

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
CROSSLAKE, MINNESOTA  
REGULAR SESSION - January 12, 1987  
7:30 p.m. at City Hall

The City Council of Crosslake, Minnesota met in a regular session on Monday, January 12, 1987 in the Council Chambers of City Hall. The following members were present: Mayor Oliver Courts, Councilmen Elizabeth Andolshek, Lyle Arends, Diana Gallaway and Oliver Yates and Clerk/Treasurer Arlene A. Buchite. There were approximately 16 members of the community present.

Mayor Courts called this regular council session to order at 7:30 p.m.

- II. CONSENT CALENDAR - Minutes of December 8, 1987 regular council session; Minutes of the special council session on January 5, 1987; Clerk/Treasurer's financial report for December; Telephone Company's financial report for December; and the Cablevision's financial report for December

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Councilman Arends stated that since he was not a Councilmember for the December 8, 1986 meeting, he should not approve the minutes. MOTION NO 1-01-87 WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN ARENDS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN ANDOLSHEK TO REMOVE THE DECEMBER 8, 1986 MINUTES FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION NO. 1-02-87 WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN GALLAWAY AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN ARENDS TO APPROVE ITEMS B, C, D, AND E ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR CONSISTING OF THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL SESSION ON JANUARY 5, 1987: THE CLERK/TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT FOR DECEMBER; THE TELEPHONE COMPANY'S FINANCIAL REPORT FOR DECEMBER; AND THE CABLEVISION'S FINANCIAL REPORT FOR DECEMBER. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION NO. 1-03-87 WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN GALLAWAY AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN ANDONSHEK TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 8, 1986 COUNCIL MEETING. MOTION PASSED WITH COUNCILMAN ARENDS VOTING NAY.

III. NEW BUSINESS

Nothing

IV. CLERK'S REPORT

- A. Approval of invoices for payment

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MOTION NO. 1-04-87 WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN ANDOLSHEK AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN GALLAWAY TO APPROVE INVOICES FOR PAYMENT CONSISTING OF: FITZPATRICK, LARSON, FITZPATRICK FOR \$220.40; WIDSETH SMITH NOLTING AND ASSOCIATES FOR \$354.00; AND AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK AND TRUST COMPANY FOR \$18,834.33 FOR INTEREST PAYABLE ON ROAD IMPROVEMENT BONDS. The question was asked if this would be the final bill for Widseth Smith Nolting and Associates and Clerk Buchite responded that she thought this should be the last one for the 1986 road project. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Clerk Buchite stated she had copied a packet of information regarding insurance coverage from the League to each councilmember. Councilman Gallaway said an item of concern for her is the joint entity with the police and fire department occasionally going out of the City of Crosslake. Mayor

Courts commented that there will be a seminar on insurances at the meeting on January 31 which will be sponsored by the League of Minnesota Cities.

Clerk Buchite advised the Council that she had received a request for a street sign for Verna Drive. Councilman Arends said it was a private street and he felt the City should not pay for a sign. Discussion ensued as to the City paying for signs which were not for public streets. Don Coulter said that those residents pay taxes just like other residents and should be entitled to some privileges. MOTION NO. 1-05-87 WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN ARENDS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN GALLAWAY TO TABLE THE REQUEST FOR A STREET SIGN FOR VERNA DRIVE UNTIL THE ROAD COMMISSION MEETS AND THEY BRING THEIR RECOMMENDATION TO THE CITY COUNCIL. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mayor Courts read a letter which was received from Breezy Point regarding raising their price from \$30 to \$40 per hour for grading Fawn Lake Road. A copy of the service agreement was enclosed for revision. The current price paid for Wannebo Excavating to grade, which is \$35 per hour was discussed. Councilman Arends said he would like to see the item tabled to see if something could be done about obtaining a grader for Crosslake. MOTION NO. 1-06-87 WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN ARENDS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN YATES TO TABLE THE BREEZY POINT AGREEMENT UNTIL THE MARCH COUNCIL MEETING. MOTION PASSED WITH COUNCILMAN ANDOLSHEK VOTING NAY.

