

CITY OF MARINE ON ST. CROIX CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
Thursday, December 14, 2017

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

Citizens Present: . John Goodfellow, Ryan Goodman, Anne Reich, Loralee DiLorenzo, Suzanne Lindgren, Dan Malmgren, Larry/Gwen Roden, Charlie Anderson, Harold Teasdale, Mike Tibbits, Curt Moe, Jim Kent.

Citizens Considerations –

John Goodfellow – Mr. Goodfellow presented a powerpoint presentation on the Urban Forest Plan. A grant has been applied for in the amount of \$5,000 which could be used for funding and Arbor Day event,

Planning Commission - Christ Lutheran Church Parking Lot - John Arnason was in attendance on behalf of the church to present their proposal to create an asphalt parking lot where there is currently a partial gravel, partial grass lot. The Planning Commission has recommended approval contingent upon final approval of a lighting plan and landscaping plan in January, along with a final sign off by the City Engineer prior to construction. Willenbring questioned the lighting proposal. He believes the proposed lighting seems very dark. Mr. Arnason stated that was done due to concerns by adjoining property owners who were concerned about the lighting. Mr. Arnason would like to get a comparison of their proposed lighting with the City streetlights and lights by the Mill Pond. Willenbring offered to help him with it. Mike Tibbits questioned when the lights would be on. Mr. Arnason stated the lights would most likely not be on when the parking lot is not in use. They would most likely be on a timer or motion censored.

*Miller moved and Mowery seconded to accept the parking lot plan for Christ Lutheran Church as presented. Motion passed unanimously. Pardun recused himself.*

*Miller moved and Mowery seconded to set a public hearing for the adoption of a Zoning map amendment and SFU overlay district for January 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. Motion passed unanimously.*

*Miller moved and Mowery seconded to approve the Planning Terms as follows:*

*Jack Warren: 3 years*

*Scott Spisak: 3 years (12/31/2020)*

*Gwen Roden: 2 years (12/31/2019)*

*Ron Brenner: 2 years (12/31/2019)*

*Gerry Mroska: 2 years (12/31/2019)*

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Fire and Rescue – Chief Malmgren reported the carpet is out of the upstairs of the fire hall and is just waiting on the vinyl to come in. Washington County has received a grant to allow cities to create an emergency management plan. Malmgren will keep the Council updated as the process moves forward.

Roads - Ryan Goodman reviewed the engineering report. The grant for Judd Street has been submitted. If the City does not get in during the first round, there will be a second round the City could apply for. Initial work has started on the 2018 local road improvement project. Bolton Menk has written a children's book on Green Trees, which they have donated to the library.

Personnel/Building Inspector - No report.

Recreation – Discussion of whether or not the ice rink will be operable this season. The fire department has agreed to keep the rink flooded this season since there will not be access to the school water. Miller noted that there will be an update on the Gateway in the spring.

Finance – Pardun moved and Willenbring seconded to approve the 2018 levy at \$855,905.87 which represents a 2.32% increase. Motion passed unanimously.

Cemetery – No Report

Wastewater and Water Systems – Jason Crotty reported there have been a few sewer issues lately but everything has been resolved.

#### Citizen Committee Reports

Village Center Task Force – Miller reported that the Washington County EDA met with the local businesses to discuss a loan program through the EDA and additional resources the EDA offers.

MarLa - The board is soliciting new board members for anyone interested. The library will be celebrating their 6<sup>th</sup> birthday in January.

Hall/Restoration – No Report.

Stormwater/Watershed – Pardun reported that the raingardens should be installed in the spring. The ditch on Hwy 95 across from Chestnut St. will be fixed in 2018.

Millsite – Mowery received a few stats regarding the Mill Site. There were over 3,000 people who visited the Mill Site. 11 volunteers worked over 250 hours on maintaining that site.

Green Step Cities - No report.

Holidays – Mowery will be working on a recruitment piece for the newsletter for July 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>

volunteers

School Property – No Report.

Consent Calendar – *Miller moved and Mowery seconded to approve the Minutes of 11/9/17, 12/6/17, Treasurer's Report of 11/17, List of Bills for 12/14/17, Zoning Administrators Report, Public Works Maintenance Report and Planning Commission Minutes . Motion passed unanimously.*

Old/New Business –

*Miller move and Mowery seconded to adopt Resolution 171214 – 01 designating Marine Village Hall as the designated polling place. Motion passed unanimously.*

*Willenbring moved and Pardun seconded to approve a temporary on sale liquor license request for Billy McLaughlin for December 20-23<sup>rd</sup>. Motion passed unanimously.*

*Miller moved and Mowery seconded to approve the list to certify delinquent utilities to the County as presented. Motion passed unanimously.*

Harold Teasdale was in attendance to advised the Council that the Jackson Meadow trail system has approximately 6 miles of usable trails. There has been several thousands of dollars worth of grooming equipment purchased to keep those trails maintained. There will be an updated map of the trail system. There were also donation boxes set out to collect money to help with the maintenance of the trails. Last years one of the boxes was vandalized and the other box was removed because those boxes were placed on the City trails, which is not allowed. Mowery noted that this discussion was had last year with Andy Powell. The collection boxes can be put out as long as they are placed on the Jackson Meadow trails and not the public trails.

Long/Short Term Goals – No Changes.

Mayor Notes/Clerk's Report – No Report.

Adjournment – Miller moved and Mowery seconded to adjourn at 8:17pm. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes taken by Lynette Peterson, City Clerk