on. Preliminary costs for the work to be done is between \$250,000 - \$300,000. There is currently approximately \$200,000 in a budget surplus that could be used towards this project, and Pardun is requesting some kind of verbal commitment that the Council would be willing to move forward with this project if he spends the time to apply for the grant. The consensus of the Council was that the Village Hall has work that needs to be done and everyone agreed that the project should move forward.

Stormwater/Watershed ó Pardun received an email from Jim Shaver stating there are funds from the MPCA to Marine to be used for the ditch project by Chestnut Street and Highway 95. These funds are not funds that will need to be paid back. MnDOT has also said they will take care of 35% of the water that empties into the ravine, so they will participate in the project cost. Shaver is estimating the project to cost approximately \$140,000. Pardun will continue to update the Council.

Millsite ó The National Park Service sign for the landing behind the General Store is complete and just waiting to be installed. Pardun met with the Mill Site committee to discuss the stormwater runoff and erosion issues down by that landing area.

Green Step Cities - Linda Tibbetts will be accepting the third step award on behalf of the City at the League of MN Cities conference.

Holidays ó Security is secured for the July 3rd fireworks.

School Property ó Pardun reported that the committee is still waiting for the appraisal to be complete, which should be in July. The school district should be completing their appraisal in August or September.

Consent Calendar ó *Miller moved and Mowery seconded to approve the Minutes of 5/11/17, Treasurer's Report of 5/17, List of Bills for 6/8/17, Zoning Administrators Report, Public Works Maintenance Report and Planning Commission Minutes. Motion passed unanimously.*

Old/New Business ó None

Long/Short Term Goals ó No Report.

Mayor Notes/Clerk's Report ó None

Adjournment ó Miller moved and Willenbring seconded to adjourn at 8:33pm. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes taken by Lynette Peterson, City Clerk