

PUBLIC HEARING
DUCK LANE
CITY OF CROSSLAKE
FRIDAY, JANUARY 6, 2006
6:30 P.M. – CITY HALL

Pursuant to due notice and call, the City Council held a public hearing on Friday, January 6, 2006 at 6:30 P.M. at City Hall for the purpose of hearing information regarding the proposed improvement of Duck Lane and to receive public comment. The following Councilmember's were present: Mayor Jay Andolshek, Terry Curtis, Dean Eggena, Dick Phillips and Dean Swanson. Also present was City Administrator Tom Swenson, Community Development Director Ken Anderson, Public Works Director Ted Strand, Clerk/Treasurer Darlene Roach, City Engineer Dave Reese and City Attorney Paul Sandelin. There were five individuals in the audience.

Mayor Andolshek called the public hearing to order at 6:30 P.M. and turned the meeting over to City Administrator Tom Swenson.

City Administrator Tom Swenson read the Affidavit of Mailing confirming that a copy of the notice of hearing was deposited in the U.S. Post Office on December 12, 2005 with postage prepaid in an envelope containing the name and address of the property owner based on current tax records received from the Crow Wing County Auditor's Office. On December 15th and December 22nd the Notice of Hearing was published in the City's official newspaper, the Lake Country Echo. No comments or correspondence was received regarding this improvement

The meeting was turned over to City Engineer Dave Reese who presented an overview of the feasibility report prepared by Widseth Smith Nolting as authorized by the Council under Chapter 429 of Minnesota State Statute. The full report is available at City Hall. City Engineer Dave Reese stated that the purpose of his presentation is to review the existing conditions of the road, discuss what is proposed for the roadway and the cost of the proposed improvement. Reese stated that since 1996 the City has been on a course to pave all of the gravel streets within the City. Duck Lane is a graveled roadway providing access to approximately 10 benefiting properties. Duck Lane intersects with West Shore Drive and extends west. The roadway is approximately 1,200 feet in length with an 18' width with good ditching. The terrain is relatively level from West Shore Drive to a semi round cul de sac at the western end. A shared driveway extends from the end of the cul de sac which is not maintained by the City. At a previous meeting, Public Works Director Ted Strand identified an area near the cul de sac that is prone to occasional standing water. This issue will be reviewed during design to determine the best method to minimize or eliminate the problem. The lots along Duck Lane are not platted but are subdivided by metes and bounds with right-of-way width of 66 feet. There are no City utilities except telephone/cable in the area. Other utilities are both overhead and underground along the roadway. Service connections for these utilities cross under the road. The recommended improvements consist of an 18-foot paved surface with 2 inch thick bituminous on a 4 inch thick aggregate base and topsoil shoulders. An offset round cul de sac is proposed for the turnaround. Improvements to approaches will consist of a bituminous apron or kickout and Class 5 surfacing to match into existing gravel drive widths. Existing paved driveways that extend to the right-of-way will be matched with

bituminous. The estimated cost for improvement of Duck Lane is \$55,300 with the cost of construction at \$34,885; a 15% contingency of \$5,232.75; engineering design, surveying and construction observation costs of \$12,100 and \$3,000 for legal and administrative costs. Since Duck Lane is a City maintained road, the City will pay 50% of the cost of the improvement or \$27,650 with the remaining amount of \$27,650 assessed to the benefiting property owners. The estimated number of benefiting equivalent lots is 10 at a cost of \$2,770 per benefiting lot. If assessed at 8% interest over five years, the annual cost would be \$694 per year. If assessed at 8% interest over ten years, the annual cost would be \$413 per year.

The meeting was open to the public for comments. Pete Abler of 34447 Duck Lane addressed the Council and questioned what the drainage problem in the feasibility report pertains to. City Engineer Dave Reese stated that the problem is a result of a steep paved driveway and Mr. Abler stated that did represent a concern for him. Public Works Director Ted Strand stated that a secondary structure was built and the property owner should have put additional fill under the structure. Strand stated that the engineer will have to work on this area during the design. Rob Hjerpe addressed the Council and stated that he is the property owner where drainage is a problem and suggested channeling the water to another area. Councilmember Eggena asked Mr. Hjerpe if he would consider giving the City a drainage easement and he stated that he would consider this. Mr. Hjerpe asked where the payback is for improving the road. He stated that the City already has people and a grader and to add gravel would cost a few thousand, but the interest on the City's portion alone would pay for the maintenance. Mr. Hjerpe asked about the City's policy and then stated if all the neighbors want the road improved, he would be in favor, but if not then he wouldn't want it improved. Mr. Hjerpe asked if the City would consider removing the \$2700 assessment in return for the easement. There was some discussion regarding the other parcels owned by Mr. Hjerpe.

City Administrator Swenson commented that the Council will make a decision on whether to proceed with the improvement at the Regular Council Meeting which will be held on January 9, 2006.

There being no further comments, MOTION PH3-01-06 WAS MADE BY TERRY CURTIS AND SECONDED BY DEAN EGGENA TO ADJOURN THIS PUBLIC HEARING AT 7:00 P.M. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.

Respectfully submitted by,



Darlene J. Roach
Clerk/Treasurer

