

CITY OF MARINE ON ST. CROIX CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
Thursday, July 9, 2020

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

Citizens Present: Mary Whitaker, Jim Maher, Jeff Comins, Larry Martin, Leslie McKenzie, Peter Foster, John Waugh, Nancy Cosgriff, Ryan Goodman, Wendy Ward

Approval of the Agenda – Pardun moved and Roden seconded to approve the agenda as drafted. *Pardun, Roden and Mills in favor – Anderson and Miller unable to respond due to connectivity. Motion passed.*

Citizens Considerations – Mike Tibbetts was in attendance to discuss the charter school that is hoping to go into the Marine Elementary building. Mr. Tibbetts would like to suggest bringing a school bus full of 30 African American children and 2 African American teachers to the school in order to integrate the children.

Brookside Bar E Pull tab request – Matt Miller, Brookside Bar and Grill, is changing their pull tab charitable gambling license from the Scandia Marine Lions to the Forest Lake Athlete Association.

*Pardun moved and Roden seconded to approve the Charitable Gambling License through the Forest Lake Athletic Association. Pardun, Roden and Mills in favor – Anderson and Miller unable to respond due to connectivity. Motion passed.*

Marla – Jim Maher was in attendance to update on the library. The library remains closed however there are hours available to pick up books. The website is being updated during the shut down and there is a proposal to remodel the inside of the library room. There will be a reconfiguration of the shelving and check out machines, along with a display table for Craig Blacklock's book. The last item would be a book drop inserted in the wall from the lobby to the library. That exact location is not yet known.

Planning Commission - Chairman Mroska reported on the June meeting. There will be a public hearing for Dan Willenbring at the July meeting and a pre-application for Tim Casey on Nason Hill for a garage expansion. A final draft of the STR ordinance was presented by the City Attorney with a few changes from the previous draft. The public hearing will be held on July 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30pm at the elementary school. Anderson questioned the newly proposed changes to the ordinance and is concerned that there are new issues coming up so late in the game. Clerk Peterson explained the concern with not allowing LLC's and Trusts as an owner.

Fire and Rescue – Still responding under the Covid-19 guidelines. Everything else is quiet

Roads – Ryan Goodman reviewed the engineering report. Plans and Specs are ready for the Judd Street project and require Council approval. Once these are approved then the City can go out for

bid. The hope is to have bids out before the end of July and then they will be back for approval in August. This will allow for Parker St, Judd St north of Maple, Linden Street and the culvert under Judd Street in late fall. Then the remaining portions of Maple and Judd Street in the spring. The historical review is still in process, however MnDOT is in favor and so the City is moving forward. If SHPO comes back with any concerns, then the City will work around and address those concerns.

*Pardun moved and Roden seconded to approve the plans and specs for the Judd Street Revitalization of Judd Street.*

*Miller - yes*

*Anderson - yes*

*Roden - yes*

*Pardun - yes*

*Mills - yes*

*All in favor – motion passed.*

*Pardun moved and Roden seconded to approve to go out for bid for the Judd Street Revitalization project.*

*Miller - yes*

*Anderson - yes*

*Roden - yes*

*Pardun - yes*

*Mills -- yes*

*All in favor – motion passed.*

Personnel - No Report.

Parks & Rec –

Millsite – No Report

Urban Forest – Peter Foster reported many ash trees around the City have been tagged with yellow ribbon as the committee continues to explore the Emerald Ash Borer impact. Reimbursement has been requested for some materials purchased as part of this project. Pardun noted that several years ago, when Emerald Ash Borer was brought up by John Goodfellow, that the Council had decided as a whole to not move forward with treating any ash trees other than the Monfort Dunn tree in the park by the post office. Instead, the City would just replace the trees that were needed to be removed as a result of EAB.

Cemetery – No report.

City Properties– No Report.

Water Systems -No report.

Citizen Committee Reports

Green Step Cities - Leslie McKenzie reported on the committee workshop with the City Council. There is a website available to show what items the committee is moving forward with.

Holidays/Events – Founders Day has been changed to Marine Mills day in order to celebrate the community coming together. The Riverside Hitman have agreed to perform for \$1500.

*Anderson moved to allocate \$1500 from the community events fund for the Riverside Hitman to perform and also to approve an outdoor music permit.*

*Anderson - yes*

*Miller - yes*

*Roden - yes*

*Pardun - yes*

*Mills -yes*

*All in favor Motion passed*

EDA – Still working on the charter school lease.

Communication Infrastructure – The website is continuing to be updated and Anderson has agreed to be the liaison to the PC committee working on the cell tower issue.

Consent Calendar – Pardun would like to amend the Minutes from the June 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. Under the Sweeper discussion, amend “new sweeper” to “used sweeper”.

*Miller moved and Pardun seconded to approve the Minutes of 6/11/20 (as amended), Treasurer’s Report of 6/20, List of Bills for 7/9/20, Zoning Administrators Report-none, Public Works Maintenance Report and Planning Commission Minutes. Motion passed unanimously.*

*Roden - yes*

*Anderson - yes*

*Pardun - yes*

*Miller - yes*

*Mills – yes*

*All in favor, motion passed.*

Old/New Business –

CARES Funding – Clerk Peterson advised the City is eligible to receive \$53,000 from the Federal government to help with costs associated with the COVID pandemic. These funds could be used to help pay for supplies purchases and also upgrades to audio/video technology for City meetings.

*Pardun moved and Miller seconded to move forward on applying for the CARES Funding certification.*

*Pardun – yes*

*Miller – yes*

*Roden – yes*

*Anderson – yes*

*Mills – yes*

*All in favor – motion passed.*

Budget meeting dates – Clerk Peterson will send out a meeting request for the upcoming budget meetings and also requested any wish list items be emailed within the next two weeks.

.Long/Short Term Goals – No Changes

Mayor Notes/Clerk’s Report –

Adjournment. *Roden moved and Miller seconded to adjourn at 8:14pm.*

*Roden – yes*

*Miller – yes*

*Pardun – yes*

*Anderson – yes*

*Mills – yes*

*All in favor, motion passed.*

Minutes taken by Lynette Peterson, City Clerk