

Crosslake City Council
January 10, 1983 - 7:30 PM - REGULAR & ANNUAL MEETING

The regular and annual meeting of the Crosslake City Council was called to order by Mayor Fred Bieber at 7:30 PM. Councilmen Anderson, Arends, Allen and Nelson were present. There were about 42 members of the community present.

CONSENT CALENDAR: MOTION: By Anderson and seconded by Arends that the consent calendar be accepted as presented. The motion carried and the vote was unanimous. The calendar included the minutes of the regular meeting of December 13th, 1982, the minutes of the special meeting of December 20th, 1982, the Treasurer's financial report for December and the Telephone Company's financial report for December.

NEW BUSINESS: MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS & DESIGNATIONS FOR 1983 - The mayor asked the audience to bear with him in case of mistakes as this is new to him. He stated he was very pleased with the large attendance at this meeting and that he hopes the attendance will continue as the more people who become active in the community the better off the community will be and the council's job will be easier. The mayor stated that one of the aims of his administration will be to get the people in the community working together. He stated that he will be working for the people who live and work in the community and will not be so concerned with the people who come in from the outside. He will urge the council to look out for the community residents first and then look out for the outsiders who want to get in.

He stated that he is forming a Citizens' Advisory Commission to act as a liason to the council to let them know what is going on in the community and how the people feel about it. It will give the Council an opportunity to react to the wishes of the people.

In regard to membership in the various Commissions in stated that he felt that any member who misses more than two meetings should be removed from the Commission.

In regard to the duties of the councilmen who act as liasons to the Commissions, he felt they should not tell the Commissions how to operate but simply bring the Commission's recommendations before the Council.

He listed the following as a list of problem areas for priority:

- (1) Roads - He will appoint a Road Commission and a liason to the Council.
- (2) Parks - He feels that the Park Director, Patty Felber is doing a good job but that she needs help and direction.
- (3) Police Department - He feels that a decision should be made whether a third officer is needed or not and what should be done with the Department. They will work with Chief Backdahl and come up with an answer.
- (4) Ambulance - There has been discussion in the community about this and he feels that we do need this but that we must establish some rules and regulations there.
- (5) Fire Department
- (6) Telephone Company
- (7) Senior Citizens Housing - Our growth in senior citizens here in Crosslake is greater per capita than any other community in the State. We should look out for these senior citizens coming here and housing is something the council should address.

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He stated that these priorities will be followed by the Council but they are flexible and can be changed if the need arises.

The following Councilmen will act as liasons to the following Commissions and Departments:

Kurt Anderson	-	Park Commission & Co-liason to Road Commission.
Lyle Arends	-	Planning & Zoning Commission, Cemetery, Co-liason to Road Commission, Acting Mayor and Asst. Weed Inspector.
Bob Allen	-	Telephone Commission.
Orval Nelson	-	Public Buildings, Personnel, Asst. Liason to Public Safety.
Fred Bieber	-	Funding & Future Development Commission, Public Safety and Financial Advisor to Treasurer. Weed Inspector.

The following appointments and designations were made:

Randall Hanson	City Attorney
Glen Gustafson	Asst. City Attorney
Don Engen	City Auditor & Financial Advisor to the Treasurer.
Olsen & Thielen	Telephone Company Auditors
Jan Laughlin	Clerk-Treasurer
John Backdahl	Police Chief
Bob Garin	Fire Chief
Kurt Anderson	Asst. Fire Chief
Corky Hoag	Fire Marshall
Bob Garin	Civil Defense - Director
John Backdahl	" " - Asst. Director
Fred Bieber	" " - Asst. Director
Dr. Terry May	Health Officer
Joan Baker	" " , Asst.
Depositories	Brainerd National Bank & Lakeland State Bank
Official Newspaper	Country Echo

The mayor stated that the following organizations will furnish two representatives from their membership to serve on the Citizens' Advisory Commission. The following organizations were invited to attend a preliminary meeting by Mr. Bieber a week ago and Father Foster will serve as temporary chairman:

Concerned Citizens	Chamber of Commerce
Crosslake Catholic Church	Whitefish Property Owners
Crosslake Luther n Church	Crosslake Game & Fish
Crosslake Evangelical Church	Whitefish Sno-Goers

They have set a meeting date of January 17th. The mayor feels this will be a good step towards getting everyone in the community working together.

MOTION: By Arends and seconded by Allen to accept the list of liason assignments, appointments and designations as presented by the mayor. The motion carried and the vote was unanimous.

The mayor instructed Arends and Anderson to form a Road Commission and to hold a meeting, if possible, to present ideas before the February Council meeting. A Police Commission will be formed before the February meeting. In regard to the Funding & Future Development Commission the mayor stated that he has asked Libby Andolshek to serve as a coordinator and Tom Herschback will serve as Chairman.

