

PUBLIC HEARING
JOHNIE AND ROBERT STREETS
CITY OF CROSSLAKE
FRIDAY, JANUARY 6, 2006
7:15 P.M. – CITY HALL

Pursuant to due notice and call, the City Council held a public hearing on Friday, January 6, 2006 at 7:15 P.M. at City Hall for the purpose of hearing information regarding the proposed improvement to Johnie and Robert Streets 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 nine individuals in the audience.

Mayor Andolshek called the public hearing to order at 7:15 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. One notice was returned from Gerald and Donna Miller with a sticker indicating that the forwarding time had run out. Another notice was mailed which did not get returned to the City. Shane Nelson's notice was mailed to an Anoka address and an email from him indicated that his address was Andover and a second notice was mailed to him. No 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 a feasibility study was ordered by the City Council to improve all gravel streets within the City. Johnie Street begins on CSAH 16 and extends south approximately 3,080 feet to an intersection with Robert Street. Robert Street proceeds approximately 2,770 feet north from this intersection as a bituminous paved street and proceeds approximately 990 feet south from the intersection as a graveled street that intersects with West Shore Drive. The existing paved segment of Robert Street provides access to approximately 35 properties and intersects with CSAH 16 to the north. Robert Lane extends south from Robert Street and is not maintained by the City. Johnie Street varies in width from 14 to 16 feet with limited to non-existent ditching. Vegetation encroaches in the right-of way and the clear zone is less than 10 feet from the road shoulder in some areas. Robert Street varies from 16 to 20 feet in paved width, with limited to no ditching. The road has fair to poor clearing. No soft spots or pavement failures were noted that would indicate unstable soils along the roadway. The portion of Robert Street that is currently paved will be reclaimed and blacktopped during

the improvement project. Robert Lane is currently not maintained by the City and will not be improved, but property owners may be subject to an assessment. An 18' foot roadway is proposed for Johnie Street with 2 inch thick bituminous on a 4 inch thick aggregate base and aggregate shoulders. A 16 foot paved surface is proposed for the gravel portion of Robert Street with topsoil shoulders, 2 inch thick bituminous on a 4 inch thick aggregate base. No widening or alignment of the existing paved portions are proposed however the roadway will be elevated and widened to City standards. There is an area along the roadway in the front yard of Lot 7, McLin First Addition where drainage accumulates along the roadway. Improvements to approaches will consist of bituminous apron or kickout and Class 5 surfacing to match into existing gravel drive widths. The cost of the project for improvement to Johnie and Robert Streets is estimated at \$149,800 with a construction estimate of \$97,070; \$14,560.50 as a 15% contingency; \$28,000 for engineering design, surveying and construction observation and \$10,100 in legal and administrative expenses. The City will pay 50% of the cost or \$74,900 in addition to 100% of the cost of reclaiming and paving that portion of Robert Street that is currently paved. This cost is \$94,400. ($\$74,900 + \$94,400 = \$169,300$) The estimated 31 benefiting property owners will pay 50% of the cost of improvement to Johnie and Robert Streets (\$74,900) or an estimated cost of \$2,420 per lot. If the project is assessed over a period of five years at 8% interest the yearly assessment would be \$606. If the project is assessed over a period of ten years at 8% interest, the yearly assessment would be \$361.

The hearing was open to the audience for comments.

Scott Gallaway of 36030 Johnie Street stated that he owns the property where the water stands in the street and he would like to be involved in order to match his work along with the City project. Councilmember Eggena asked Gallaway if there was enough property to give an easement to the City and he stated there was not. Gallaway stated that it is the other side of the roadway where the excess width is. Mayor Andolshek commented that the City would like to work with Mr. Gallaway also.

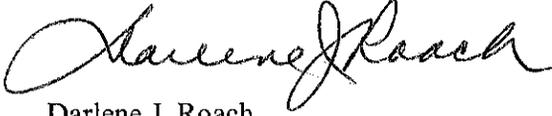
Gary Olson of 35926 Robert Street stated that he has a vested interest in becoming a permanent resident and if it were up to him he wouldn't make the improvement and requested that when finalizing the design a priority be given to aesthetics with little change. He also asked about installation of fiber optic and sewer in the area. City Administrator Swenson stated that the installation of fiber optic will be done at the same time the road is improved, but sewer would not be a reality anytime soon.

Shane Nelson of Lot 6, Block 1 stated that he is in favor of the project and likes the fact that the property owners only pay 50% of the cost. His only concern is proper ditching. City Administrator Swenson pointed out that Mr. Nelson's property is next to Scott Gallaway's property where the drainage problem exists, but told him the City is aware that there is a problem in this area.

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 PH4-01-06 WAS MADE BY TERRY CURTIS AND SECONDED BY DICK PHILLIPS TO ADJOURN THIS PUBLIC HEARING AT 7:42 P.M. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.

Respectfully submitted by,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Darlene J. Roach".

Darlene J. Roach
Clerk/Treasurer

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