

CITY OF MARINE ON ST. CROIX CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
Thursday, March 12, 2020

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

Citizens Present: Larry Roden, Ryan Goodman, Jason Crotty, Peter Foster, Leslie McKenzie, John Goodfellow, Kitzie Vandheim, Win Miller, Jim Maher, Gayle Knutson, Roger Lyle, Wendy Ward, Mike Tibbetts, Larry Martin.

Approval of Agenda – *Miller moved and Roden seconded to accept the agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.*

Citizen Considerations – Mike Tibbetts questioned how many additional septic connections will there be and how many of those are spoken for. Pardun stated there are going to be 45 new connections available and as of now there are 4 or 5 property owners that have already paid to connect when the septic was put in. The committee will then meet and review the information to determine how the remaining spots will be used. Pardun noted the City will also hold a public meeting to inform the residents once those decisions are made.

Marla – Jim Maher reported on the various library events. Family Game night has been cancelled due to the Covid-19 concerns and the board is considering whether to cancel future events and potentially scale back on the hours. John Gorka will be playing on May 3<sup>rd</sup> for a fundraiser and is requesting approval for a one day liquor license.

*Anderson moved and Roden to grant Marla a one day liquor license for their May 3<sup>rd</sup> fundraiser. Motion passed unanimously.*

Planning Commission –

Larry Whitaker is requesting a variance for a solar panel ground mount on his property at 625 Pine Cone Trail. Clerk Peterson would like to amend the variance summary to remove the reference to the National Park Service, as it was only the DNR that was notified.

Mike Tibbetts questioned if the solar panels would be considered an accessory structure. Roden stated that was discussed, however the consensus was that it would not be considered a building.

*Anderson moved and Pardun seconded to approve Case 240220-01 for Larry Whitaker at 625 Pine Cone Trail to construct a ground mount solar array as amended. Motion passed unanimously.*

The STR committee will be meeting with the City Attorney to discuss the last few items in the proposed ordinance draft.

The Commission is beginning to look at the zoning ordinance revisions very soon.

Public Safety – There is a new probationary member, Scott Meers, which Chief Malmgren would like the Council to approve.

*Miller moved and Anderson seconded to approve Scott Meers as a probationary member of the department. Motion passed unanimously.*

Washington County stated they would consider renting space for the 800 mhz. should the City end up constructing a cell tower.

Anderson reported on the Corona virus. Chief Malmgren has been in close contact with the State and Washington County and has a hazardous mitigation plan in place for the City should that become necessary. The main gathering places for the City that would be of concern are the School building, City hall and Church. The Folk school is considering cancelling classes and the church will be collecting supplies to help with any residents that may be shut in or need assistance.

Roads – Ryan Goodman reviewed the Engineering report. There still has been no word from the State on the historic review for Judd Street. Xcel energy has replaced all of the poles in the downtown area.

Personnel - No Report

Parks & Rec No Report

Millsite – No Report

Urban Forest – Peter Foster submitted a work plan and proposed budget for 2020. The committee has scaled back the budget request to cover only one gravel bed. There is also some money requested for Arbor day and Emerald Ash Borer education. The total budget request is \$1630. Arbor Day falls on April 24<sup>th</sup>, however the committee will be celebrating the event on April 25<sup>th</sup>. The committee will be distributing information at the Gazebo.

Leslie MacKenzie questioned if there is a good way to communicate information with the committee chairs, i.e google docs, etc. Miller stated the best way to distribute information is to email the City Clerk and she can forward to the entire Council.

*Anderson moved and Miller seconded to allocated \$1630 from the General Fund to the Parks and Rec fund for the Urban Forest Task Force in 2020. Motion passed unanimously.*

*Anderson moved and Miller seconded to approve the Migratory Bird grant application as submitted by the Urban Forest Task Force. Motion passed unanimously.*

Cemetery – No Report.

Water Systems- Pardun requested the Clerk send out a workshop meeting request to discuss the septic.

Holidays/Events – Roden reported that the majority of the Holidays committee has resigned. The City is now looking for new volunteers for that committee. Anderson noted that the Council is very appreciative of that group for the work they have done.

City Properties – No Report.

Citizen Committee Reports *Mayor Mills recessed the Council meeting at 7:48pm.*

*Mayor Mills called the regular Council meeting back to order at 7:51pm.*

EDA – A letter of intent was submitted by Win Miller for the Marine Village School to lease the building. The EDA moved to accept that letter of intent.

Green Step Cities – Leslie MacKenzie updated the Council on the Green Step progress. The committee would like to meet with the Council to find out how to move forward with Step 4. Pardun requested Ms. MacKenzie forward the information for Step 4 to the Clerk and she can get to the Council for review. Once the Council receives that information then the Clerk will send out a meeting request.

Ms. MacKenzie also requested to hold their meetings through Zoom due to the Coronavirus concerns. The Council thought that would be fine.

Communications Infrastructure – Anderson presented the final logo for Council review. The Council consensus was to move forward with what was presented.

Anderson also noted the City is looking for high resolution photos for the website.

Anderson has given the Planning Commission additional information on the cell tower and they will begin to review after the STR public hearing.

Consent Calendar – *Miller moved and Roden seconded to approve the Minutes of 2/12/20, Treasurer's Report of 2/20, List of Bills for 3/12/20 with the addition of \$50 to Medtox, Zoning Administrators Report, Public Works Maintenance Report and Planning Commission Minutes. Motion passed unanimously.*

Old/New Business – Washington County Commissioner Miron was in attendance to update the Council on various County projects that are either in progress or upcoming. One of those topics is the request to add a .025 sales tax. This tax would be used for road and transportation projects, which are currently bonded for by the County and paid for through property taxes.

Board of Review meeting will be April 7 from 9am – 10am.

A request was received from a parent in the Stillwater School District to adopt a proclamation declaring April as Pony Pride month. The Council opted to not act on this request.

Certification of Election Results – *Miller moved and Roden seconded to certify the results from the Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> Primary election. Motion passed unanimously.*

Long and Short Term Goals – No Change

Mayor Notes/Clerk's Report –

Adjournment - Miller moved and Roden seconded to adjourn at 8:25pm.

Minutes taken by Lynette Peterson, City Clerk