DECISION ON BID OPENING ON CITY PICK UP TRUCK: Anderson announced that the bid opening held at 3:00 PM that afternoon in which four bids were

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were submitted and that Orval Nelson, Jan Laughlin & Kurt Anderson served as witnesses. Each council man has a copy of the two lowest bids submitted, one by Tanner Motors and one by Pine Motors. There was approximately \$1,000. difference between the two bids with the lowest being \$10,275. for 1983 Dodge 1 Tone Pickup 4 Wheel Drive by Tanner Motor. After some discussion of the funds provided for the truck in the 1982 & '83 budget, the mayor stated he would like this decision delayed until the council is familiar with the need for this purchase. When Arends voiced his objections to this purchase, Anderson stated that he was very surprised to hear the objection when it was Arends that suggested that a 4 wheel drive be purchased by the city and that the budget was increased above an ordinary pick up to provide for this because of Arends suggestion.

MOTION: By Anderson and seconded by Nelson to postpone the decision on the purchase of the truck until the February meeting. The motion carried and the vote was unanimous.

DECISION ON BID OPENING ON FIRE DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT VAN: Anderson stated that the bid opening was held after the opening for the above pick up truck and the two lowest bidders of the three bids received were: Ebenhoh Body Co. for \$26,423.00 and Truck Outfitters, Inc. for \$23,749.56. with Truck Outfitters being the lowest bid. After some discussion of the need for this equipment and the funds available for this purchase, the following motion was made:

MOTION: By Nelson and seconded by Allen to postpone the decision on the purchase of this equipment van until the February meeting. The motion carried - Anderson voting the only "NAY" vote.

A discussion was also held in regard to the remodelling of the Fire Hall in which Anderson explained that there was \$2,000. provided for it in the 1982 Budget and the balance can now be completed as provided for in the 1983 Budget.

OPENING OF BIDS FOR ROAD GRADING & BACK-UP SNOW PLOWING: There was only one bid submitted as follows: Guy Wannebo will provide Grader for \$26. per hr., Wheel loader for \$35. per hr, Cat dozer for \$35. per hr., Crawler loader (2 each) for \$35. per hr. and Tandem dump truck for \$30. per hr.

MOTION: By Anderson and seconded by Arends to accept the proposal of Guy Wannebo to provide services as stated above. The motion carried and the vote was unanimous.

CLERK'S REPORT: In regard to the council approval to transfer the license for Echo Ridge from Margaret Palinsky (deceased) to the personal representative of the estate, Joanne Maucieri the following was made:

MOTION: By Arends and seconded by Nelson to approve the transfer of the Echo Ridge license as stated above. The motion carried and the vote was unanimous. The mayor stated that he felt that some statement must be made in regard to a time limit on this license and that they should be given 6 months to take some kind of action. Arends stated that it will have to be renewed before July 1st and the mayor stated that he felt some action should be taken by that time. He felt that some kind of a commitment should be made for the good of the community and this decision will have to be made when it comes up for renewal.

The clerk asked the council who would like to be on the list of eligible persons to purchase from the Minnesota Federal Surplus Property Distribution Center.

MOTION: By Nelson and seconded by Arends that Anderson, Arends, Garin and Backdahl be allowed to purchase as stated above. Motion carried and the vote was unanimous.

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MAYOR'S REPORT: The mayor announced the Annual Conference for Newly Elected Officials will be held in the cities on February 5th and asked the new members if they would like to attend. Nelson stated that he would be out of town and Allen did not commit himself. He also mentioned the meeting to be held by the League in regard to the League Policies for Legislative Action on January 26th in St. Paul.

MOTION: By Arends and seconded by Anderson that the Mayor and Allen be allowed to attend the Conference for Newly Elected Officials at the expense of the city on Feb. 4th & 5th. The motion carried and the vote was unanimous.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS: Councilman Nelson agreed to call Crosslake Electric in regard to the outside lights at City Hall that we have had trouble with their shutting off even though they have been adjusted twice.

PARKS: The names of Robert Baker and Bill Heisserer were submitted for approval as members of the Park Commission. The mayor stated that he felt that anyone serving on a commission should be a city resident and two of the members of the present commission are not residents.

MOTION: By Anderson and seconded by Arends that we accept the new names submitted above and that the mayor's recommendation for limiting membership to residents only be accepted which would mean that the present membership of Vicki Leonard and Mary Jane Johnson would be dropped. Motion carried and the vote was unanimous.

The mayor asked that it be put on the record that all commission memberships be limited to city residents.

MOTION: By Anderson and seconded by Arends that all commission memberships be limited to city residents. The motion carried and the vote was unanimous.

Anderson stated that it should be understood that both Vicki Leonard and Mary Jane Johnson were very excellent members of the Park Commission and the motion did not reflect on their service in any way.

