

CITY OF MARINE ON ST. CROIX CITY COUNCIL  
BUDGET MEETING  
Tuesday, August 23, 2022

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Nyenhuis at 5:31pm. Pardun, Ward, Roden present, Anderson Absent.

Citizens Present: Dan Malmgren, Scott Spisak

Mayor Nyenhuis opened the meeting for the purpose of discussing the 2023proposed budget.

Clerk Peterson reviewed the budget changes from 2022. Ward questioned repairs on the Log Cabin and if that is something the City should consider. She is currently working on a Legacy Grant, however the log cabin can not be included as it was rebuild and not the original cabin. Clerk Peterson advised the City currently has just over \$32,000 in the P&R-Building Maintenance fund, which an additional \$5,000 going in at the end of 2022. One bid was received for the roof for just over \$20,000 so there is enough money in reserve to pay for the project. The family of Sven Anderson has also offered to contribute some dollars to the project as well.

Nyenhuis questioned if the City should consider having a discussion with MarLa about the possibility of paying some sort of rent. Pardun believes the City agreed to donate that space when MarLa took over the library, and he believes having them contribute to utilities may be a better option. The Memorandum of Understanding is up for renewal in December, so this issue can be included in those discussions.

Ward questioned the sweeper line item. Pardun stated the sweeper broke down and unfortunately the repair shop has been unable to locate the necessary part. In the meantime, the City is contracting with Washington County to perform the sweeping. The County charges approximately \$1200 per time and Pardun would like to see it done four times in 2023. He believes having it done that often is a benefit to the overall Watershed and would like to take \$5,000 from the Watershed capital budget and move it to the sweeper line item to cover that cost.

The water committee is continuing discussions on the future of the system, cost increases and the current reserve fund.

Discussion was held on the \$5,000 allocated for recreational infrastructure. Nyenhuis suggested using some of this money as seed money to start a fund with the St. Croix Valley Foundation to resurface the sport court. There may also be funds donated from residents to get that fund started. There was also discussion of work needed to the ice rink, which these funds could also be used for. The consensus was to keep the funds in the budget at this time.

Nyenhuis brought up the dumpster enclosures for the Brookside. He believes these enclosures need to be done, however it does not look like funds will be received from the Biz recycle program as the dumpsters are currently on City property, which makes it ineligible for the

program. He is suggesting \$10,000 in the 2023 budget to get the enclosure built. Pardun noted that the City had previously worked with the Brookside to get the enclosures built at the time of the Judd Street reconstruction project, and the Brookside was going to pay for the full cost of the enclosures which was approximately \$18,000. At the time, Mayor Nyenhuis was not in favor of the design and opted to not move forward. Pardun believes that with the significant increase in material cost, the enclosures will be significantly more expensive to build now and that the City will have to budget the \$10,000 for 2023 and 2024 and then see where the cost is.

Clerk Peterson advised a donation request was received from the Youth Service Bureau, however no specific dollar amount was requested. The Council noted it has not contributed to that organization in the past and no action was taken.

The Council will approve the maximum levy of \$991,790.98, which represents a 5.56% increase over 2022, at the September 8<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

Nyenhuis moved and Roden seconded to adjourn at 7:12pm. All in favor, motion passed.

Minutes taken by Lynette Peterson, City Clerk (budget attached)