

CITY OF MARINE ON ST. CROIX CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, July 14, 2022

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

Citizens Present: Glen Mills, Larry Roden, Scott Spisak, Glen Mills, Leslie McKenzie, Mike Tibbetts, Dorothy Deetz, Maggie Raedeke, Jim Maher, Tod Mestad, Ryan Goodman, Dan Malmgren, Cheryl Johnson, Roger Lyle .

Approval of the Agenda –*moved and seconded to approve the agenda as drafted.*

Citizens Considerations –

David Heieren – Mr. Heieren is requesting a wine license for his yogurt surf bar. Mr. Heieren has submitted all of the required applications and Washington County is currently conducting a background check. Ward questioned which licenses are currently available. Clerk Peterson stated the wine license is the only license available, as Anna Hagstrom was granted the discretionary license. The license would be for the Surf Yogurt Shop location, and state law requires that 75% of all sales be from food.

Roden moved and Ward seconded to approve the wine license for Dave Heieren for the Surf Yogurt Shop contingent upon the background check and approval by the State of MN. All in favor, motion passed.

Maggie Raedeke – Ms. Raedeke is a Senior at UW Madison studying landscape architecture and was in attendance to present an opportunity for the City to participate as part of a Capstone project. The Capstone project is to allow incoming seniors to work with communities or organizations in need of design and planning for a specific area. This could be open space planning, urban design, etc. Ms. Raedeke is from the area and therefore no funds would be required for lodging or food, however there would be a cost for printing, materials, etc. Ms. Raedeke thought a project at the elementary school would be very interesting. Pardun questioned the deadline for identifying a project. Ms. Raedeke stated August 10th would be the last day for the City to commit to a project and should have a project in mind. Ward loves the idea of this project and also likes the idea of the project being focused in the downtown area. Pardun believes a workshop would be good idea in order to brainstorm and decide on an idea. The City Clerk will schedule a workshop date and invite Ms. Raedeke as well.

Planning Commission - Chairman Spisak reported on the June Planning Commission meeting. There was a pre-application for 990 Rosabell Street for a driveway CUP as the driveway is over 200 ft in length. There will also be a public hearing in July for a cell tower variance for setback. The draft 5g guidelines have been received and they are awaiting comments from the City Attorney. The deadline for the Planning Consultant RFP is tomorrow at noon. Mr. Spisak requested the PC be invited to the Capstone project workshop as well.

Public Safety – Anderson reported on some confusion during a movie filming on Broadway Street in the cemetery. The filming in the cemetery did not happen on the day the permit was approved for, and lasted much longer than originally stated. Washington County off duty deputies were also hired to secure close a portion of Broadway and provide traffic control and unfortunately, they did not follow up with the City as to whether a proper permit was obtained. Anderson has spoken with Washington County regarding this issue and believes they will be more diligent in the future.

There were concerns regarding crowding in the streets during the July 4th parade. Anderson noted there are ways to maintain barriers, however that can get very expensive and typically this is a risk that the City assumes with this kind of event. Pardun believes these concerns are brought up every year and it's good to discuss, but does not believe it's worth cancelling the event over. Chief Malmgren believes not allowing parking downtown during the parade would help to alleviate the people being pushed into Judd. Anderson is worried that removing the parking would cause the parking issues to spill into the neighborhoods and Highway 95.

Anderson discussed two bike races that have submitted permit applications for their events. This has given the public safety committee an opportunity to review ahead of time, along with notifying the public.

Anderson has concerns regarding a boat show in Burris Park on Tuesday. He noted this event was not a City sponsored event and should have been required to submit a permit and believes the fact that the Mayor helped to plan the event does not make it exempt. He believes if this event takes place again in 2023, than a permit will need to be applied for and approved by the City along with addressing the park rental fee.

Roads – No new Engineering report.

