

CITY OF MARINE ON ST. CROIX CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, June 14, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Mills at 7:00pm. Pardun, Willenbring (7:05pm), Mowery and Miller present.

Citizens Present: Gwen/Larry Roden, Kiersten Young, Dave Heiren, Fitzie Heimdahl, Cyndi Ritger, Jane Kansier, Katie Warner, Gerry Mrosla, Judy Stern, Win Miller, Rudy Hargesheimer, Mary and Larry Whitaker, Dick Boulet, Dorothy Deetz, Tod Drescher, Charlie Anderson, Wendy Ward, Mary Skamsler, Dan Malmgren, Nancy Cosgriff, Mary Burke, Jack Warren, Karen Kramer, Ryan/Bre Marsel, Mike Tibbetts, Kristina Smitten, Robin Brooksbank, Mary Lusher, Eric Henry, Anna Maakasted, Mike Zajac, Sue Logan.

Citizen Considerations -

Cyndi Ritger – Ms. Ritger was in attendance on behalf of the Osceola Train to discuss the July 3rd train ride. There are approximately 150 currently signed up, with capacity for 350. There will be volunteers that will help with clean up on the morning of July 4th. They will also pay a fee to help with security.

Fitzie Heimdahl – Fitzie was the recipient of a grant that will allow the artist paintings to be placed on utility boxes within the City of Stillwater, Marine and Scandia. Of that grant, \$3750 is designated to Marine. Currently the Council has approved the utility box behind the General Store and Fitzie has suggested several additional utility boxes that could be done around town. The Council consensus was to see how the first box turns out and then make a decision based upon that.

JM Trails – Gerry Mrosla gave an update that the DNR came out with a study that horses and pedestrians should not be mixed on the trails due to the potential reaction of a horse to a pedestrian.

Planning Commission - Chairman Mrosla gave an update on the May Public Hearing for the Comprehensive Plan. The residents were given until June 6th to submit additional comments and suggestions to be considered by the Commission and Council. Chairman Mrosla reminded the public that this process was not a re-write of the plan, but rather an update to the existing plan and restructure to meet Met Council requirements. Pardun heard from some residents that they believe there was a lack of outreach to the public. He cited 9 different meetings/events to discuss the plan and noted all of the ways those meetings/events were noticed to the public. These include pop up meetings, newsletter postings, a mailing to every Marine resident, etc. Pardun also explained how the Council views the Comprehensive Plan and that is a guiding document for future Councils, and not a set of rules. There are varying opinions of all residents on many issues, and the Council is looking to take a wide viewpoint of all of those opinions. Willenbring questioned what the deadline is to file the plan with the Met Council. The original deadline was December 31, however the City filed an extension request for February 1st. There is also a 6 month response period for neighboring communities. That would put the Council at needing to approve the plan at the August

9th meeting. The sub groups will meet to discuss the citizen comments, with a workshop to be scheduled the week of July 16th to present those proposed changes together. The citizens would have the opportunity to attend the small group meetings to discuss those sections individually. Nancy Cosgriff appreciates the clarification that the Council is not re-writing the plan, but rather updating the existing plan. Ms. Cosgriff would also like to see the Village Center addenda incorporated back into the plan, along with the concept plan. Robin Brooksbank thanked the Council and Commission for carrying out the transparency of this process.

Fire and Rescue – Chief Malmgren reported that the Streetdance is this coming Saturday.

Roads - Pardun reported that Washington County would like to hold a ribbon cutting in June. There are still a few punch list items that have not been resolved, one being the crosswalk by 6th Street being painted. A few other issues are the retaining wall in front of the church, and the stormwater basin on Rose Street. Charlie Anderson questioned the erosion where 5th Street was closed. Pardun noted that will also be addressed. Wendy Ward reported there is a drainage issue on the north end of Rose Street ditch. The Council advised that will be fixed with the Rose Street reconstruction.

