

**CITY OF MARINE ON ST. CROIX CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Thursday, January 13, 2022

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Nyenhuis at 7:00pm. Nyenhuis, Pardun, Anderson, Ward, Roden Present.

Citizens Present: Ryan Goodman, Glen Mills, John Goodfellow, Mike Tibbetts, Liz Kelly, Leslie McKenzie, Kitzie Vadheim, Jim Maher, Scott Spisak, Win Miller, Mark Kraske, Todd Mestad, Julie Pazlar, Roger Lyle.

Approval of the Agenda – *Pardun moved and Ward seconded to approve the agenda with the addition of the Marine O'Brien ski race.*

*Roden - yes*

*Ward -yes*

*Pardun -yes*

*Nyenhuis -yes*

*Anderson - yes*

*All in favor, motion passes.*

Designate Official Depository

Nyenhuis moved and Roden seconded to designate Lon Pardun as acting Mayor, that the monthly meeting date be the second Thursday of the month at 7:00pm, that the Country Messenger be the official newspaper, that the Security State Bank of Marine be the official depository, the Johnson Turner be the official legal firm, that Bolton & Menk be the City Engineer and that Robert Rules of Order be the official rules of the meeting.

*Roden - yes*

*Ward -yes*

*Pardun -yes*

*Nyenhuis -yes*

*Anderson - yes*

*All in favor, motion passes*

Citizens Considerations –

Tanglewood Request - Dan Willenbring had requested to be on the agenda to request the City consider taking over Tanglewood Lane, which is a private road. An email was sent to Councilmember Pardun regarding this request and responded with a list of items the City would require be done, including a full reconstruction. No representative from Tanglewood was in attendance at the meeting.

Marine Village School Update – Win Miller stated they are still waiting to hear if their grant request will be granted. A line of credit has been obtained if the grant does not go through. Mr. Miller is working with Councilmember Pardun on the lease agreement and enrollment is officially open.

Mike Tibbetts – Mr. Tibbetts would like to see a reduction of salt used on the City streets to the point of no salt be used at all. He would also like to see a reduction in the amount of plowing is done to help save the life of the roads. Mayor Nyenhuis suggested Mr. Tibbetts bring his concerns to the Council liaison prior to bringing to the entire Council to help save time.

Planning Commission - No December meeting.

Public Safety – Councilmember Anderson reported that Matt Thibodeau has retired from the department. An email was sent to members reiterating requirements. There are five new members that need approval as pro. The department is still looking for additional members and will continue with recruiting efforts.

*Anderson moved and Pardun seconded to approve the following people as probationary members for a one year probationary period:*

*Max Schollet  
Zach Stickler  
Jessup Schiks*

*Roden - yes  
Ward -yes  
Pardun -yes  
Nyenhuis -yes  
Anderson - yes  
All in favor, motion passes*

Blue Bell Merchantile in Scandia was broken into a few weeks ago.

There were complaints on Christmas Eve that someone was shooting fireworks. The type of fireworks that were used are illegal in Minnesota and the course of action should be to contact Washington County.

Anderson will move forward with the events permitting when he returns.

Roads – Ryan Goodman submitted his engineers report. Ward thanked Ryan for forwarding the Lawns to Legumes grant opportunity. Ward also noted that the Green Step committee is working on resiliency and is hoping he would continue to forward any pertinent information on.

Pardun noted that the Judd Street project is finally complete. After some dissatisfaction with the Rose Street project, Bolton Menk really stepped up with the Judd Street project. The project came in right on budget, which can be a very difficult thing to happen with a project that large, and Pardun commended Ryan and his crew for a job well done.

Personnel - The essential worker bonuses were given to the employees.

Parks & Rec – Ward noted that the Marine O’Brien ski race will go through the park and cross into Jackson Meadow on January 30th. There will be volunteers to help with monitoring with this crossing. Anderson noted this is where required permitting will be helpful. He believes there should be more than volunteers to help with the crossing along with communication with Washington County. Anderson will follow up on that issue. This is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and participation is encouraged.

