

CITY OF MARINE ON ST. CROIX CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, July 11, 2019

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

Citizens Present:

Citizen Considerations – John Goodfellow, Ryan Goodman, Juanita Shodde, Larry/Mary Whitaker, Cheryl Arcand, Karen Kramer, Felicia Cochran, Dan Malmgren, Dorothy Deetz, Larry Roden, Leslie McKenzie, Mike Tibbetts, Jim Maher.

Citizens Considerations –.

John Goodfellow – Mr. Goodfellow presented a power point on the subject of the slow/no wake regulations on the section of the St. Croix river from Taylors Fall to the Arcola High Bridge. Mr. Goodfellow is requesting a letter of support from the Council for the formation of a committee to study this subject further. Mr. Goodfellow will draft the letter and forward to the City for review.

Planning Commission - The Planning Commission held a public meeting in June regarding Short Term Rentals and a survey has been sent out to all residents with the utility billing.

Fire and Rescue – The Streetdance was held on June 15th and there was net of approximately \$6500.

Bill Miller moved and Anderson seconded to approve the Marine Relief Association By Law amendment to remove the sentence “This applies only for the first calendar year of service.” Motion passed unanimously .

Roads – Ryan Goodman reviewed his engineering report. Emerald Ash Borer was confirmed in Forest Lake. There is construction work happening at Highway 95 and Highway 35.

Additional information will be needed in order to complete the analysis of the wastewater report and that will result in an additional fee of \$3,700.

Mike Tibbetts questioned when there would an opportunity for citizen input on the Judd Street project. Pardun stated the committee is still working on the initial plan for the revitalization project. Once a plan is put together there will be a public meeting, and that planned date is sometime during the the week of August 26th.

Pardun moved and Miller seconded to approve the additional work by Bolton Menk on the wastewater report not to exceed \$3,700. Motion passed unanimously.

Pardun moved to approve the final payment to TA Schifsky in the amount of \$10,398.88 contingent upon review of an issue on Holmes Street and approval by the City Engineer. Motion

passed unanimously.

Personnel/Building Inspector - Pardun is recommending Lori Vogel to be hired as the new Assistant City Clerk.

Pardun moved and Miller seconded to approve Lori Vogel as the new Assistant City Clerk. Motion passed unanimously .

Recreation –. There are two residents that have volunteered to serve on the Urban Forest Task Force, Felicia Cochran and Leslie McKenzie. There is still one spot to fill and the Council will approve all members at that time.

The Tree City USA signs have been installed on various sections of Highway 95.

Anderson reported there are canoes that will be pulled from the Pine Street landing if they are not properly permitted. Public Works has noticed the railroad ties around the Millpond are becoming very unstable and should be looked at in the near future.

Anderson also noted how many of the new families in town are younger families with small children, and he is very happy to see that. With this, Burris Park is becoming increasingly popular and he would like to discuss potential upgrades at the upcoming budget meetings. There is also discussion of a possible Founders Day celebration, but it is still in the planning stages.

The warming house roof is almost complete.

Finance – The City is now working with the new Auditor and the Relief Association has also decided to use the same firm.

Cemetery – The restoration work has been completed by the Northern Bedrock Preservation crew and the work was outstanding. There may be another opportunity in the fall for them to come back, but no definite plans as of yet.

Wastewater and Water Systems- No additional report.

Citizen Committee Reports

Village Center - No Report

MarLa - Jim Maher was in attendance to update the Council on the continuing success of the kids programming. The summer adult program is wrapping up tomorrow with the Watershed Research Station. In October they will have their fundraising concert and documentary series. Mr. Maher also recognized Peter and Christine Cundall, who are moving out of town, and both have been avid volunteers in the City for many years.

Hall/Restoration – No Report.

Stormwater/Watershed – No additional report.

Millsite – The visitor count was over 5,000 during the month of June.

Green Step Cities - The City has been presented a certificate for continuing contributions with Step Three of the program

Holidays – Dorothy Deetz updated the Council on the July 3rd and 4th events. The event was a success despite all of the challenges of finding a new launch site and pyrotechnics group. The security group estimated approximately 10,000 people in attendance and there were positive reviews of the show itself. There were a few issues with closing the roads early and getting access to Ostlunds, however everything worked out. Next year there will be additional No Parking signs on a few of the roads and the committee will work closely with the local businesses regarding access. Anderson would like to see the central business district roads closed off earlier but leaving access to the outer businesses until a little later in the evening. Anderson thanked Dorothy Deetz for her work with coordinating this event. Miller thanked Public Works for working a longer day to make sure everything was set up and ready to go.

School Property – Pardun noted there will be a public meeting on July 31st upstairs of the Village Hall to discuss the uses of the school.

Communication Infrastructure – The City website has been revamped to be a little more user friendly. There will be discussion at the upcoming budget meeting to have some extensive work done to the website. Powder Ridge has submitted the preliminary plans to the National Park Service for the proposed tower at the compost site and is just waiting to hear back.

Consent Calendar – *Miller moved and Roden seconded to approve the Minutes of 6/13/19, Treasurer's Report of 6/19, List of Bills for 7/11/19, Zoning Administrators Report - none, Public Works Maintenance Report and Planning Commission Minutes. Motion passed unanimously.*

Old/New Business –

Comprehensive Plan Update – Miller reported the Met Council meeting was cancelled due to lack of a quorum. The meeting has been rescheduled for July 15th. This meeting is a question/answer session prior to the official approval of the plan.

City Logo Discussion – Miller noted he and Councilmember Anderson are looking into having someone recreate the City logo of the Village Hall so it is accessible electronically. Anderson noted the cost would be approximately \$1,200.

Garbage and Recycling RFP – *Pardun moved and Anderson seconded to approve going out for RFP on the garbage and recycling services. Motion passed unanimously.*

US Census Involvement Request – The US Census Bureau is looking to partner with the City to recruit volunteers to assist with community education. The consensus of the Council was to move forward with this project.

Long/Short Term Goals – Miller requested to review the long/short term goals. The Urban Forest, Third Street and 2018 Comprehensive Plan were removed and Village Center Revitalization project and Burris Park were added.

Mayor Notes/Clerk's Report – The Council thanked Kiersten Northcraft for her service with the City.

Adjournment . Miller moved and Roden seconded to adjourn at 8:20pm.

Minutes taken by Lynette Peterson, City Clerk