

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
CITY OF CROSSLAKE MINNESOTA  
REGULAR SESSION - January 11, 1988  
7:30 p.m. at City Hall

The City Council of Crosslake Minnesota met in a regular session on Monday, January 11, 1988 in the Council Chambers of City Hall. The following members were present: Oliver Courts, Mayor, and Elizabeth Andolshek, Lyle Arends, Diana Gallaway and Oliver Yates, Councilmembers. Also present was: Clerk Arlene Buchite and ten members of the community.

Mayor Courts called this meeting to order and welcomed everyone in the audience.

The first item on the agenda was the Consent Calendar. MOTION NO. 1R-01-88 WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER ARENDS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER ANDOLSHEK TO APPROVE ALL ITEMS ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR CONSISTING OF: (1) MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 14, 1987 REGULAR COUNCIL SESSION; (2) THE CLERK/TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT FOR DECEMBER, 1987; (3) THE TELEPHONE COMPANY'S FINANCIAL REPORT FOR DECEMBER, 1987; AND (4) THE CABLEVISION'S FINANCIAL REPORT FOR DECEMBER, 1987. MOTION PASSED WITH COUNCILMEMBERS ANDOLSHEK, ARENDS, GALLAWAY AND YATES VOTING AYE.

CLERK'S REPORT - MOTION NO. 1R-02-88 WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER GALLAWAY AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER ARENDS TO PAY BILLS CONSISTING OF: (1) THE AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK FOR \$91,143.75 FOR BOND PAYMENT FOR 1986 ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT; (2) WANNEBO EXCAVATING FOR \$3,522.00; (3) CARLSEN, GRIENER AND LAW FOR \$256.60; AND (4) CROSSLAKE ELECTRIC FOR \$472.15, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF CROSSLAKE ELECTRIC UNTIL IT IS CHECKED OUT TO MAKE SURE NO PORTION OF THE BILL SHOULD BE ON THE REMODELING BID. MOTION PASSED WITH COUNCILMEMBERS ANDOLSHEK, ARENDS, GALLAWAY AND YATES VOTING AYE. Mr. Arends said he feel that Wannebo Excavating should bill the City more frequently than once or twice a year. Pat Hoag will speak to Mr. Wannebo.

Minnesota Marketplace from Region 5 was brought to the attention of the Council. This is being established so local suppliers can bid on various items which are needed by clients. This program has been created to help businesses find local suppliers for products they are currently purchasing out of state.

Mayor Courts proceeded to open the three bids which were received for the purchase of a new police car. The bids were: Pine Motor Company for a 1988 Chevrolet for \$14,468.64; Carney Middleton Ford of Crosby for a 1988 Crown Victoria for \$13,706.00; and Mills Motor, Inc. of Brainerd for a 1988 Crown Victoria for \$13,295.00. After a brief discussion, MOTION NO. 1R-02-88 WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER ARENDS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER YATES TO ACCEPT THE BID FROM MILLS MOTOR COMPANY FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 1988 FORD CROWN VICTORIA FOR \$13,295.00 AS LOWEST BIDDER. MOTION PASSED WITH COUNCILMEMBER ANDOLSHEK, ARENDS, GALLAWAY AND YATES VOTING AYE. Police Chief Backdahl said that in addition to the purchase price there will also be some cost in setting up the car for the radios, lights and other equipment.

Clerk Buchite said she has received requests from two insurance companies who are interested in bidding the City insurance. MOTION NO. 1R-04-88

WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER ARENDS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER ANDOLSHEK TO SEEK BIDS FROM CITY INSURANCE. MOTION PASSED WITH COUNCILMEMBERS ANDOLSHEK, ARENDS, GALLAWAY AND YATES VOTING AYE.

PARK - Bill Heisserer was present to report on the Park activities. Mr Heisserer reported that the Commission voted to insert a passage into their policy manual stating that "A Park Commission member with three consecutive absences without prior approval by the Park Commission is subject to dismissal and replacement." Mr. Heisserer also said the Park Commission members were submitting names of three people to replace retiring and resigning members. The names of those three people were Eloise Richardson, Grant Crofoot and Kurt Anderson. Mayor Courts thanked Mr. Heiss and said he was considering those appointments to the Park Commission.

