

CITY OF MARINE ON ST. CROIX CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, October 10, 2024

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

Citizens: Glen Mills, Isiah Bubany, John Goodfellow, Kitz Vadheim, Fran Miron, Cecily Harris, Liz Kelly, Julie Warren, Gwen/Larry Roden, Scott Spisak, Mike Tibbets, Chris Mowery, Jim Maher, Conner Schaefer, Andrea Rehm, Paul Paladie,

Approval of the Agenda – Miller moved and Ward seconded to accept the agenda as drafted. All in favor, motion passed.

City Attorney, Dave Snyder, stated that the City concluded a meeting in executive session at 7:00pm pursuant to MN Statute 13D.05 Sub 3B to discuss litigation captioned Brookside Hospitality Co. LLC vs. the City of Marine on St. Croix. Present was the entire Kevin Nyenhuis, Lon Pardun, Wendy Ward, Bill Miller, City Clerk, Assistant City Clerk, City Attorney Dave Snyder and Paul Reuvers, League of MN Cities Attorney. No action was taken.

Citizens Considerations –

Glacial Hills Regional Trail Presentation – Fran Miron, Washington County Commissioner, gave an introduction for the Glacial Hills Trail proposal. This is a long-range plan and as part of the planning stage, the County is presenting the proposed plan to municipalities for formal support for the project. There have been two public engagement events and a formal presentation to the Marine Planning Commission.

Andrea Rehm and Connor Schaefer were in attendance on behalf of the County to present a power point presentation showing the overview of the trail plan. The proposed route would begin in Hugo, travel along Highway 61 to County Rd 4 through the Big Marine Park reserve and along the railroad corridor all the way to Broadway Street in Marine and down to a trail head downtown. The alternate trail would be to continue along County Rd 4, through the tunnel and down Maple Street to downtown. The County would provide 50% for the implementation of the trail system and 100% of replacement. The County would also provide waste/recycling pickup, mowing, and minor maintenance. The County would work with the City on cost by providing grant opportunities, land donations and development agreements. Miller questioned the trail head being in downtown Marine. That is a big load for a small town in terms of maintenance and over impact on the taxpayers and City. Nyenhuis has concerns with the trail head leading people across a busy highway as well.

The next step will be to attend the October Planning Commission meeting to request a formal recommendation to the City Council in November.

Planning Commission – Chairman Spisak reported on the September meeting. A joint meeting was held with Council to review the proposed cannabis ordinance. The Commission will set the public hearing at the October meeting for November. A pre-application was held on a vacant lot in Tanglewood. The Commission also reviewed the Mill Site proposal and will have a

recommendation to Council in November.

Gerry Mroska has decided not to renew his term in December. The position was posted and Julie Warren had submitted her letter of interest. The committee held an interview with Ms. Warren and is recommending approval of her appointment.

Pardun moved and Miller seconded to approve Julie Warren as a Planning Commission for a three-year term expiring in 2028. All in favor, motion passed.

Public Safety – There were 16 calls last month. An open house was held for fire prevention week, which was well attended.

Roads - Isiah Bubany was in attendance to review the Engineering report. The Red Bridge monitoring will be done in January. An on-site meeting was held with City staff to review the 2025 street project and an open house will be held in the next few weeks. The streets impacted will be Elm, Fifth, Oak, Robert and the alley.

Allied Blacktop is requesting final payment for the Crack fill and seal project in the amount of \$1,784.75.

Pardun moved and Miller seconded to approve payment request number two to Allied Blacktop in the amount of \$1,784.75. All in favor, motion passed.

Personnel – No report.

Parks & Rec – No report.

Cemetery – Ward reported that FAC is working with Washington County to inventory the trees within the City and they will be starting in the cemetery.

Water/Wastewater – Pardun reported the drainfield project is complete. He stated that 50% of the tanks and piping were replaced and shared a few photographs of the project. He reiterated that the health of the drainfield is excellent and believes the system should last many more years.

City Properties – Pardun reported on the upcoming Village Hall renovations. There will be a meeting on October 22nd with Restoration Society and the architect. There will be an open house on November 7th from 5pm-7pm to unveil the project plans with a request for Council approval at the November Council meeting.

Ward would like the Council to also consider the recommendations made for maintenance on the Stonehouse museum considered at the Truth in Taxation meeting.

Community Events – Gwen Roden is putting together the Enchanting Forest again this year, and anyone interested in helping can contact her.

EDA – No report.

Forest Advisory – Ward reported the planting is completed as part of the MnDOT Landscape

program.

Mill Site Committee – No report.

Multi-Generational Education - The Committee will be doing its own public engagement and will begin to put together plans for the spring.

Consent Calendar –Nyenhuis moved and Miller seconded to approve the Minutes of 9/12/24, 9/23/24, Treasurer’s Report of 9/24, List of Bills for 10/10/24, Public Works Maintenance Report, Planning Commission Minutes, Resolution 241010-01, amended fee schedule. All in favor, motion passed.

Nyenhuis noted there is an amendment to the fee schedule to include a cost for copies and time involved with the process.

Old/New Business – Anna’s Bistro and Marine Brewing Company are requesting approval on their 2025 liquor licenses. Anna’s will be for a combination on sale/off sale with the description of the outdoor dining area to include the attached deck and Marine Brewing Company will be a renewal of the wine/beer license.

Miller moved and Pardun seconded to approve the 2025 combination on sale/off sale liquor to include the attached deck as part of the outdoor dining area and to approve the wine/beer license for Marine Brewing Company. All in favor, motion passed.

Mayor Notes/Clerk’s Report – Clerk Peterson reported she will be going on medical leave effective November 7th until sometime in January, however will be able to work remotely during a large portion of that time.

Adjournment – Nyenhuis moved and Pardun seconded to adjourn at 8:11pm. All in favor, motion passed.

Minutes taken by Lynette Peterson, City Clerk