

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

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

Citizens Present: Ryan Goodman, Gerry Mrosla, Dan Malmgren, Fitzie Heimdahl, Tom Omdahl, Andy/Jane Powell, Brian/Lori Gould, Greg Johnson, Suzanne Lindgren.

Citizens Considerations –

Fitzie Heimdahl ó Mr. Heimdahl was in attendance to give a final report and presentation for the historic military bridge project. The presentation included the history of the Military Road and when the road was built through Marine. Mike Tibbetts has completed the reconstruction of the façade of the bridge. The last piece of the project would be landscaping in front to help with pooling water, and Mr. Heimdahl believes the total cost of the landscaping would not exceed \$200. The Council thought the landscaping was a good idea since the original project came in under budget.

Andy Powell ó Mr. Powell is a resident of Jackson Meadow, and wanted to discuss the incident that happened a couple of weeks ago where two bullets came through the wall of his home during the middle of the day. The Washington County Sheriffs Department was in attendance to talk briefly about the investigation. The bullets came from a property in May Township, approximately 1 mile from Mr. Powell's home. The Sheriff's department stated the owners of the home in May Township have admitted to shooting the firearm, however multiple people have admitted to shooting that same rifle and that makes charging one person for reckless discharge extremely difficult. Because the shooting came from May Township, their ordinance is very different from the City of Marine and allows the discharge of a firearm. Pardun questioned how firing a high powered rifle at a target with no backstop isn't a crime. The sheriff stated that any charge made must be approved by the County Attorney and it's up to their office to determine if charges would be filed. The Sheriff advised the full details of the incident cannot be divulged at this time since the incident is still being investigated. Mowery would like to question the League of MN Cities to see if they have advise or language that our City might be able to incorporate into our ordinance. Willenbring suggested the Council make a motion to recommend May Township consider strengthening their firearms ordinance and forward that to their Town Board.

Willenbring moved and Miller seconded to recommend that May Township review and amend their firearms ordinance. Motion passed unanimously

Planning Commission ó Chairman Mrosla was in attendance to update the Council on the August meeting. There will be a public hearing for 280 Cherry St. and the parking lot proposal for the Christ Lutheran Church parking lot proposal.

Fire and Rescue ó Art Fair this weekend, and there was another grant received from the DNR

for \$3500. The truck committee is taking a step back on the replacement discussion, and Chief Malmgren, Mowery and Willenbring will meet to discuss further.

Roads - Ryan Goodman presented a second payment request for TA Schifsky in the amount of \$28,831.94 for the local road improvements. Goodman also advised the Council of a grant opportunity for local road improvements through the State. The maximum grant award for a small City/Township is \$750,000. This grant could be used for the Judd Street, Third Street project if received. The deadline for submission is December 1, 2017 and has specific eligibility requirements. Bolton Menk will move forward with researching the specifics of what is required and bring the proposal back to the Council. Pardun questioned if there may be a way to include some of the watershed projects in this grant. Goodman noted there may be a way to retro fit some of those stormwater aspects into this grant project, but it would have to be looked at carefully. Willenbring questioned if a meeting could be scheduled between the engineer, city and watershed to discuss the specific aspects of this grant and discuss letters of recommendations.

Personnel/Building Inspector - No Report

Recreation ó Mowery is working with Fizie Heimdahl on the Native plants for the historic bridge. The Council would like to continue to run the warming house as usual, however it would be up to the fire department to handle all of the flooding since the water source from the school is no longer accessible.

Finance ó *Pardun moved and Willenbring seconded to set the maximum levy for 2018 at \$915,505.87, which represents a 9.45% increase over 2017. Motion passed unanimously.*

Cemetery ó No Report.

Wastewater and Water Systems ó Controllers replaced in Butternut Falls and the Stugas.

Citizen Committee Reports

Village Center Task Force ó No August meeting, but will be meeting in September to discuss the grant opportunity.

MarLa - Miller requested additional information from the library committee on the AV equipment proposal for the 2018 budget request.

Tom Omdahl updated the Council on the upcoming events. Garrison Keillor is coming in October for one of the annual fundraiser. The library committee is also considering a request to extend the overlook deck, however the MN Historical Society is reviewing first.

Miller moved and Pardun seconded to approve a one day liquor license for MarLa for their October fundraiser. Motion passed unanimously.

Hall/Restoration ó Pardun reported the next step is to submit for a smaller grant for the plans and specs of the project, which will be in March or April. Pardun is very concerned about Marlaø proposal to extend the observation deck until the hall project is figured out.

Stormwater/Watershed ó Pardun reported there are grant possibilities for the next three years. The raingarden project has been pushed to late September and there is a concern that the timing may be too late for plantings.

Millsite ó Mowery met with the Millsite committee. Sentence to Serve will be removing trees in the near future. There was a controlled burn done by the ruins area, which really helped to improve the viewing.

Green Step Cities - No report.

Holidays ó The Holiday committee met with Public Works to discuss parking issues and will meet with Mowery in October.

School Property ó No report.

Consent Calendar ó *Miller moved and Mowery seconded to approve the Minutes of 8/10/17, 9/7/14, Treasurer's Report of 8/17, List of Bills for 9/14/17, with the addition of \$28,831.94 to TA Schifsky, Zoning Administrators Report, Public Works Maintenance Report and Planning Commission Minutes-none. Motion passed unanimously.*

Old/New Business ó Pardun noted that the flashing speed limit sign that will be put on the new crosswalk system is past where the speed limit changes. He has requested a separate pole be placed at the point of the speed limit change with the flashing sign, which would add approximately \$4500 to the cost. The Council approved the project not to exceed \$50,000, and this change would push the total project cost to \$51,000.

Willenbring moved and Miller seconded to approve the addition of \$1700 to the crosswalk project cost. Motion passed unanimously.

Miller commended Assistant Clerk Young on the Art Fair brochure.

Long/Short Term Goals ó The Historic bridge project can be removed.

Mayor Notes/Clerkø Report ó

Adjournment ó Willenbring moved and Miller seconded to adjourn at 8:50pm. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes taken by Lynette Peterson, City Clerk