

**CITY OF MARINE ON ST. CROIX CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Thursday, January 8, 2026**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Nyenhuis at 7:00pm. Nyenhuis, Goodfellow, Ward, and Miller present. Willenbring Absent.

Citizens: Glen Mills, Kitsie Vadheim, Jim Maher, Isaih Bubany, Tommy Boesel, Gayle Knutson, Matt Anderson, Dorothy Deetz. Todd Mestad.

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

Designate Official Depository –

*Miller and Nyenhuis seconded to designate Wendy Ward as acting Mayor, that the monthly meeting date be the second Thursday of the month at 7:00pm, that the Country Messenger be the official newspaper, that the Security State Bank of Marine be the official depository, that Johnson and Turner be the official legal firm, that Bolton & Menk be the City Engineer, HKGI be the City Planner and that Robert Rules of Order, Revised, be the official rules of the meeting. All in favor, motion passed unanimously. All in favor, motion passed.*

Citizens Considerations – None

Planning Commission – No December meeting.

Public Safety – Chief Mills submitted a written report for Council review. Ward questioned the sale of the fire truck. Purple Wave was able to sell the truck on auction for \$8,300. There were a few issues getting the truck loaded onto the trailer however eventually it worked out and it was taken to Chihuahua Mexico.

Roads – Isiah Bubany reviewed the engineering report. The quote package for the 2026 street project is complete and will be sent out in March. The crack fill and seal authorization will be postponed until February due to a few questions about how to proceed with the roads in Jackson Meadow. There are currently *several options* for sealing those roads and Isiah reviewed each of those options with Council for consideration. Isiah will talk with the contractors to see which option is the most cost effective and will last until the reconstruction is scheduled. Goodfellow doesn't believe *it is* necessarily the best idea to perform temporary work on the roads in Jackson Meadow now if there is a chance the City could move the reconstruction project up by a year. Ward is also concerned about a temporary fix and questioned if the City should wait until the reconstruction. Miller believes doing the work now will help to prolong the life of the roads. Nyenhuis believes there are sections of Jackson Meadow where a temporary fix will not last due to the conditions and will need more than just a slurry seal type topcoat.

Goodfellow noted that a petition was received from the residents along Pratt and Robert Streets to not remove the road that runs from Elm Street through the school forest. Goodfellow noted that there are a few reasons for that closure – the first is that a condition of the 2026 street project along Chestnut St, the elimination of the road will be needed to meet Watershed requirements for

impervious surface. The concern of the residents is that road is used for public safety access and also helps when Pine Street gets congested for Folk School events.

Gayle Knutson, Robert Street resident, is concerned that because Robert St is so narrow, they are concerned that multiple tanker trucks getting through. Miller suggested having the fire chief as part of the conversation with the residents.

Personnel - No report.

Parks & Rec – Goodfellow presented a revised letter of support for the Glacial Hills Regional Trail. Miller would like to make sure that the letter represents the support from the entire Council as a whole. Administrator Peterson suggested sending a copy of the motion with the letter.

*Ward moved and Goodfellow seconded to accept the letter dated January 8, 2026, to the Met Council for the letter of conceptual support for the Glacial Hills Regional Trail. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.*

Cemetery – No report

Water/Wastewater Systems – No report.

City Properties – Goodfellow reported that Bell Pole will be out late January to visit the lost 40 property. The hope is to have a contract ready to present at the February meeting. Miller would like any long-range plans to include additional City properties as well.

Community Events – No report.

EDA – No report.

Multi-Generational Education Committee – Miller reported that the committee met with the Planner to present the open house information. HKGI will use that information to come up with a report that will be presented to Council in March.

Forest Advisory – Kitsi Vadheim presented a power point presentation reviewing the events of 2025, which was included in the packet. Some of the activities they participated in were Arbor Day with the Marine Village School, creation of an “adopt a tree” program, Burris Park Buckthorn Busting day, EAB Mitigation in Burris Park and the harvesting of the gravel bed trees. Miller questioned if the City is looking to increase the tree count in the City within the next year. Goodfellow stated yes, that is the plan moving forward.

Mill Site Committee - Goodfellow presented a phase 1 report from the Millsite committee, which has been included in the packet. The committee met several times over the last year and have come up with several design concepts for Burris Park that will enhance the experience of this site and will also coincide with the Watershed’s restoration project. The committee is requesting support from the Council to continue the committee’s effort to refine these ideas once the Watershed plan is 100% done, which would be sometime mid year.

The Council consensus was acceptance of the report and agreed to having the information posted on the City website. Ward believes Council should continue to support this effort. She would like to see the committee look into what grants are available ahead of time so the committee is ready when the time comes. Miller believes this document could be incorporated in the Comprehensive Plan and use the ideas for other areas in town as well.

Consent Calendar – Nyenhuis moved and Ward seconded to approve the Minutes of 12/11/25, Treasurer’s Report of 12/25, List of Bills for 1/8/26, Public Works Maintenance Report, 2025 reserve funds as presented. All in favor, motion passed.

Old/New Business – None

Mayor Notes/Clerk’s Report – None

Adjournment – *Nyenhuis moved and Goodfellow seconded to adjourn at 8:02pm. All in favor, motion passed.*

Minutes taken by Lynette Peterson, City Clerk