Mayor Courts said he had gone down to the Park after he had received some complaints about gravel on the skating rink. Patricia Felber, Park Director said that the rink was skateable, in fact in excellent condition, but there was a high spot that had some gravel showing through.

Mayor Courts asked why the rink attendant was coming to work at noon and getting off at 4:40 p.m. when the children were in school during that time. Ms. Felber said that during the cold weather noone was skating at night so she told the attendant to go home. Ms. Felber said the attendant will be working from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. weekdays and until 8:00 p.m. on weekends.

PLANNING AND ZONING - Councilmember Gallaway said she had some concerns in that the terms of the Planning and Zoning Commission members do not coincide with the Mayor's appointments. Mr. Arends will discuss this with the Coordinator and the Commission.

Mayor Courts said he had asked Mr. Kingstedt to recap the previous years permits which he did. There were a total of 323 permits issued with 515 items.

CEMETERY - Nothing

PUBLIC SAFETY - Nothing

TELEPHONE - Robert Turner, Commission Chairman, stated that Council approval was needed for the updated commission policies. After a brief discussion, MOTION NO 1R-05-88 WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER GALLAWAY AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER ANDOLSHEK TO ACCEPT THE UPDATED UTILITIES COMMISSION POLICY GUIDE AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED WITH COUNCIL ANDOLSHEK, GALLAWAY AND YATES VOTING AYE. COUNCILMEMBER ARENDS VOTED NAY.

Mr. Turner said the Telephone Commission will have one vacancy and one member whose term has expired. The Commission was recommending to the Council to reappoint Dene Carney for another term and Dale Dickey to fill the vacancy. Mayor Courts said he would consider these recommendations when he makes the other appointments.

ROADS - Pat Hoag, Supervisor, said that Mr. Will Hoyt from Landecker and Associates was out to view the bridge work that will be needed to get the survey going. Councilmember Gallaway said she had not received minutes from the last Road Commission meeting and Mr. Hoag said he would check on them.

FUNDING AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENT - Nothing

PERSONNEL - Dental insurance for employees was discussed with prices being quoted as, Delta Dental at \$36.95 per employee, Blue Cross at \$47.13 per employee and League Dental at \$38.94 per employee. Councilmember Andolshek made a motion to go with Delta Dental and after a brief discussion withdrew her motion. MOTION NO. 1R-06-88 WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER GALLAWAY AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER YATES TO HAVE THE CITY CLERK AND COUNCILMEMBER GALLAWAY REVIEW PACKAGES FOR CITY DENTAL INSURANCE AND TO TAKE THE LOWEST COST FOR COMPARABLE COVERAGE. MOTION PASSED WITH COUNCILMEMBERS ANDOLSHFK, ARENDS, GALLAWAY AND YATES VOTING AYE. Mayor Courts suggested that if we switch to the League hospital insurance they may give us a better rate for the dental package.

MAYOR'S REPORT - Mayor Courts told the Council that he felt the City should invest more money through the 4-M Fund because our local banks were only paying 7.2 percent at Northern National for a Jumbo Certificate of Deposit and 6.51 percent at Brainerd National Bank and the 4-M Fund was offering 8 percent. MOTION NO. 1R-07-88 WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER ARENDS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER YATES TO PUT \$100,000.00 IN A CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT AT 8 PERCENT INTEREST FOR 365 DAYS WITH THE 4-M FUND AND \$100,000.00 IN A 180 DAY CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT AT 7.85 PERCENT INTEREST WITH THE 4-M FUND. MOTION PASSED WITH COUNCILMEMBER ANDOLSHEK, ARENDS, GALLAWAY AND YATES VOTING AYE. With the proposed bridge work and possible road work we may need to have the one deposit before 365 days would be up.

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS - Mayor Courts announced the following appointments:  
Funding and Future Development Commission - Libby Andolshek and Lyle Arends as Liaisons and Dene Carney, Harold Johnson, Rick Koch, Bill Thompson and Dean Swanson as commission members.

Planning and Zoning Commission - Libby Andolshek as Liaison and Lyle Arends, Roy Schafer, Jay Andolshek, Colleen Kiem, and Mary Kay Kendall as members. Ray Midlo and Barb Lindquist as alternates.

