

CITY OF MARINE ON ST. CROIX CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, February 8, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Nyenhuis at 7:00pm. Nyenhuis, Pardun (zoom), Anderson and Miller present. Ward absent.

Citizens: Glen Mills, Scott Spisak, John Goodfellow, Kitzie Vadheim, Isiah Bubany, Tom Warth, Beth Richmond, Matt Anderson, Dan Willenbring, Tim Casey, Larry/Gwen Roden, Bob/Lisa White, Kristina Smitten, Jim Maher, Ross Higgins, Ed Sanderson, Rosie Peters, Jerrod, Gayle Knutson. Dorothy Deetz, David Snyder, Todd Mestad, Annie Minich, Jeannie Davis, Julie Warren.

Approval of the Agenda – Miller requested to add Marla to Citizens Consideration.

Nyenhuis moved and Miller seconded to approve the agenda as amended.

Nyenhuis yes

Anderson yes

Miller yes

Pardun yes

All in favor, motion passed.

Citizens Considerations – Jim Maher was in attendance to report that the Washington County board has approved the Jordan bequest fund transfer to the St. Croix Valley Foundation, along with the new Joint Powers Agreement.

Planning Commission – Commissioner Spisak reported on the January meeting. The Zoning code amendment public hearing was held in January and the amended document is ready for Council approval.

The Commission has changed the meeting time to 7:00pm, and Lisa White has submitted a letter of interest for the open seat. A committee held an interview and is recommending Ms. White to be approved as a new member of the Commission.

Zoning Code Amendment - Commissioner Spisak stated this code amendment has been a very lengthy process but is finally ready for approval. There are additional items that will be addressed at a later date, as some of those will require DNR approval. Spisak recognized Dan Willenbring, Gwen Roden, Mike Zajac, Joyce Ritz, Ed Sanderson, Tim Casey, Kristina Smitten, Ron Brenner and Jack Warren for their contributions with this over the years. The Council thanked all those involved in the process. Once the Council approves the amended document, the final draft then be re-submitted to the DNR for their final approval.

Miller moved and Anderson seconded to adopt Resolution No. 02082024-02, Ordinance No. 176 repealing and replacing the Marine on St. Croix Zoning Code as presented.

Nyenhuis yes

Anderson yes

Miller yes

Pardun yes

All in favor, motion passed.

Chairman Spisak also presented an amendment to Chapter 2 of the City Code, which includes references to State Statute.

Miller moved and Anderson seconded to adopt Resolution No. 02082024-01, Ordinance No. 175 amending Chapter 2 of the City Code.

Nyenhuis yes

Anderson yes

Miller yes

Pardun yes

All in favor, motion passed.

Miller moved and Nyenhuis seconded to approve Lisa White as a Planning Commission member for a three-year term.

Nyenhuis yes

Anderson yes

Miller yes

Pardun yes

All in favor, motion passed.

Public Safety – Chief Mills reported there were 2 fire calls and 2 medicals. One was a large house fire, and the chief thanked the Stillwater, Scandia and Hugo fire departments.

Anderson reported that Sarah Halverson is officially the city's contact with the Sheriff's department.

Anderson and Miller have been in contact with Washington County to discuss the William O'Brien closing and potential parking issues this may cause this summer. Anderson is recommending adding temporary no parking signage on a few of the streets leading to the Marina, however he believes that discussion can happen at a later time.

Roads – Isiah Bubany was in attendance to review the Engineering report. The Red Bridge monitoring and scanning is complete, and this will occur again in January 2025, at which time Bolten Menk will provide a report.

Pardun presented proposals for a new ¾ ton pick up truck. Public works began looking at proposals, with the assumption that it would take 6-9 months to build. However there were two dealers who had the trucks in stock. The bid from Stillwater Motors includes the Tommy Gate and a higher trade in value and therefore that is the bid that is being recommended.

Pardun moved and Miller seconded to approve the purchase of a 2024 Chevy Silverado from Stillwater Motors company in the amount of \$41,621.

Nyenhuis yes

Anderson yes

Miller yes

Pardun yes

All in favor, motion passed.

Personnel – No report.

Parks & Rec – Anderson stated the Council was sent a map of the stormwater basins around the downtown and updated that the

Anderson reported that due to the warm weather, the rink is not open. A lot of work was done to try and get the rink ready, and Anderson thanked Mitch Anderson for many hours put in.

Hollow Update – Kristina Smitten gave a report on the work completed in the Hollow. There was heavy equipment work removing dead fall and fire burns as well. The trails have been seeded and there is signage to let residents know to keep to the sides of the path to allow for germination. This fall will be additional buckthorn removal and additional burning.

Cemetery – Mayor Nyenhuis reviewed his proposal to create a cemetery advisory committee. The committee

Nyenhuis moved and Anderson seconded to accept the proposal and charge for a cemetery advisory committee as presented.

Nyenhuis moved to accept the following members as part of the cemetery advisory committee:

Kevin Nyenhuis

Jennifer Henry

Wendy Ward

Joel Martin

Anna Maakestad

Ashley Petroske

Tom Bjorkman

Nyenhuis yes

Anderson yes

Miller yes

Pardun yes

All in favor, motion passed.

Water/Wastewater Systems – No report.

City Properties – .

Multi-Generational Education Committee –

Forest Advisory – No report.

Community Events – No report.

EDA – No report.

Mill Site Committee –

Consent Calendar – *Nyenhuis moved and Ward seconded to approve the Minutes of 12/14/23 with a correction to City Properties, Treasurer's Report of 12/23, List of Bills for 12/14/23, Public Works Maintenance Report, Planning Commission Minutes, 2024 revised fee schedule, 2023 budget transfers and 2023 additional reserve funds as presented.*

Nyenhuis yes

Anderson yes

Miller yes

Pardun yes

Ward yes

All in favor, motion passed.

Old/New Business –

Mayor Notes/Clerk's Report –

Adjournment – *Nyenhuis moved and Anderson seconded to adjourn at 8:28pm.*

Nyenhuis yes

Anderson yes

Miller yes

Pardun yes

Ward yes

All in favor, motion passed.

Minutes taken by Lynette Peterson, City Clerk