Anderson recognized the fire department and citizen volunteers for flooding the rink.

Cemetery – No Report.

City Properties – Mayor Nyenhuis questioned the time frame on the Charter school lease. Pardun noted it is with the attorneys at the present time, and it should be ready to present to Council within the next month.

Water Systems – Pardun will be scheduling a meeting with the Jackson Meadow homeowners association at the end of January to discuss budgetary items.

Holidays/Events – Councilmember Anderson is proposing the City participate in an ice sculpture event. The sculpture would be approximately three feet high and would cost approximately \$1250. This would put the City on the map for the ice sculpture tour that begins in St. Paul. It would be placed in the Gazebo Park with the enchanted forest. Anderson noted that it could be funded out of the community events fund and in the future could be funded by the local businesses.

*Nyenhuis moved and Roden seconded to spend \$1250 of the P&R community events fund for an ice sculpture in Gazebo Park.*

*Roden - yes*

*Ward -yes*

*Pardun -yes*

*Nyenhuis -yes*

*Anderson - yes*

*All in favor, motion passes*

EDA – No report.

Communication Infrastructure – Pardun noted the first meeting was held to discuss the cell tower lease. The first meeting with Vinco will be held on January 18<sup>th</sup>. The committee will attend the January Planning Commission meeting for a pre-application meeting and the hope is to hold a public hearing at the March meeting if necessary.

Citizen Committee Reports–

Urban Forest – Ward commended the Forest Advisory committee as they were awarded the Emerald Ash Borer grant for just over \$8,000. This will allow the City to potentially save the 12 large Ash Trees in the downtown area. Ward encouraged the committee to utilize County agencies who can help with this. Ward also noted there is a vacancy on the forest advisory committee so anyone interested can contact Councilmember Ward.

Green Step Cities – No Report.

Consent Calendar – .

*Nyenhuis moved and Pardub seconded to approve the Minutes of 12/9/21, Treasurer’s Report of 12/21, List of Bills for 1/13/22, Zoning Administrators Report, Public Works Maintenance Report and Planning Commission Minutes.*

*Roden-yes*

*Pardun-yes*

*Ward-yes*

*Nyenhuis – yes*

*Anderson - yes*

*Motion passed unanimously:*

Old/New Business –

*Nyenhuis moved and Ward seconded to approve the additional Reserve fund proposal as drafted.*

*Pardun – yes*

*Roden – yes*

*Ward – yes*

*Nyenhuis – yes*

*Anderson - yes*

*All in favor, motion passed.*

Citizen of the Year – Discussion was held to begin the discussion in October for approval in December.

Ward noted that she liked the idea given by Mayor Nyenhuis to consider awarding Glen Mills a lifetime achievement award. Roden believes that since Glen is still serving on the department and thinks a life time award is typically given when that person retires. Pardun agreed. After further discussion;

*Pardun moved and Roden seconded to nominate Glen Mills as the 2021 Citizen of the Year.*

*Pardun – yes*

*Roden – yes*

*Ward – yes*

*Nyenhuis – yes*

*Anderson - yes*

*All in favor, motion passed.*

Long/Short Term Goals – A workshop has been scheduled for March 1<sup>st</sup>. Mayor Nyenhuis would like to see some framework done prior to that workshop. Ward would like to hear what Mayor Nyenhuis has in mind for how that workshop should be run.

Mayor Notes/Clerk’s Report – Clerk Peterson noted she will be absent for the February meeting.

Roden questioned if there will be a contract sent for the ice sculpture in advance. Councilmember Anderson will work on that tomorrow and get that information out as soon as possible.

Adjournment -

*Nyenhuis moved and Roden seconded to adjourn at 8:03pm.*

*Ward Yes*

*Pardun yes*

*Roden yes*

*Nyenhuis yes*

*Anderson yes*

*All in favor, motion passes.*

Minutes taken by Lynette Peterson, City Clerk