

CITY OF MARINE ON ST. CROIX CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, August 9, 2018

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

Citizens Present: Ryan Goodman, Billy McLaughlin, Charlie Anderson, John Goodman, Gerry Mrosła, Scott Spisak, Jason Crotty, Tom Omdahl, Jim Maher, Robin Brooksbank, Suzanne Lindgren, Mike Tibbetts, Terry Mistalski, Larry/Gwen Roden, Ryan Marcel, Fizzie Heimdahl, Jim Maher, Gavin and Madeline O'Donahue.

Citizen Considerations -

Bill McLaughlin – Mr. McLaughlin and his band “Simple Gifts” have been renting the hall for almost 15 years for their Christmas concert, and this year they will be renting the hall for 5 nights. A few years ago, the hall rental agreement was changed to not allow non residents to rent the hall under the name of a resident in order to get the resident rate, so the rent has increased significantly for Mr. McLaughlin from \$300 per night to \$650 per night. Mr. McLaughlin is requesting to pay the non-resident rate for the first night, and the resident rate the following nights. In return, he will put out a donation box to be used towards the hall renovations.

Mowery moved and Willenbring seconded to approve a hall rental reduction for Bill McLaughlin to allow him to pay the non-resident rate the first night and the resident rate the following four nights. Motion passed unanimously.

Madeline and Gavin O'Donahue were in attendance to advise the Council they are looking to purchase a property on St Croix Trail, and would like to run a business out of the home. The business proposal would be to make the City of Marine a destination place and attract younger families to the community by hosting events such as a weekly market that would feature local artists, music and food, and wedding and corporate events. Mayor Mills advised something like this would require a Conditional Use Permit, and the biggest things to consider would be how it would affect the neighbors, traffic issues, and noise. Pardun suggested discussing the idea with the Stuga residents and also check with MnDOT on access issues. Willenbring thinks the idea is a good one, however he believes it will be a challenge.

Planning Commission - Chairman Mrosła updated the Council on the July meeting. There was a pre-application for 1051 Nason Hill Road, and the Commission also recommended approval of the draft Comprehensive Plan with one change regarding the Village Center Task Force addendum. Willenbring noted that the CIP portion of the plan discusses road project costs, and he would like that removed. There are also areas of the appendix that are not titled correctly, and he would like that fixed. Miller would like to remove the paragraph describing Appendix B as he thinks it is redundant to page 18, and on page 18 add back the wording “attached as appendix B”.

Miller moved and Pardun seconded to approve Resolution 080918-01, authorizing the release of

the Comprehensive Plan update for the City of Marine on St Croix with the recommended changes. Motion passed unanimously.

Fire and Rescue – Mowery noted that there is a Fire and Rescue facebook page, and since the City has made the decision to not have an “official” City facebook page, Mowery would like to have the discussion as to whether the City is okay with this to continue. As of now, nobody knows who is in charge of updating the page and what information is put out there. However, Chief Malmgren was not in attendance and so the Council will wait to have the discussion until the Chief can be in attendance. Discussion was held about the Marine Booster page, and the Council has always made it clear that it is not an official City site, and not all of the information that has been posted is accurate.

Roads - Ryan Goodman reported on the road projects. The cemetery road is complete, the bike trail is down to gravel, and the Rose, Rosabel Holmes, Berkey and Wilke street project is underway and the storm sewer is complete. The contractor, TA Schifsky, is requesting the first payment in the amount of \$124,298.91.

An additional letter of support was submitted to MnDOT for the LRIP funding, so Ryan is hoping the Marine project will be selected this year .

Terry Mistalski, Judd street resident, has requested a street sign to be placed at the corner of Highway 95 and Judd Street. Jason Crotty has contacted MnDOT to request that sign .

Willenbring moved and Pardun seconded to approve the pay request #1 in the amount of \$124,298.91. Motion passed unanimously .

Personnel/Building Inspector - No Report.

Recreation – Discussion was held regarding the large number of unpermitted canoes that have been left on the City streets which allow boat mooring. Last week, the City pulled 13 canoes from the Pine Street landing that did not have City issued permits. Clerk Peterson suggested amending the boat mooring ordinance to incorporate a fine for any boat that is left on the City street overnight without a permit. Willenbring suggested posting a sign at the landing stating that a permit is required to store a boat overnight, then if a fine is required to retrieve any canoe that gets pulled, that money could be used to build canoe racks for the permitted canoes. Mike Tibbetts does not want to see any signs placed where there is not a problem. Willenbring does believe that is a good policy, and that the City should be consistent. Charlie Anderson suggested placing the sign on the canoe rack once it is built. Clerk Peterson will draft an ordinance amendment to include verbiage for adding a fine for any unpermitted boats left at the landing.

Urban Forest Task Force Ordinance – Council will review the ordinance and address at the September meeting. John Goodman reported he will bring his necessary documents to the October meeting, and once that is complete the application can be submitted for the Tree City USA designation.

Finance – Budget meeting dates need to be set. Clerk Peterson will send out an online meeting request.

Cemetery – Mayor Mills would like to begin marking the road for the second phase.

Wastewater and Water Systems- No additional report.

Citizen Committee Reports

Village Center – Fitzie Heimdahl was in attendance to discuss the utility box project. The box behind the General Store is complete, along with a box at Hay Lake School. Mr. Heimdahl is wondering if the Council would like any additional boxes in town done. The Council suggested the box by Ostlunds, the crosswalk panel and the lift station on the corner of Hwy 95 and Maple Street.

MarLa - Jim Maher reported on the Marla activities. The summer program wrapped up today and the children programs will continue through the school year. The annual fundraiser flyer was just sent out. The money will be used to replace the chairs upstairs with padded chairs.

Hall/Restoration – Pardun reported the painting is in progress. A punchlist has been created to help wrap up the project.

Stormwater/Watershed – Pardun is still working on the ravine project on Highway 95.

Millsite – A meeting was held between the Millsite committee and the historical society to create a Stewardship plan. The insurance claim for the overlook has been submitted and bids are being collected to replace the platform. Mike Tibbetts reported a Marine resident has offered to create a bench that would look like a stack of lumber, which the historical society did not approve. However, a suggestion was made to create a porta potty shelter that looks like a stack of lumber. Mayor Mills would like to see the plans.

Green Step Cities - Anne Reich is working with the Marine General Store and Ostlunds garage to use grant money to purchase charging stations for electric cars.

Holidays – Willenbring reported a resident would like to see volunteer opportunities as part of the welcoming packet.

School Property – No Report.

Consent Calendar – *Miller moved and Mowery seconded to approve the Minutes of 7/14/18, Treasurer's Report of 7/18, List of Bills for 8/9/18, Zoning Administrators Report, Public Works Maintenance Report and Planning Commission Minutes . Motion passed unanimously.*

Old/New Business – None.

Long/Short Term Goals – No change.

Mayor Notes/Clerk's Report – None

Mayor Mills closed the public meeting at 8:43pm pursuant to Minn. Stat. Section 113D.05 Subd 3c3-to develop or consider offers or counter offers for the purchase of real property-namely, the Marine School Building.

Mayor Mills re-opened the public meeting at 10:10pm.

Adjournment – Willenbring moved and Miller seconded to adjourn at 10:11pm. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes taken by Lynette Peterson, City Clerk