

CITY OF MARINE ON ST. CROIX CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, April 12, 2018

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

Citizens Present: Gwen/Larry Roden, John Goodfellow, Charlie Anderson, Dan Malmgren, Kiersten Young, Ryan Goodman, Tom Warth, Linda Tibbetts, Clara Marker.

Natalie Warren – Riverway Zoning Ordinance – Ms. Warren was in attendance on behalf on the St Croix River Association to present a document created for residents that lays out the process for zoning applications. This resource is available to all Cities and Towns along the riverway.

Tom Warth/Linda Tibbetts – Mr. Warth was in attendance to discuss the Marine Booster Facebook page. Currently there are over 2,000 members on the site and there is a variety of information posted. Mr. Warth wanted to see if the Council approves of the site or had any feedback or comments. The Council just wanted to reiterate that the City website is the official communication for the City. Mr. Warth questioned if the Minutes would be available to put on the facebook page. Clerk Peterson advised those Minutes are on the City website and anyone can access that information. Linda Tibbetts noted that they will make sure that the site is monitored to keep negative or abusive information off the site.

John Goodfellow – Mr. Goodfellow presented a powerpoint presentation updating the Council on the Urban Forest progress. A proclamation for Arbor Day has been presented for signature by the Mayor, and an Arbor Day event will be hosted by River Grove school. The gravel bed is almost complete will be installed at Jackson Meadow. Clerk Peterson will forward the draft tree ordinance to the City Attorney for review and comment, and the Council will review at the May meeting.

Planning Commission - Gwen Roden presented an update on the March meeting. Bill Smitten was in attendance to inquire about a potential townhome development at the north end of Highway 95 by the park. The Commission sent Mr. Smitten back to the Zoning Administrator for further information.

Fire and Rescue – Chief Malmgren presented the Cooperative Agreement to the Council for the Bold Planning agreement. The department has an old AED that the Chief would like to be able to declare surplus. The family of Jim Rolig has donated various items to the department.

Willenbring moved and Mowery seconded to enter into a Cooperative Agreement with Washington County for utilization of the Bold Planning Software. Motion passed unanimously.

Miller moved and Pardun seconded to declare the AED as surplus. Motion passed unanimously.

Roads - Ryan Goodman presented the Engineering Report. The plans and specs are complete for the 2018 road projects. The bid opening will take place April 30th with awarding by the

Council at the May Council meeting.

Willenbring moved and Pardun seconded to approve the plans and specifications as drafted and authorize the advertisement for bids for the 2018 Street improvement projects. Motion passed unanimously.

Personnel/Building Inspector - No Report.

Recreation – No Report.

Finance – No Report

Cemetery – Mayor Mills would like to begin looking at the second phase and discuss when to move forward.

Wastewater and Water Systems – No Report.

Citizen Committee Reports

Village Center Task Force – Willenbring followed up on the utility box proposal by Fizie Heimdahl and is recommending the City contribute \$500 towards the project and then see how successful the grant process is.

Willenbring moved and Mowery seconded to approve \$500 out of the Village Center Signage budget to be used for the utility box proposal on the lift station behind the General Store. Motion passed unanimously.

MarLa - Miller updated the AV equipment is in place and the programming has continued to be successful.

Hall/Restoration – The Restoration Society met to discuss the restoration project at the cemetery. There will be 40-60 stones restored and are looking for suggestions on which stones to choose. The Restoration Society will be sending out a call letter to the residents asking for donations to help with the funding and volunteers to help with the project. The Restoration Society will be contributing up to \$5,000.

Stormwater/Watershed – Pardun reported the rain garden project continues to be on hold due to the weather. The ravine project will also be moving forward along Hwy 95. MnDOT is responsible for 35% of the water that runs through that culvert and has agreed to contribute \$50,000 towards that project. Those projects are considered Phase 1 and Phase 2 respectively. The Phase 3 project will be the downtown stormwater project. There is currently a grant being applied for in the amount of \$250,000 and the City would contribute \$25,000 which is already budgeted for. This grant timeline will fall into the timing of the Judd Street road project.

Millsite – No report.

Green Step Cities - No Report

Holidays – Still looking for July 3rd and 4th volunteers.

School Property – Pardun reported the Council did a walk through of the school building. The building is being maintained and kept up.

Consent Calendar – *Willenbring moved and Miller seconded to approve the Minutes of 3/8/18, Treasurer's Report of 3/18, List of Bills for 4/12/18, Zoning Administrators Report, Public Works Maintenance Report and Planning Commission Minutes . Motion passed unanimously.*

Old/New Business – Bolten Menk has suggested the City request a review extension for the Comprehensive Plan review from the Met Council.

Miller moved and Mowery seconded to approve Resolution 20180412-01 Requesting additional time within which to complete comprehensive plan decennial review obligations. Motion passed unanimously.

Long/Short Term Goals – No Changes.

Mayor Notes/Clerk's Report – No Report.

Adjournment – Mowery moved and Miller seconded to adjourn at 8:04pm. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes taken by Lynette Peterson, City Clerk