Road Commission - Diana Gallaway as Liaison and Rudy Koksman, Owen Grunzke, Dale Dickey, Scott Gallaway and Jim Fager as members. One vacancy exits.

Park Commission - Lyle Arends as Liaison and Paul Schroeder, Vicky Leonard, Eloise Richardson, Kurt Anderson, Art Holth and Bill Souther as members. Mr. Grant Crofoot asked not to be appointed until next month because of a conflict.

Telephone Commission - Oliver Courts as Liaison and Dene Carney, Scott Henderson, Dick Kendall and Doug Nelson as members. The Commission

recommended having Dale Dickey replace Robert Turner but Mr. Dickey is on another Commission. Mayor Courts asked the Council how they felt about re-appointing Mr. Dickey. Councilmember Andolshek said she would like to have Mrs. Helen Fraser appointed so the Commission membership would consist of a woman also. After more discussion, MOTION NO. 1R-08-88 WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER ANDOLSHEK AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER ARENDS TO SEND THE RECOMMENDATION OF DALE DICKEY TO REPLACE ROBERT TURNER BACK TO THE COMMISSION FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION SINCE MR. DICKEY IS A MEMBER OF ANOTHER COMMISSION ALREADY. COUNCILMEMBERS ANDOLSHEK, ARENDS AND YATES VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION AND COUNCILMEMBER GALLAWAY VOTE NAY. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION NO. 1R-09-88 WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER ANDOLSHEK AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER ARENDS TO ACCEPT THE APPOINTMENT OF DENE CARNEY FOR ANOTHER TERM ON THE TELEPHONE COMMISSION. MOTION PASSED WITH COUNCILMEMBERS ANDOLSHEK, ARENDS, GALLAWAY AND YATES VOTING AYE.

Mayor Courts asked the Council to vote on the other commission appointments. MOTION NO. 1R-10-88 WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER ARENDS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER YATES TO HAVE RAY MIDLO AS ALTERNATE NO. 1 AND BARB LINDQUIST AS ALTERNATE NO. 2 ON THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION. Mr. Arends said that since there are two women commission members already he would rather have a man as the first alternate. MOTION PASSED WITH COUNCILMEMBERS ANDOLSHEK, ARENDS, GALLAWAY AND YATES VOING AYE.

Discussion ensued regarding the fact that Mayor Courts said he felt that a person should be on only one commission at a time. Mr. Dene Carney reminded the Mayor that he is on the Funding and Future Development Commission and also on the Telephone Commission. Mayor Courts said he would try to get someone to replace Mr. Carney on the Funding and Future Development Commission.

MOTION NO. 1R-11-88 WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER GALLAWAY AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER ARENDS TO APPROVE ALL COMMISSION MEMBERS AS PRESENTED BY MAYOR COURTS. MOTION PASSED WITH COUNCILMEMBERS ANDOLSHEK, ARENDS, GALLAWAY AND YATES VOTING AYE.

Councilmember Gallaway asked about the Public Safety Commission. Mayor Courts said the Council Liaison would be Oliver Yates and commission members would be James Gallaway, Robert Baker, Robert Wiebke, Judy Cotten and Roger Bershem. MOTION NO. 1R-12-88 WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER GALLAWAY AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER ANDOLSHEK TO ACCEPT THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEMBERS AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED WITH COUNCILMEMBERS ANDOLSHEK, ARENDS, GALLAWAY AND YATES VOTING AYE.

Other Mayoral appointments are:

Acting Mayor	Elizabeth Andolshek
Weed Inspector	Pat Hoag
Assistant Weed Inspector	Robert Allen
Public Building	Oliver Courts
Personnel	Oliver Courts
City Auditor	Don Engen and Associates
Clerk/Treasurer	Arlene A. Buchite

Police Chief	John Backdahl
Civil Defense Director	Robert Garin
Assistant Civ. Defense Director	John Backdahl
Assistant Civ. Defense Director	Oliver Courts
Health Officer	Dr. Terry May
Assistant Health Officer	Joan Baker
Depositories	Northern National Bank
	Brainerd National Bank
	MN Municipal Money Market Fund

