

**CITY OF MARINE ON ST. CROIX CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Thursday, June 13, 2024**

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

*Citizens: Glen Mills, Dave Snyder, Ross Higgins, Lynn Bjorkman, Curt Moe, Anne Minnich, Ryan Goodman, Chris Mowery, Kitzi Vadheim, Todd Mestad.*

Approval of the Agenda – Nyenhuis would like to move the liquor license amendment up from old/new business to citizens considerations.

*Nyenhuis moved and Anderson seconded to approve the agenda as amended. All in favor, motion passed.*

Citizens Considerations – Clerk Peterson advised the City needs to clarify and define the exact area for outdoor serving and the current on sale licenses need to be amended to reflect the defined area. Anna's Bistro is requesting to add the deck on the south side of the building. The Brookside is requesting to include the lawn area in their amended license. Clerk Peterson believes there are several outstanding items requiring discussion with the Brookside including the liquor license, dumpster enclosure and special events and therefore suggested the Council consider holding a workshop to address those items. The Council agreed and requested Clerk Peterson send out potential meeting dates.

*Anderson moved and Miller seconded to approve the on sale liquor license amendment for Anna's Bistro to include the deck on the south side of the building. All in favor, motion passed.*

Planning Commission – A written report was submitted by Chairman Spisak. Miller commended the Planning Commission for their time working on the cannabis issue. Ward questioned the request by the Planning Commission to have official City of Marine emails rather than continue to use their own personal emails. Clerk Peterson advised the current city domain does not allow for that number of city emails and therefore some research needs to be done to see if the IT person may be able to provide emails through his service.

Public Safety – Chief Mills submitted a written report for Council review. Miller noted that there was a local rescue call recently and there was concern that if the event had happened earlier in the day, the rescue vehicles would not have been able to get through to the scene. Anderson stated the current parking issues along Judd Street from the gas station south is not acceptable and he has moved some of the temporary no parking signs from Second Street to Judd Street between Burris park and Berkey Street. He stated that the attendance to some of the downtown businesses is much higher than it has been in the past, which is driving much larger parking issues downtown.

Roads – Ryan Goodman reviewed the Engineers report. Next month will be the request to award the bid for the drainfield project. Ward reported there is a meeting on June 25<sup>th</sup> at the Osceola middle school to discuss the bridge project.

Personnel – No report.

Parks & Rec – Ward reported there is an upcoming open house to discuss the Gateway Trail and Glacial Hills Regional Trail. The meeting will be held at the Marine Village Hall on June 17<sup>th</sup> from 4pm-6pm. The public is invited and encouraged to attend. Anderson noted there are routes for this proposed trail that could greatly impact the upper village and encourages residents in that area attend and make their concerns heard.

Paddle Craft Event Special Event Fee Waiver – The Marine library association will be hosting the Paddle Craft event this year on July 9th and is requesting a waiver for the Special event application fee. Anderson noted that the request was not brought forward within the 60 day time frame. Marla is exempt from the park rental fee per the MOU, however not the special event fee.

*Miller moved and Ward seconded to waive the special event fee for the Paddle Craft event hosted by Marla. Miller, Ward, Nyenhuis and Pardun in favor, Anderson against. Motion passed.*

Nyenhuis requested any special event permit approved by the committee be forwarded to the Council for review as well.

Workshop on the Water – Ward noted a workshop on the water event through the Conservancy group and encouraged the public to attend.

Cemetery – There was a large amount of storm damage over the past weekend and NWI has assisted with the cleanup.

Water/Wastewater – Miller commended public works for the extra time spent pumping down in Butternut Falls after two pumps went out at the same time.

City Properties – Pardun has been in conversation with City staff and the Restoration Society to explore reconfiguring the city office space and adding an ADA bathroom. He is requesting Council consensus to work with Collaborative Designs on beginning the process. The Council thought it would be good to move forward.

Community Events – July 4<sup>th</sup> parade is on schedule. Fireworks is no longer a budget item or planned for the future. Anderson would like to see some sort of parking and/or public safety plan for the parade.

EDA – No report.

Forest Advisory – No report.

Mill Site Committee – Nyenhuis reported there is nothing actionable. Pardun questioned if the committee has been taking minutes as nothing has been submitted to Council. Nyenhuis was unaware that the Minutes have not been shared and requested Curt Moe forward those to the Assistant Clerk. Chairman Spisak has stepped down from the committee and believes that one planning commission member is sufficient for that committee.

Multi-Generational Education Committee – Jake White has been added as new member. Miller reported the committee is working on a three-pronged plan but there is nothing specific as of yet.

Consent Calendar – Nyenhuis moved and Anderson seconded to approve the Minutes of 5/9/24, Treasurer's Report of 5/24, List of Bills for 6/13/24, Public Works Maintenance Report, Planning Commission Minutes, One Day Temporary Liquor License – Street dance, Resolution 240613-01. All in favor, motion passed.

Old/New Business –

Cell Tower CUP amendment – There have been a few house keeping items added to the existing Conditional Use Permit, mostly stemming from the lease being with SMC Holdings rather than Vinco.

*Pardun moved and Anderson seconded to approve the amended Conditional Use Permit as presented. All in favor, motion passed.*

Crabapple Tree – Ward reported that large crabapple tree that is currently on the Brookside property needs to be moved and Ward would like to see that moved to the Stonehouse Museum. Ward stated the Brookside has agreed to pay for the moving of the tree. Anderson believes this should be a topic discussed at the upcoming workshop.

STR Ordinance Workshop – Anderson reported a Council workshop was held on June 6<sup>th</sup> to discuss various items within the current ordinance and whether or not any amendments may be needed. There are a few points of clarification that the Clerk will be looking into, however at this time there are no recommended updates.

Mayor Notes/Clerk's Report – Mayor Nyenhuis reported he would like the City to participate in National Night Out on August 6<sup>th</sup> and will work with the Public Safety committee on a plan.

Adjournment – Ward moved and Miller seconded to adjourn at 7:53pm. All in favor motion passed.

Minutes taken by Lynette Peterson, City Clerk