

CITY OF MARINE ON ST. CROIX CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
Thursday, October 10, 2019

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

Citizens Present: Ryan Goodman, Win Miller, Matt Miller, Linda Tibbetts, Andy Creager, Larry Martin, Larry Roden, Dan Malmgren, Larry/Mary Whitaker, Gerry Mroska, Jim Maher, Mike Tibbetts, Suzanne Lindgren, Tom Simonet, Dorothy Deetz, Peter Foster

Approval of the Agenda –

*Miller moved and Pardun seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.*

Citizens Considerations –

Win Miller – Mr. Miller was in attendance to advise the Council that a group is being formed to discuss creating a new Charter School. He will present more information as it is available.

Andy Creager – Mr. Creager noted that there is a group that will be hosting a New Year's Eve party and would like to request the hall rental fee is waived. Any remaining proceeds will be donated the City for the fireworks fund.

*Anderson moved Roden seconded to approve the hall rental fee for Andy Creager. Motion passed unanimously.*

Brookside Bar E Pull tab request – The Bayport Legion is requesting to place electronic pull tabs at the Brookside.

*Anderson moved and Miller seconded to approve the installation of e pull tabs at the Brookside Bar and Grill as requested and operated by the Bayport Legion. Motion passed unanimously.*

Tom Simmonet – Mr. Simmonet was in attendance on behalf of the Washington County Historical Society to report on a new facility that Washington County will be building in order to expand what the Historical Society can offer the public. The plan includes offering a State of the Art archives and research library, climate controlled storage facility, educational programming and new display areas to highlight smaller exhibits.

The County is reaching out to all of the communities in the County to ask for a monetary donation of between \$1,000 - \$2,000 over a 5 year period. Anderson noted that the City has already set its maximum levy amount for 2020, however it could certainly consider a donation beginning in 2021. Anderson would also like to see the County reach out to the City to get ideas from its residents

Planning Commission - Chairman Mroska was in attendance to report on the September meeting. There was a pre-application request from Scott Iwen for an accessory building and CUP for a bathroom in an accessory. Laurie Schmidt presented a proposal for a PUD, which is still in the very preliminary stages. The STR workshop will be held on November 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.

Fire and Rescue – Chief Malmgren reported the Fire Prevention open house will be this week.

Roads – Ryan Goodman reported the second open house for the Judd St revitalization project will be on October 24<sup>th</sup>. A workshop will be held at Washington County on November 13<sup>th</sup> on water and the County will be providing free water testing. Mike Tibbetts questioned if the soil boring results are available to residents. The results just came back and the Engineer will get those to the Clerk.

Personnel/Building Inspector - No Report.

Recreation – Last month a plan was mentioned for a single track for bikes, and that is a very preliminary plan and no proposal has been brought forth to the Council for review.

Finance – The Truth in Taxation meeting will be held on December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30pm.

Cemetery – Northern Bedrock completed their second project.

Hall/Restoration – Roden is concerned about parking downtown during hall rental events, and is concerned that it takes away from business parking. She would like to see a reminder added to the contract that renters please be aware of business parking during the event.

Stormwater/Watershed - There are two openings on the Watershed Board. Currently there are no Marine residents serving on the Board.

Wastewater and Water Systems- Jason Crotty noted the MDH is requiring a variance in order to reduce the amount of fluoride in the water system. Five broken force mains were discovered during the routine pumping process.

Bolton Menk completed a study done on the wastewater system and whether additional connections can be added. Pardun would like to have a workshop to discuss how to move forward and cost analysis prior to moving forward. As part of this process, a resolution was presented to amend the connection fee.

Mike Tibbetts questioned at what capacity the system is running. The Council doesn't know the answer to that yet, which is the purpose of the workshop.

*Pardun moved and Miller seconded to approve Resolution 20191010-01, amending the connection fee for the wastewater system. Motion passed unanimously.*

## Citizen Committee Reports

### Village Center - No Report

MarLa - Jim Maher reported on upcoming events. This Saturday is the Sound of Simon, which is a fundraiser. Documentary night also begins this month. The board is also requesting approval from the Council to present the bequest request to the County Board.

*Miller moved and Anderson seconded Marla to move forward with presenting the bequest withdraw to the Washington County Board in the amount of \$6,000. Motion passed unanimously.*

Millsite – Clean up was done around the area and the cages were removed from the around the trees.

Green Step Cities - Roden reported the committee reviewed the list of projects and is prioritizing that list and creating a timeline for those projects.

Holidays – Businesses are discussing the possibility of placing trees in Burriss park again for small business Sunday. Roden will discuss at the November meeting.

School Property – Pardun reported that the school property committee is looking at existing charter schools and see if they may be interested in using the Marine school building. The Folk School will be hosting an open house this Saturday from 10-3pm.

Communication Infrastructure – Anderson reported there was talk around town about the City moving forward with a cell tower and he would like to make it clear that there is currently no application in front of the City for a cell tower. Anderson is anticipating two proposals in the future, one from Powder Ridge and one from Vinco for the compost site, however nothing has been submitted.

Urban Forest – Peter Foster, resident, reported the committee will be planting the trees from the gravel bed on October 19<sup>th</sup>. The committee is looking for community volunteers.

Consent Calendar – *Miller moved and Pardun seconded to approve the Minutes of 9/12/19, Treasurer's Report of 9/19, List of Bills for 10/10/19, Zoning Administrators Report-none, Public Works Maintenance Report and Planning Commission Minutes. Motion passed unanimously.*

### Old/New Business –

*Deer Stand Exemption William O'Brien – Miller moved and Pardun seconded to approve the deer stand exemption for William O'Brien for Nov. 9 and 10. Motion passed unanimously.*

*Election Polling Location Resolution – Pardun moved and Miller seconded to approve Resolution 19101-02 establishing the polling locations for the City of Marine. Motion passed unanimously.*

Miller reported there is a ceremony honoring Vice President Mondale at the William O'Brien State Park.

.Long/Short Term Goals – No Changes

Mayor Notes/Clerk's Report – There will a meeting with the Civic Club on October 12<sup>th</sup> in the Council Chambers.

Adjournment . Miller moved and Anderson seconded to adjourn at 7:54pm.

Minutes taken by Lynette Peterson, City Clerk