

CITY OF MARINE ON ST. CROIX CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, October 11, 2018

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

Citizens Present: Dan Malmgren, Jason Crotty, Larry/Mary Whitaker, Gerry Mroska, John Goodfellow, Charlie Anderson. Mary Burke, Mike Tibbetts, Curt Moe, Charles Arnason, Win Miller.

Citizen Considerations -

John Goodfellow- Urban Forest Management Plan – Mr. Goodfellow presented a power point presentation outlining all of the steps taken thus far to reach the Tree City USA Status. He also presented a draft Urban Community Forest Management Plan, which once the management plan and amended Urban Forest ordinance are both adopted, the City will have completed all of the steps needed to be able to apply for that status.

Miller moved and Mowery seconded to approve Resolution 181011-03 adopting an urban and community forest management plan. Motion passed unanimously.

Miller moved and Pardun seconded to approve Resolution 181011-02 Ordinance 152 Repealing and Replacing Chapter 16 of the City Code. Motion passed unanimously.

Amendment of Chapter 8 of the City Code

Miller moved and Willenbring to approve Resolution 181011-01 Ordinance 151, amending Chapter 8 of the City Code, Nuisances, to include (14) Any living or standing tree or part thereof infected to any degree or infested with any invasive species pest, (15) Any dead tree or part thereof including logs, branches, stumps, firewood, bark or other tree material from which the infected and/or infested part has not been removed and burned or sprayed with an effective pesticide. Motion passed unanimously.

Jason Trandall – resident of 6th Street. Mr. Trandall was in attendance to discuss the lighting installed at Christ Lutheran Church. They have installed screens on the lights but the screening that was planted was supposed to be mature and the plantings that are there are only a few feet high. Clerk Peterson will look into the verbiage of the plan given by the church and address with the church board.

Mike Tibbetts – Believes the light on the flagpole seems awfully bright. Jason Crotty stated that light was replaced with exactly the same bulb that was previously there.

Planning Commission - Chairman Mroska gave an update on the September meeting. The commission is still working on the Balego minor subdivision. MnDOT did send approval for three

driveway accesses. The commission has also began discussing short term rentals.

Fire and Rescue – Washington County has received Federal approval for their All Hazard Mitigation plan, and they are looking for local approval.

Willenbring moved and Mowery seconded to approve the Washington County All Hazard mitigation plan. Motion passed unanimously

The May Fire Contract is up for renewal with an annual 3% increase.

Willenbring moved and Miller seconded to approve the renewal of the May Fire Contract. Motion passed unanimously.

Katherine Lossing will be renting the Village Hall in February and would like to have a 3x3 contained fire in the Gazebo park. Chief Malmgren would like the fire to be extinguished no later than 8pm and minimum of 12 feet from the Gazebo.

Roads - The Council reviewed the Engineers report. There are still a few outstanding issues from the County Rd 4 project that are being addressed.

The contractor is still working on the street project. The final wear course is scheduled to be completed this week along with remaining restoration work from the rain.

The third payment request was presented for TA Schifsky.

Pardun moved and Willenbring seconded to approve the pay request to TA Schifsky in the amount of \$125,757.81. Motion passed unanimously.

Personnel/Building Inspector - No Report.

Recreation – Miller reported there has been movement on the Gateway Trail.

Finance – The Truth in Taxation meeting will be held on December 4th at 6:30pm.

Pardun moved and Mowery seconded to approve the TNT meeting date for December 4th at 6:30pm. Motion passed unanimously.

Cemetery – Restoration work is being completed as part of the road project.

Wastewater and Water Systems- No additional report.

Citizen Committee Reports

Village Center - No Report

MarLa - Mary Burke was in attendance to update on Marla events. The annual fundraiser is this coming Sunday. The City will be using the new AV equipment for the public hearing on Saturday. The City Council candidate forum will be on October 23rd. Marla is also requesting support from the Council for the annual Jordan bequest in the amount of \$6,000.

Miller moved and Mowery seconded to request a draw from the Jordan bequest fund in the amount of \$6,000. Motion passed unanimously.

Hall/Restoration – Willenbring questioned if the lights upstairs could be changed to a softer color.

Stormwater/Watershed – Pardun reviewed a breakout of the stormwater projects and their costs .

Millsite – Mowery reported that the Forest Stewardship plan has been drafted and will be distributed to Council for review. Ash trees are a concern with the outbreak of EAB. Design work has been submitted for the outlook deck.

Green Step Cities - Mowery reported the League of MN Cities magazine featured an article on the Marine Green Step Cities program.

Holidays – No Report.

School Property – Pardun stated there is a purchase agreement drafted for the school property. The City is holding two public hearings to discuss the agreement, the first is on October 13 at 9am and October 17 at 6pm.

Consent Calendar – *Willenbring moved and Pardun seconded to approve the Minutes of 9/13/18, Treasurer’s Report of 10/18, List of Bills for 10/11/18, Zoning Administrators Report, Public Works Maintenance Report and Planning Commission Minutes - none . Motion passed unanimously.*

Old/New Business – William O’Brien is requesting an exemption from the 5 ft stand requirement for their annual hunt.

Miller moved and Willenbring seconded to approve the stand exemption for William O’Brien State park. Motion passed unanimously.

Long/Short Term Goals – No change.

Mayor Notes/Clerk’s Report – None

Mayor Mills closed the public meeting at 8:20 pursuant to MN State Statute 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 8:50pm.

Adjournment – Willenbring moved and Miller seconded to adjourn at 8:51pm. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes taken by Lynette Peterson, City Clerk