

CITY OF MARINE ON ST. CROIX CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, August 8, 2024

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

Citizens: Glen Mills, Scott Spisak, Isiah Bubany, Paul Paladie, Gwen Roden, Larry Roden, John Goodfellow, Ross Higgins, Jeremy Chacich, Charlie Borden, Mark Kraske, Lynn Bjorkman, Curt Moe, Todd Mestad, Lori Moss, Kristina Smitten, Jim Maher, Roger Lyle, Joshua Rutherford, Julie Warren, Mike Tibbetts.

Approval of the Agenda – Miller moved and Ward seconded to accept the agenda with an amendment to public safety to add striping.

Pardun yes

Ward yes

Miller yes

Anderson yes

Motion passed.

Citizens Considerations – None

Planning Commission – Commissioner Spisak reported on the July meeting. A representative from Washington County was in attendance to discuss the Glacial Hills Regional Trail proposal. A public hearing was set for August for an Interim Use Permit for 481 Maple Street for a commercial vehicle to be parked in a residential district.

The Commission continues to work on drafting a cannabis ordinance. The Office of Cannabis Management has given guidelines for cities. The public is encouraged to send comments to the City and a public hearing is planned for November. The Commission would like to hold a joint Commission/Council workshop to discuss the guidelines for drafting the ordinance.

The Comprehensive Plan amendments have been sent to the Met Council for approval.

Public Safety – Chief Mills reported there have been 13 calls since the July meeting. 5 of those calls were false alarms at Wilder Forest. National Night Out was held on August 6th, which was very well attended.

There are three new department members who need to be approved as probationary members.

Miller reported that the City has received a quote for restriping the downtown. The original striping was done during the downtown revitalization project. If the striping goes away, parking spots will be lost due to the angled parking. There is also an ADA requirement for striping if using the angled parking. The crosswalks are also being proposed to be restriped for liability reasons. The lowest bid was from Sir LinesALot in the amount of \$2075.00.

Miller moved and Ward seconded to approve Dale App, Brenda App and Paul Creager as probationary members to the Department.

Pardun yes

Ward yes

Anderson yes

Miller yes

All in favor, motion passed.

Miller moved and Anderson seconded to accept the proposal from Sir Lines a Lot not to exceed \$2200.

Pardun yes

Ward yes

Miller yes

Anderson yes

Motion passed.

Roads – *Isiah Bubany reviewed the Engineering Report. The crack fill and seal project was completed yesterday and the chip seal will be done next week. The Watershed received a \$50,000 grant towards flood plain risk assessment.*

Personnel – *No report.*

Parks & Rec – *Ward reported that the Millstream Restoration walkthrough has been rescheduled for August 20th at 5:00pm. Mike Tibbetts, resident, encouraged residents to visit the area now as he does not believe there should be any work done in that area and let nature take its course.*

Ward stated the RFP went out for the additional work to be done with the Hollow grant. There were three proposals that were received. In order to meet budget, the project was reduced by twelve contractor hours. The bidder being proposed is MN Native Landscapes in the amount of \$40,350.

Ward moved and Anderson seconded to award the Hollow bid to MN Native Landscape in the amount of \$40,350.

Pardun yes

Ward yes

Miller yes

Anderson yes

Motion passed.

Cemetery – *No report.*

Water/Wastewater – *No report.*

City Properties – *Pardun presented two bids for the Village Hall project proposal. The first bid was from LHB in the amount of \$47,5000 and the second bid from Collaborative Design in the amount of \$59,000. Ward likes CBD because they know the building from previous work. She*

would also like to see a conditions assessment to be done as either part of this project or before the project begins. Pardun stated both contractors complete a walk through of the building prior to submitting their proposal. He also noted that Phil Waugh, from LHB, was previously with CBD and was a part of the previous project done on the Village Hall, so he is very familiar with the building. In addition, the Restoration Society highly respects Mr. Waugh and endorsed LHB to oversee this project. The project would cover the restrooms and City offices, which was discussed at the last Council meeting, and he is not in favor of stopping the process in order to have a conditions assessment done. He is happy to inquire if LHB is interested in doing a conditions assessment in addition to the remodel, however. Pardun also believes that there is a significant safety issue with the current City offices and would like to see this move forward at this time. Ward encouraged the properties committee to update the conditions report similar to what was done for the Stonehouse Museum.

Pardun moved and Miller seconded to accept the proposal from LHB for the Village Hall design work in the amount of \$47,500.

Pardun yes

Ward yes

Miller yes

Anderson yes

Motion passed.

Community Events – No report.

EDA – No report.

Forest Advisory – Ward reported fifty-seven native trees were purchased as part of the MnDOT landscape program. The trees will be planted within the MnDOT right of way between Berkey Street and Maple Street. Anderson stated that research has also shown that the more greenscape there is along a highway helps with traffic calming. Gwen Roden, resident, questioned if these trees will prevent people from seeing the downtown area and businesses. Ward stated the majority of the trees will be planted on the west side mostly in the wetland.

Mill Site Committee – Ward noted that the Council requested the committee answer five points prior to moving on the purchase of the Millsite property. There were two open houses held for resident input, which were very well attended. The Planning Commission now needs to review if the purchase plan fits into the scope of the Comprehensive Plan. The committee is requesting the Planning Commission agendaize and review the proposal to see if it fits within the Comprehensive Plan. Scott Spisak, Commission Chair, noted that one of the requirements of the Council charge was to come up with proposed uses for the property and once that happens, the Commission can review the Comprehensive Plan to see if those uses are within the scope. Anderson believes the committee could come forward with ten potential uses to present to the Commission.

Curt Moe, committee members, believes a list of potential uses could easily be given to the Commission to review but would like to have the Commission do that at the August meeting. Moe stated that the Historical Society would like to see this sent to the Legislature by May of 2025 and is concerned that if the City doesn't move fast enough, the opportunity may not be available in the future. Ward believes the City will move in time to meet that timeline and will have something to

the Council for the September meeting.

Multi-Generational Education Committee – Miller is waiting on the master plan proposal from the Planner but should have by the budget meeting.

Consent Calendar – Miller moved and Ward seconded to approve the Minutes of 7/11/24, Treasurer's Report of 7/24, List of Bills for 8/8/24, Public Works Maintenance Report, Planning Commission Minutes, Resolution No. 20240808-01, Fire Department Donation.

Pardun yes

Ward yes

Miller yes

Anderson yes

Motion passed.

Old/New Business – Clerk Peterson stated the 2025 proposed budget meeting has been scheduled for Monday, August 26th at 6:30pm.

Mayor Notes/Clerk's Report – None

Adjournment – Miller moved and Ward seconded to adjourn at 8:00pm.

Pardun yes

Ward yes

Miller yes

Anderson yes

Motion passed.

Minutes taken by Lynette Peterson, City Clerk