

CITY OF MARINE ON ST. CROIX CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
Thursday, November 9, 2017

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

Citizens Present: . John Goodfellow, Dan Malmberg, Ryan Goodman, Mary Burke, Larry/Gwen Roden, Suzanne Lindgren, Ryan Marcel.

Citizens Considerations –

John Goodfellow – Mr. Goodfellow was in attendance to update the Council on the Urban Forest Task Force. In order for the City to become a Tree USA City, the Council will need to adopt an ordinance, pass a Proclamation and put on an Arbor Day event. A second grant was received in the amount of \$1500 which can be used for tree planting and an Arbor Day event. There may be an opportunity for a \$5000 grant which could be used for significant tree planting around town.

Hall Waiver Request – Andy Creager is requesting a hall waiver request for a fundraiser on New Year’s Eve. The funds raised will be donated to the City Fireworks fund.

*Mowery moved and Miller seconded to waive the hall rental fee on New Year’s Eve to benefit the City fireworks fund. Motion passed unanimously.*

Ryan Marcel was in attendance to thank the Council for use of the trails for the Jackson Meadow Cyclocross.

Planning Commission - Gwen Roden was in attendance to update the Council on the October meeting. There were three public hearings held, one for the SFU overlay district, one for a front yard variance and a CUP for a bathroom in an accessory building request for Christian Minich, 280 Cherry Street, and one for the parking lot proposal for Christ Lutheran Church.

Ordinance 149 – postponed to December meeting.

Fire and Rescue– The new defibulators have been ordered.

Roads - Frank Ticknor is questioning when the City would want to hold a ribbon cutting event for the County Rd 4 project. Pardun would like to see the project complete and hold the event in the spring. The Council was in agreement.

Ryan Goodman reviewed the engineers report. TA Schifsky has completed all the work on the road project, and is requesting approval of their final payment.

Personnel/Building Inspector - No report.

Recreation – No report

Finance – Truth in Taxation meeting on 12/6 at 6:30pm.

Cemetery – No Report

Wastewater and Water Systems – Lift station pumped repaired. Mound system has been repaired as much as it can, and now just waiting to see if it worked.

Citizen Committee Reports

Village Center Task Force – No Report

MarLa - Mary Burke was in attendance to report on Marla events. Ms. Burke attended the last Washington County Commissioners Board meeting to update the board on the various events and programs the library puts on.

Hall/Restoration – Pardun met with the Restoration society and they have agreed to help with the grant writing for the Village Hall project and will also contribute up to \$5000 towards the grant writing.

Stormwater/Watershed – Pardun met with the Watershed and walked around town to discuss various current and upcoming projects.

Millsite – No Report

Green Step Cities - No report.

Holidays – Mowery met with members of the holidays committee to discuss any issues/changes with the July 3<sup>rd</sup> event. Parking issues were discussed, and ways to eliminate some of the congestion. There was also discussion of increasing the fee to the Osceola train and recruitment of new members.

School Property – Pardun reported that he had a discussion with Ms. Hoheisel regarding the school building. The school board will meet to discuss a price and get back to the City.

Consent Calendar – *Miller moved and Mowery seconded to approve the Minutes of 10/12/17, Treasurer's Report of 10/17, List of Bills for 11/9/17, Zoning Administrators Report, Public Works Maintenance Report and Planning Commission Minutes . Motion passed unanimously.*

Old/New Business – MnDOT is requiring a letter of credit from the City as part of permitting process for the crosswalk project. The City Attorney has reviewed the request and believes the City should approve a letter of credit up to \$25,000.

*Miller moved and Pardun seconded to approve a Letter of Credit for the MnDOT permit up to \$25,000. Motion passed unanimously.*

Comp Plan update – A draft plan will be ready for the Planning Commission hopefully sometime in December. Clerk Peterson will schedule a workshop in January with the Council and Commission to review that draft. Clerk Peterson suggested the small groups find a time to meet prior to that January workshop to review their assigned sections.

*Liquor License Renewal – Willenbring moved and Pardun seconded to approve the On/Off Sale and Sunday on sale license for the Brookside Bar and Grill and Wine/Beer License for the St. Croix Chocolate Shop. Motion passed unanimously.*

Long/Short Term Goals – No Change.

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