

CITY OF MARINE ON ST. CROIX CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, August 10th 2017

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

Citizens Present: Ryan Goodman, Mary Burke, Dorothy Deetz, Gerry Mroska, John Peatross, Micheal Mackner, Dan Malmgren.

Citizens Considerations ó

Michael Mackner ó Mr. Mackner was in attendance to follow up on his request last month for the City to take over the water monitoring at the Stugas. Jason Crotty does not believe the City would want to take ownership of the system, as it would then need to be changed over to a fluoride system and be run as a municipal system and sees no benefit in doing so. Mr. Mackner is not asking the City to take the system over, but to take over the responsibility of the water sampling. He believes that as tax payers, it should be the City responsibility to make sure they have safe drinking water. Pardun stated that all tax payers who have individual wells are responsible for checking their own wells. The water system at the Stugas is licensed by the State of MN and is required to take and submit water samples and the Association would be willing to compensate the City to do this work. Miller is uncomfortable with the City taking on this responsibility. The MN Rural Water Association has a list of private operators that will do this type of work for Associations that the City would be willing to supply. Jason Crotty will work with Mr. Mackner to get him in touch with people who can help with this.

Brookside Bar and Grill Request ó At the July meeting, the Brookside Bar and Grill requested to have the City ordinance changed to allow Off Sale on Sundays. Clerk Peterson presented a draft ordinance to amend the liquor ordinance of the City Code.

Miller moved and Mowery seconded to approve Resolution 170810-01, ordinance 148 to allow for Sunday Off Sale liquor sales. Motion passed unanimously.

Art Monson Land Division Request ó Art Monson has agreed to sell Tod Drescher, neighbor to the north, several feet of property as Mr. Drescher's driveway is currently on Mr. Monson's property. There will not be any new parcels created as a result of this adjustment.

Willenbring moved and Pardun seconded to accept the Land Division request between Art Monson and Tod Drescher as presented on the June 28th survey. Motion passed unanimously.

John Peatross ó Mr. Peatross is a resident on Quant Avenue. Currently Quant is a dirt road, and Mr. Peatross is requesting to pave the first 500 feet of Quant up to his driveway. He has spoken with Forest Lake contracting, who is doing the paving work for County Rd 4, and they have agreed to do the work. The estimate for the work would be approximately \$15,000 and Mr. Peatross would be willing to contribute a portion of the cost if the City will pay for the remaining

amount. Pardun explained the process of how the City determines the extent of the work that needs to be done, so he would want the engineer to review the plan. The Council also noted that the other residents on that road would be paying for the work and it would really only benefit Mr. Peatross. Mowery questioned what the cost savings would be for the work to be done now rather than later. Mr. Peatross did not have an exact number. Willenbring stated the City has road construction projects planned in town for many years to come, so there will always be a paving crew in town. Willenbring is also not in favor of an 18ft wide road if paved, and would like to see proper engineering done. Willenbring would like to include this in the budget discussions and have the engineer look into the specs of the road. There was also discussion of contacting the residents along that road to see if an assessment would be another option.

Planning Commission ó No July meeting. Chairman Mroska stated the commission will be reviewing a request by Christ Lutheran Church for an asphalt parking lot at the August meeting, however would like to also solicit resident input and have some type of public comment period at the September meeting. The Council thought that would be a good idea. The City is also waiting on comments from the Watershed District and Washington County.

Public Safety ó Chief Malmgren reported that the net from the Streetdance was just over \$7,000. Art Fair is coming up in September. A DNR grant was received for \$700 for a water drop tank. The department will be taking a tour next month of Grove Elementary to get familiar with the layout.

Roads - Ryan Goodman presented a payment request for TA Schifsky for the local road projects, and also a request to authorize plans and specs for the 2018 road projects, including the bike trail.

Pardun moved and Willenbring seconded to authorize Bolton and Menk to prepare plans and specs for the 2018 road project to include Holmes, Berkey, Wilke, Rose and Roseabell Street and also a portion of the bike trail. Motion passed unanimously.

Willenbring moved and Pardun seconded to authorize the first payment to TA Schifsky for the local road project in the amount of \$92,731.02. Motion passed unanimously.

Pardun noted that the solar crosswalk lights have given the City numerous issues, with maintenance etc. Forest Lake contracting has given the City an estimate for a new hard wired system, which would eliminate the solar issues. This system would use LED rapid flash lights, and have the system completely wired under one power source. The cost by Forest Lake contracting would be \$47,700 and the cost for the City to do the installation using radio communications would be \$36,000. Mowery questioned the reliability of the radio communication. Jason Crotty stated that is what we are currently using, so they are not reliable. The rapid LED light system would also allow the City to place speed monitors on the north and southbound poles.

Willenbring moved and Miller seconded to authorize the crosswalk project not to exceed \$50,000. Motion passed unanimously.

Personnel/Building Inspector - No Report

Recreation ó Mowery questioned the status of the warming house and tennis court. Miller noted that the warming house door is wide open and there is computer equipment and furniture being stored in there. Miller contacted the school district and they have since locked the door, but there is a question of the who owns the building. The City maintains the building and holds insurance. The City needs to talk to the district about the future use of the rink and if there is no agreement or consensus, then the City needs to remove the insurance, electricity and phone access.

The workgroup for William O'Brien has met to discuss the Anson property, and the engineerø will be meeting soon to discuss the Gateway Trail.

Finance ó The financial report is at the auditorø office.

Pardun moved and Miller seconded to set the first budget meeting for Thursday, September 7th at 6:00pm with a follow up meeting on September 14th at 6:00pm if necessary. Motion passed unanimously.

Cemetery ó Cleaning up tree damage.

Wastewater and Water Systems ó There was some damage to the well house in Jackson Meadow, and the insurance adjuster has determined that there is some painting that will need to be done.

Controller replaced in Butternut Falls, and a controller at the Stugas has also failed.

Citizen Committee Reports

Village Center Task Force ó No July meeting.

MarLa - Mary Burke was in attendance to report on the library. The carpet was just replaced, Garrison Keillor will be here this weekend, and the library will be presenting a plan for new AV equipment for upstairs. The City will need the budget number they are requesting by Monday of next week.

Hall/Restoration ó Pardun reported that the grant pre-application for the Hall restoration project was submitted with the final application due September 30th.

Stormwater/Watershed ó The raingarden project will being late August/early September with Forest Lake contracting doing the work. The Watershed District has submitted a second grant application with BWSR for raingardens along the Rose Street. This is also a matching grant for

which the City's responsibility would be \$25,000.

Millsite ó Maintenance continues on the storm damage.

Green Step Cities - No report.

Holidays ó The holidays committee is meeting tonight to discuss this year's event, and will meet with Chris and City staff in September to discuss.

School Property ó The School Board received their updated appraisal and was meeting tonight to discuss a price. The City should find out within the next week what their plan is and whether they are willing to work with the City to sell the building.

Consent Calendar ó *Miller moved and Mowery seconded to approve the Minutes of 7/13/17, Treasurer's Report of 7/17, List of Bills for 8/10/17, Zoning Administrators Report, Public Works Maintenance Report and Planning Commission Minutes - none. Motion passed unanimously.*

Old/New Business ó None

Long/Short Term Goals ó No Report.

Mayor Notes/Clerk's Report ó The historic bridge is almost complete. There should be a report next month.

Adjournment ó Willenbring moved and Mowery seconded to adjourn at 8:45pm. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes taken by Lynette Peterson, City Clerk