Mayor Courts said he would like to have to Council's opinion on a City Attorney and that he personally feels that Mr. Gammello is doing a good job. Mr. Arends mentioned the fact that we have a local attorney and we could see if he was interested in the job. After a brief discussion, MOTION NO. 1R-13-88 WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER ANDOLSHEK AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER GALLAWAY TO APPOINT JAMES GAMMELLO AS CITY ATTORNEY FOR THE COMING YEAR. MOTION PASSED WITH COUNCILMEMBERS ANDOLSHEK, ARENDS, GALLAWAY AND YATES VOTING AYE. Mayor Courts said that Mr. John Rode who is also from the firm of Carlson, Griener and Law will be the Assistant Attorney.

Discussion regarding depositories ensued. The consensus was for the Clerk to check for rates at the two local banks and keep the money locally. MOTION NO. 1R-14-88 WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER ANDOLSHEK AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER GALLAWAY TO KEEP OUR CITY CHECKING ACCOUNT AT NORTHERN NATIONAL BANK AND TO TRANSFER OUR SAVINGS TO BRAINERD NATIONAL BANK IF THE INTEREST IS COMPARABLE OR BETTER THAN AT PRESENT. MOTION PASSED WITH COUNCILMEMBER ANDOLSHEK, ARENDS, GALLAWAY AND YATES VOTING AYE. Mayor Courts said he feels the City should change around once in a while.

Mayor Courts said the City has never voted on a City Surveyor but he felt we should consider it. Councilmember Gallaway said if we are going to use someone as a city surveyor he should be appointed. MOTION NO. 1R-15-88 WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER ANDOLSHEK AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER YATES TO APPOINT DON COULTER AS CITY SURVEYOR. Mr. Arends said he is not against having Mr. Coulter as surveyor but he felt the City should obtain bids first. MOTION PASSED WITH COUNCILMEMBER ANDOLSHEK, GALLAWAY AND YATES VOTING AYE. COUNCILMEMBER ARENDS VOTED NAY.

The possibility of seeking bids for a different auditor was discussed. Councilmember Gallaway said this should be done about six months prior to the end of the year. Mayor Courts said the legal and audit cost so much each year we should consider bidding both of them.

Discussion ensued on which paper should be the official newspaper. Councilmember Arends said he would like to have the Brainerd paper considered because it is published daily. The time constraints with a weekly publication is sometimes tough. MOTION NO. 1R-16-88 WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER ANDOLSHEK AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER GALLAWAY TO APPOINT THE COUNTRY ECHO AS THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER FOR CROSSLAKE. MOTION PASSED WITH COUNCILMEMBERS ANDOLSHEK, ARENDS, GALLAWAY AND YATES VOTING AYE.

MOTION NO. 1R-17-88 WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER GALLAWAY AND SECONDED BY

COUNCILMEMBER YATES TO ACCEPT THE LIST OF APPOINTMENTS AS PRESENTED BY MAYOR COURTS AND TO INCLUDE THE 4-M FUND AS AN OFFICIAL DEPOSITORY. MOTION PASSED WITH COUNCILMEMBERS ANDOLSHEK, ARENDS, GALLAWAY AND YATES VOTING AYE.

Mayor Courts asked the Council to consider alternatives for the old City Hall building. Mr. Courts said Dean Swanson, a member of the Funding and Future Development Commission met with some of the postal authorities in the Cities over the Christmas holidays and they will be coming to Crosslake in April to make some decisions as to where to build. The Funding and Future Development people will be looking at some maps to try to locate available land.

Mr. Arends said that Reeds Market will be expanding and taking the land between the Catholic Church and Reeds so that parcel of land is not available. The Council feels strongly that the post office should be re-located in the area it is presently located. There will be a special meeting called with the Council and the Funding and Future Development Commission to discuss location possibilities.

NEW BUSINESS - Nothing.

OLD BUSINESS - Nothing.

PUBLIC FORUM - Nothing.

MOTION NO. 1R-18-88 WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER ARENDS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER GALLAWAY TO ADJOURN THIS REGULAR COUNCIL SESSION AT 9:13 P.M. MOTION CARRIED WITH COUNCILMEMBERS ANDOLSHEK, ARENDS, GALLAWAY AND YATES VOTING AYE.

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