

CITY OF MARINE ON ST. CROIX CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, October 12th 2017

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

Citizens Present: Bruce/Janet Swenson, Mary Burke, Gerry Mrosla, Dan Malmgren, Gwen/Larry Roden, Sue Logan, Ryan Marcel, Gayle Knutson.

Citizens Considerations –

Bruce Swenson – Mr. Swenson was in attendance to advise the Council that the Scandia/Marine Lions would like to donate three benches to the City, along with \$200 towards concrete and installation costs. It will be up to the Council as to the location for the benches.

Miller moved and Pardun seconded to accept the donation of three benches from the Scandia/Marine Lions. Motion passed unanimously.

Gayle Knutson – Ms. Knutson thanked the Council for the use of the Town Hall and downtown for the shooting of her short film.

Ryan Marcel – Mr. Marcel was in attendance to request approval for the Cyclocross bike event to be held in Jackson Meadow again this year. The event will take place October 21-22 from 7am – 5pm each day. A music permit is also being requested for that weekend.

Miller moved and Pardun seconded to approve the Cyclo Cross event in Jackson Meadow along with a music permit for the weekend of October 21 and 22. Motion passed unanimously.

Planning Commission - Chairman Mrosla reported on the September meeting. There will be three public hearings at the October meeting. One for the SFU overly district, a CUP /variance request for 280 Cherry St and the Christ Lutheran Church parking lot proposal. There was also a pre-app for a request on Robert St. for a playhouse to be placed on a vacant lot. The Commission advised the code does not allow for accessory buildings to be placed on a lot prior to the principle structure.

Mowery reported that May Township held a meeting last week to discuss the firearm ordinance. The outcome was that a restriction was placed on that property owner to not allow the discharge of any firearms with the exception of shotgun w/slug, and air rifle.

Fire and Rescue – Chief Malmgren reported that Art Fair cleared approximately \$14000. This week is Fire Prevention week. Two defibulators will be sold and new ones will be purchased.

Mowery moved and Miller seconded to declare two defibulators as surplus. Motion passed unanimously.

Mowery moved and Miller seconded to approve donations from the Dettman and McGill/Wolner families. Motion passed unanimously.

Roads - County Road 4 final lift completed today, with final striping next week. Stormwater ponds will be completed within the next week. Bolton Menk is performing a structural inspection on the Red Bridge. A Resolution was presented for the support of a MnDOT grant for the Judd, Linden, Parker and Oak Street project. Pardun clarified that this grant only allows for the basic construction of this road project. It would not allow for upgraded streetlights, etc.

Pardun moved and Miller seconded to accept Resolution NO. 101217-01 to support funding from MnDot for the Marine on St Croix Village Center revitalization project. Motion passed unanimously.

Personnel/Building Inspector - Pardun reported that Kiersten has passed her probationary period.

Recreation – Miller noted that Withrow has requested permission to use the ice rink at their school, and the District gave the okay so Marine will follow suit.

Mowery reported that Jackson Meadow will be using the City's trail map to create a new local maps for the Jackson Meadow trail system.

Finance – *Pardun moved and Miller seconded to set the Truth in Taxation meeting for December 6th at 6:30pm. Motion passed unanimously.*

Pardun noted that the reserve fund meeting was sparsely attended, however the members that were in attendance put together a draft consolidation of the reserve funds. Clerk Peterson will set up another workshop to review those changes.

Cemetery – No Report

Wastewater and Water Systems – A resident on Pine Cone Trail would like to place a bathroom in their garage. Their current system elevation does not allow for a gravity line to connect to their current system. One of the options would be to install a smaller lift station at the garage location which would tie into the City's force main. This is not new connection, however there is a question as to whether the city should charge a connection fee given it is a step station being installed. After some discussion, Lon suggested a time and materials charge in lieu of the \$7500 connection fee.

Crotty reported there is a mound system that is failing on Nason Hill, however they are going to try and clean the system to see if that fixes the problem prior to replacing the drainfield. There is also going to be \$2000 in repair costs to the p-1 generator.

Citizen Committee Reports

Village Center Task Force – No Report

MarLa - Mary Burke reported that the Garrison Keillor even was successful. MarLa received a \$1000 grant through a Friends of the Library organization. Marla is requesting their \$6000 bequest withdraw for 2018.

Miller moved and Mowery seconded to support the Jordan bequest withdrawal for 2018. Motion passed unanimously.

Hall/Restoration – Pardun reported there is a Restoration Society meeting on October 24th, and they have agreed to work with the City on the grant applications for the Village Hall project.

Stormwater/Watershed – No report.

Millsite – No Report

Green Step Cities - The League of MN Cities is holding a conference in November.

Holidays – Mowery will be meeting with the committee this month.

School Property – Pardun reported the City still has not heard back from the District. Pardun would like to hold a workshop to discuss.

Consent Calendar – *Pardun moved and Mowery seconded to approve the Minutes of 9/14/17, Treasurer's Report of 9/17, List of Bills for 10/12/17, Zoning Administrators Report, Public Works Maintenance Report and Planning Commission Minutes . Motion passed unanimously.*

Old/New Business – William O'Brien is requesting an exemption from the 5ft stand requirement for their hunt November 11th and 12th.

Miller moved and Pardun seconded to approve a 5ft stand exemption for the William O'Brien State Park special hunt. Motion passed unanimously.

Pardun reported that the reconveyance is moving forward.

There is a meeting tomorrow with the County, city and District bus company to discuss the pick up location for Quant Ave.

Long/Short Term Goals –

Mayor Notes/Clerk's Report – No Report.

Adjournment – Miller moved and Pardun seconded to adjourn at 8:05pm. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes taken by Lynette Peterson, City Clerk