Pardun met with the businesses earlier this week to discuss the parking issues. The businesses want more parking and the residents would like more restrictions. Discussion was held at the roads workshop regarding no parking on Maple and Third Streets due to the public safety issue of having cars parked on both sides of the Street. The compromise discussed at the business meeting was to designate no parking on one side of Maple Street and also the south end of Parker Street. Pardun presented a resolution to restrict parking on the south side of Maple Street and the south end of Parker street, including the Chocolate Shop access. Roden noted the number of cars that typically park on the north side of Maple Street due to the Gazebo Park, and with cars turning into downtown from the north, questioned if it may be safer to have the no parking on the north side of Maple Street. Pardun believes it is easier to see to the north rather than the south, and for a public safety standpoint the south side seemed a better option. Anderson also noted that legally there should be no parking within 30 ft. of a stop sign and crosswalk, which will help with visibility on the north side. Ward did not support this resolution when the issue was to only address the parking issue, however she fully supports this as a public safety issue and is also happy that the businesses were involved in the decision. Anderson clarified that the initial discussion was not strictly about parking, and always had public safety in mind.

Pardun moved and Anderson seconded to approve Resolution NO. 071422-01, designating a no parking zone on the south side Maple Street and Parker Street. All in favor, motion passed.

Pardun has been working with Public Works and Scott Spisak on the patching issue for the City streets. Pardun met Tom Wood, format MnDOT employee who now focuses on educating

communities on road repair. A bid was received for a process called “micro milling”. Forest Lake, along with several other high traffic cities, have already used this process and has had success. Pardun would like the Council to authorize the City Engineer to draw up specs for the section of Broadway Street from the cemetery to just past the maintenance shop to be done hopefully this year. Ryan Goodman stated this has been a good solution for roads that are unable to go through a full reconstruction and may get the City an additional 7-10 years. The road will not be a smooth as putting down new asphalt, however citizens can certainly walk or bike on it without an issue.

Pardun moved and Roden seconded to authorize Bolton Menk to prepare specifications for micro milling and micro surfacing Broadway Street from the County 4 tunnel to just past the maintenance shop and solicit bidders prior to the August City Council meeting. All in favor, motion passed.

Personnel - No report.

Parks & Rec – Nyenhuis submitted a request for a dead tree in Flagpole Park to be removed and a new tree to be put in its place as a memorial to a person who recently passed away.

Anderson moved and Roden seconded to allow the replacement of a memorial tree in the downtown greenspace as outlined in the June 26th email. All in favor, motion passed.

Cemetery – No report.

Water Systems – Ward reported there is a free water testing clinic on August 18th at the Scandia community center which is available to the public.

City Properties –

Stonehouse Museum/Village Hall Maintenance Proposal – Ward is pursuing a Legacy grant however due to an unfortunate event with her computer, the information was lost and therefore it will be applied for in the fall instead. The Civic club and Restoration society have agreed to contribute matching grants.

School Property – Nyenhuis submitted a written update on the school forest. Anderson believes the school forest is under the Forest Advisory and thinks there is disconnect with who is giving the updates.

Holidays/Events – Roden would like to appropriate funds from the Holiday budget for music and other items for the August 27th community picnic. The funds are in the budget so no motion is necessary. There was a question of whether a sounds system is available. The City has a couple speakers and microphones but that is all.

EDA – No report.

Citizen Committee Reports–

Green Step Cities – No report.

Forest Advisory – Ward reported that the committee began the public outreach for the EAB inoculation program and is hopeful they will receive a good response. At the end of July or early August, the committee would like to have a decision on which ROW trees will be removed and which will be inoculated.

Trails and Open Space – No report.

Consent Calendar – .

Anderson moved and Ward seconded to approve the Minutes of 6/9/22, 6/14/22,6/23/22 Treasurer's Report of 6/22, List of Bills for 7/14/22, Zoning Administrators Report, Public Works Maintenance Report and Planning Commission Minutes, MnDOT Partnership Contract and approval of election judges (Gail Coolidge, Diane Mills, Joel Stedman, June Eagleton, Loralee DiLorenzo, Kathy Marker, Annie Moore) .

Old/New Business –

Fee Schedule review – Clerk Peterson submitted a list of all of the City permit fees for Council review. Anderson does not believe many of the fees cover the staff time to oversee these items and would like the Council to review and send feedback to him.

Upcoming budget dates/wish list – Clerk Peterson requested the Council send dates they are unavailable for the upcoming budget meeting, along with any line items and amounts they would like added to the budget.

Mayor Notes/Clerk's Report – None

Adjournment - *Ward moved and Anderson seconded to adjourn at 8:07pm. All in favor, motion passed.*

Minutes taken by Lynette Peterson, City Clerk