

CITY OF MARINE ON ST. CROIX CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
Thursday, July 13 2017

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

Citizens Present: Ryan Goodman, Linda Tibbetts, Mike Tibbetts, Dorothy Deetz, Gordon Maltby, Dan Malmgren, Mary/Larry Whitaker, Cheryl , Jeannie Davis, Gerry Mrosła, Andy/Anne Kirn, Jeff Roach, Michael Mackner, Mary Skamser, Tracy Mowery, Andy/Karen Kramer, Larry/Gwen Roden, Jim Maher, Tom Omdahl

Citizens Considerations ó

Linda Tibbetts ó Ms. Tibbetts accepted the third step of the Green Step Cities program on behalf of the City of Marine, and presented the award to the Council. The Council thanked Ms. Tibbetts for accepting the award.

Michael Mackner ó Mr. Mackner was in attendance to request the City consider taking over the water monitoring at the Stuga Townhomes. Also, there is a resident of the Stugas that is taking water samples and having them tested. The City also takes water samples on a quarterly basis. The Stuga homeowners are wondering if they need to continue to take samples or if the City's testing is sufficient. Jason Crotty stated the Stugas do have a permit for that water system which is why they do their own testing. If the City were to begin that testing on behalf of the townhomes, then the system would have to change into a municipal water system and the City would have to formally take the system over. Currently any licensed person could take over the water sampling for the townhomes. Mayor Mills would like Jason Crotty to list the pros and cons of taking over the testing, and also for the Stuga association to look into what other licensed entities could do the work.

Mike Tibbetts ó Mr. Tibbetts updated the Council on the historic bridge project. He has marked the location of the new arch and the utility locate has been done, and public works will be helping with the upcoming excavation. A new plastic culvert will be placed in the existing culvert, that could be removed if necessary.

Brookside Bar and Grill Request ó Matt Miller, Brookside owner, would like to request the Council allow them to sell Off Sale on Sundays. This would require an amendment to the liquor ordinance. The City Clerk will request the Attorney draw up the ordinance amendment for the August meeting.

Gordon Maltby ó Mr. Maltby submitted a letter to the Council addressing some concerns with the July 3<sup>rd</sup> fireworks. He believes the crowds have outgrown the size of the City and believes there is a public safety concern. Mr. Maltby would like the Council to consider his questions and have a discussion before the next event. Mowery stated he will call a meeting with the National Holidays committee to discuss the issues. Jeannie Davis stated the security hired said everything went well, but is willing to meet and discuss any concerns, including additional traffic control.

Mary Whitaker is on the National Holidays committee and stated there is a big need for new volunteers. Larry Whitaker stated there has never been a significant issue in the last ten years of this event. He also believes Mr. Maltby's questions are good and should be discussed.

Willenbring noted that the community likes to celebrate and share this event with their friends and family and does not want this to end. Pardun believes there is a big public safety concern, and there needs to be a plan that is approved by the Council. Andrew Ty, from the Osceola railway, stated they would like to be involved in these discussions and help in any way possible.

The Village Scoop held a fundraiser during the night of streetdance from the sale of ice cream and presented the Fire Department with a check for \$100. The Council thanked the owners.

Planning Commission ó Chairman Mroska presented a request by Jeff and Carissa Roach for a Conditional Use Permit for an accessory apartment in an accessory building. The Commission is recommending approval and there was no feedback from the DNR.

*Willenbring moved and Mowery seconded to approve Planning Case 17305 for a Conditional Use Permit request for an accessory apartment at 570 Judd Street. Motion passed unanimously.*

Public Safety ó The department has had 49 runs since January. Public works did some maintenance around the fire hall. There is a large section of rot in the back of the hall, and public works is getting some bids for repairs.

Roads - There was a suggestion to amend the roads CIP however no final decision was made. With budget meetings being scheduled for August, there should be a decision made. Willenbring had some concerns, however believes it will be fine. This change would potentially allow the bike trail to be completed also, depending on how the bids come in. The Council requested the City Engineer move forward with the updated CIP plan and Ryan Goodman will present the draft at the August meeting and request a motion from the Council to move forward with the plans and specs.

The Comprehensive Plan open house will be July 29<sup>th</sup> from 9am ó 11am at the Church.

Crotty reported the curb and gutter is in on County Rd 4. Restoration work on the embankments will begin in two weeks.

Personnel/Building Inspector - No Report

Recreation ó Trails have been cleared from the storm damage.

Finance ó No Report

Cemetery ó Mayor Mills questioned the addition in the lost 40. Nothing has been staked out yet for the access road.

Wastewater and Water Systems ó Mound system on Nason Hill needs repairing in the hopes it will not have to be replaced completely.

Citizen Committee Reports

Village Center Task Force ó No June meeting. Willenbring noted there was a complaint from a lower village resident regarding the garbage cans on the property owned by Dave Heiren and how they are lined up. Miller had concerns that the City should not address one business without addressing all of the businesses. The Council chose to not take action at this time.

MarLa - Tom Omdahl reported the board has been working on a three year adult and children programming. Marla is also working on branding identity and helping Grove Elementary with their library. Marla would like to see a larger deck placed on the south side of the building and would like to be involved in discussions with the City on that.

Hall/Restoration ó Pardun is working on the grant proposal for the Village hall.

Stormwater/Watershed ó Pardun reported there will be a meeting with the residents on the raingarden project schedule.

Millsite ó The National Park Service sign has been installed at the trail head behind the General Store. Sentence to Serve has been doing some work at the Mill Site. The Urban Forest Task Force has met.

Green Step Cities - No additional Report..

Holidays ó No additional report.

School Property ó The City's appraisal should be ready by the end of this month. Still waiting on the school's appraisal.

Consent Calendar ó *Pardun moved and Willenbring seconded to approve the Minutes of 6/8/17, Treasurer's Report of 6/17, List of Bills for 7/13/17, Zoning Administrators Report, Public Works Maintenance Report and Planning Commission Minutes. Motion passed unanimously.*

Old/New Business ó None

Long/Short Term Goals ó No Report.

Mayor Notes/Clerk's Report ó None

Adjournment ó Willenbring moved and Mowery seconded to adjourn at 8:10pm. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes taken by Lynette Peterson, City Clerk