Anderson also stated that commission members, especially for the road commission should have some expertise in that field whether it be in maintenance, engineering or road construction. In reference to the park commission, those representatives be from different park activities.

PLANNING & ZONING: Arends announced that Charles Miller Zoning Coordinator is resigning as of February 1st. An ad for a new coordinator will be run several times with submission date deadline at 1:00 PM on January 21st. The commission meets at 2:30 that same day.

In regard to the Robinson Estates council meeting that was cancelled Arends explained that the Planning & Zoning Commission was not able to give their recommendation as the approval had not arrived in writing so they were not able to give any recommendation to the council.

MOTION: By Arends and seconded by Anderson to accept the resignation of Charles Miller as Zoning Coordinator effective February 1st. The motion carried and the vote was unanimous. The mayor thanked Mr. Miller for his services especially for the help he gave the Funding & Future Development Commission and Region V.

TELEPHONE COMPANY: The mayor introduced and welcomed the new Manager of the Telephone Company, Tony Maher.

MOTION: By Arends and seconded by Anderson that the following residents be approved as new Telephone Commission members: Re-appoint Tom Richardson whose term expired to serve from '83 through '86, Robert Turner to fill the vacancy from '83 through '85, and Libby

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Andolshek to fill the vacancy from '83 through '86. The motion carried and the vote was unanimous.

MOTION: By Arends and seconded by Nelson that the Telephone Company be allowed to make purchases up to \$2,000. without Council approval as recommended by the Telephone Commission. The motion carried and the vote was unanimous.

MOTION: By Arends and seconded by Allen that the Council requests the authorization of the REA for distribution of the \$38,000. dividend distribution to the city as recommended by the Telephone Commission. The motion carried and the vote was unanimous.

It was also mentioned the Telephone Company needs a certificate of sewer compliance from the city for the sale of the old building.

OLD BUSINESS: The mayor stated that in regard to the request of Chief Backdahl in regard to the hiring a third police officer to replace the officer who resigned a few months ago, he would like to postpone this decision until the February meeting also. He requested that the Chief draw up a schedule of the protection to be provided for the coming month until the next meeting.

Anderson reviewed the decision to put up Road Designations Signs for the city. He stated the \$500. of Revenue Sharing Funds had been set aside in the 1983 Budget and asked the council if he should go ahead with this project.

MOTION: By Anderson and seconded by Nelson that the city proceed with the Road Designation project to a maximum cost of \$500. The motion carried and the vote was unanimous.

The mayor questioned Don Engen, City Auditor, as to the possibility of setting up a meeting with him, the Clerk-Treasurer, and anyone else who wishes to attend in regard to some questions about the City Budget. The meeting will be held on January 24th at 6:00 PM.

PUBLIC FORUM: Mrs. Yvonne Hagman presented a letter from residents on a city road on Goodrich-O'Brien. She stated that she was very glad to hear that city roads were given top priority to-night. Mr. Anderson then read the letter that was presented. The letter expressed the very poor condition and the very dangerous problems with the present road. The letter stated that there are 12 people going to work, 10 school children depending on the bus to navigate the road and 16 year-around families going to the post office each day. They asked a committee be set up with two persons from each community, Fairfield & Crosslake, and charge them with finding several possible solutions to our road.

Anderson explained that the black top portion of the road in question is in the City of Crosslake and the gravel portion of the road is in Fairfield Township. The city has had an agreement over the years with Fairfield that they do the grading and the snowplowing and the city pays them for our share of the road. Anderson stated that henceforth the City of Crosslake will be doing the plowing. Mrs. Hagman stated that this alone will not solve the problem as it is the deplorable condition of the road that is their main objection. The mayor stated that this will have to be part of the overall plan for roads which will have to be established. Further discussion was held suggesting solutions to this problem but it was decided that it would really be up to the road commission to set up a schedule in regard to all road repairs in the city.

Elmer Fournier brought up a question in regard to his Fire #. He was assured it would be taken care of. Ray Kerchel inquired what the status

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was on the speed zoning in certain areas of Crosslake. Chief Backdahl responded that we are waiting for the State to give their approval of the areas requested.

The mayor stated that he forgot to mention the report submitted by Chief Backdahl on the Police Department activities. Chief Backddahl explained that this is the annual report that is always submitted to the council in January.

The mayor mentioned that the city has received a request for donations for the Lakes Area Senior Center to be located in the old fire hall in Brainerd. They also asked if anyone in our community would be interested in taking an active part in promoting their fund drive. He asked the clerk to respond to the letter and state that the city is not able to donate by statute.

The mayor assured all city employees that there are no hatchet men on the new council and that they are not out to hurt anybody. This was due to some rumors around town. They simply expect a fair day's work for a fair day's pay.

MOTION: By Anderson and seconded by Arends that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 9:50.

Respectfully submitted.

Jan Laughlin, Clerk-Treas.