Willenbring reported he and Pardun met with Judy Stern, Rose Street resident, regarding the upcoming road construction project. Ms. Stern did not want the drainage pipes going through the right away on her property, so the City has proposed a change to the project moving the location of those drainage pipes to the middle of Rose Street. Willenbring wanted to make it public that doing so may cause ponding or flowage on the Stern's property and that the City would not be responsible for any water accumulation on their property. Ms. Stern believes that if the City were to lower the road by 2 inches, there would not be any drainage issues. Pardun noted that the original drain location was the best location for the drainage, and just wants to make sure that if the drain is moved and there are issues in the spring, that they do not come back to hold the City responsible. A Resolution was prepared to address the drainage issue and presented to Council. Mike Tibbetts questioned how the Council came to the conclusion that a total reconstruct was needed instead of a mill and overlay. Willenbring explained the road base is not built to the structural capacity of State standards, and in order to be able to do mill and overlays in the future, the road needs to be brought up to those standards to start with. The project is scheduled to begin the week of July 9th.

Willenbring moved and Pardun seconded to approve Resolution No 2018-061408, regarding the placement of municipal utilities relative to the property located at 260 Rose Street. Motion passed unanimously.

Pardun moved and Willenbring seconded to approve the proposed change order to the Rose Street reconstruction project in the amount of \$8,748. Motion passed unanimously.

Personnel/Building Inspector - No Report.

Recreation – The Urban Forest ordinance draft does not have to be approved until December, so Miller would like to table this for a month or two.

Trail Update – No Report.

Finance – No Report

Cemetery – The cemetery road will be reconstructed as part of this year's road projects.

Wastewater and Water Systems- There were a few underground electrical failures that have been fixed.

Citizen Committee Reports

Village Center – No report.

MarLa - Mary Burke reported there were ceiling tiles in the library that were damaged, and the City staff took care of the repairs right away. There will be a program in July with Craig Blackwood, of which 128 tickets of 160 are already sold. There will be a board meeting this coming Monday evening. The AV system is installed and the groups are currently getting trained.

Hall/Restoration – Pardun reported that there were four contractors interested in the project, however only one submitted a bid. The project will consist of replacing the rot on the south side of the building, lead paint stabilization, repair the frost boards, repair the bell tower and flag pole and railing on the balcony. Robin Brooksbank questioned if the bench in the front can be removed, as it was placed there by a private citizen and is causing damage to the building.

Pardun moved Miller seconded to approve Mavo systems and Independent Living Solutions to do the repairs, lead stabilization and painting in the amount of \$77,914.00. Motion passed unanimously.

Stormwater/Watershed – Pardun reported the raingarden project is complete.

Millsite – Mowery reported there were repairs done to the overlook deck, there were new plantings done and the Elm tree was treated for Dutch Elm. The MN Historical Society has been very appreciative of the work the committee has done on the Mill Site, and they are looking into creating a long term management plan for the property.

Green Step Cities - Ann Reich and Greg Johnson have been attending workshops to learn about electric vehicles and charging stations in communities.

Holidays – Mowery reported that the Holidays committee has met and things are ready to go. The committee will be looking for assistance in setting up no parking signs for July 3rd and is

looking to see if the Fire Department would be willing to help with that set up. Dorothy Deetz noted that there will be more no parking around town given the issues from last year, and this year there will be more focus on safety. There will also be additional traffic control and security this year.

School Property – Pardun reported there was an offer from the City to the school district, which was not accepted however the district did make a counter offer which the Council will discuss in a closed session.

Consent Calendar – *Miller moved and Willenbring seconded to approve the Minutes of 5/10/18, Treasurer's Report of 5/18, List of Bills for 6/14/18, Zoning Administrators Report, Public Works Maintenance Report and Planning Commission Minutes . Motion passed unanimously.*

Old/New Business – Kiersten Young reported on the Laserfiche project. There was a previous issue with a hard drive crash and there was no backup system. There has been a proposal to use an existing synology box for backup, which would only cost the City a \$100 license fee. The consensus of the Council was to move forward.

Willenbring noted there was a letter received from a resident in Scandia regarding the emergency siren. Willenbring and Mowery have both reached out to this resident however have not heard back.

Long/Short Term Goals – No change.

Mayor Notes/Clerk's Report – None

Mayor Mills closed the meeting at 8:58pm pursuant to State Statute 113d.05 sub 3c to consider real property, namely the Marine School.

Mayor Mills re-opened the public meeting at 9:15pm

Adjournment – Miller moved and Mowery seconded to adjourn at 9:16pm. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes taken by Lynette Peterson, City Clerk