Clerk Buchite presented the Council with a copy of the pay increases and pay equity increases that were approved by the previous Council at the October 14, 1986 budget meeting.

A copy of a letter from Northern National Bank was distributed to the Council showing the pledged collateral for the City is \$885,000.00. This item was also for information only and required no action.

#### V. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Courts read a letter he had received from Region V stating that Donna Good from Pequot Lakes was selected to represent the Crow Wing County municipalities from Region V.

A letter was received by Mayor Courts from the League of Minnesota Cities on seminars for investment pools where cities may be able to obtain a higher rate of interest on their monies. Clerk Buchite indicated an interest in attending one of the seminars. MOTION NO. 1-07-87 WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN GALLAWAY AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN ARENDS TO PAY MILEAGE FOR THE CLERK AND ANY COUNCILMEMBER TO ATTEND THE SEMINAR ON INVESTMENT POOLS AS SPONSORED BY THE LEAGUE OF MINNESOTA CITIES. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### VI. COMMISSION REPORTS

##### A. Building

Nothing

##### VI. B. Cemetery

Councilman Arends asked if he could have the sign from the Cemetery to fix up and possibly place it in back of the Cemetery if it was not used.

VI. C. Park

Nothing

VI. D. Personnel

Mayor Courts said he again wanted to inform the employees and citizens of Crosslake that his office in City Hall will be open every Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

VI. E. Planning and Zoning

Mayor Courts requested that Clerk Buchite read the Planning and Zoning Coordinator's contract so that everyone present was aware of how the Coordinator is paid. Councilman Gallaway questioned the amounts paid for septic permits in that the greater work is done inspecting septic installation and therefore the larger portion (60 percent of the 70 percent) should be paid when the work was completed. The fee for a Certificate of Compliance was also discussed with Councilman Arends stating that a resident should not have to pay \$35 for the certificate when he had to pay initially for a permit. MOTION NO. 1-08-87 WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN ARENDS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN YATES TO TABLE THE PLANNING AND ZONING COORDINATOR'S CONTRACT UNTIL THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING AND TO CHECK IT OUT AGAINST PREVIOUS CONTRACTS. Councilman Gallaway said she would also like to have the Council consider the possibility of having the Coordinator work three days a week during the busy season and also the possibility of not having the Planning and Zoning meetings at the same time the coordinator has office hours. Councilman Arends stated that some of the previous coordinator's were in the office 5 days a week. The Council was instructed to think about the days per week and the time for the Planning and Zoning meetings and be ready to discuss them at the next Council meeting. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

VI. F. Public Safety

Mayor Courts said that as liaison to public safety he wanted to advise the Council that the fire department is looking into a new well. Mayor Courts requested that Bob Garin have the well man here at the February Council meeting to answer any questions the Council may have.

Mayor Courts read a letter from Police Chief Backdahl requesting permission to hire a part time officer to fill in the hours that Robert Leonard will not be able to work because of his partial retirement. Mr. Leonard's hours will drop to approximately 645 leaving approximately 1000 hours for another police officer. Backdahl's letter stated that the Public Safety Commission endorsed the idea at their December meeting and the position was budgeted for in the 1987 budget. Councilman Arends asked about unemployment and the City's liability. MOTION NO. 1-09-87 WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN ANDONSHEK AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN GALLAWAY TO APPROVE THE HIRING OF PART-TIME POLICE OFFICERS AS NEEDED TO FILL THE HOURS CREATED BY THE PARTIAL RETIRMENT OF ROBERT LEONARD. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Terry Moberg of Brainerd Ambulance was present to introduce Jerry Moen, Director of Medical Transportation at North Memorial Hospital. Mr.

Moberg said the ambulance service had been sold to North Memorial Hospital. Mr. Moen said he wanted to assure Crosslake residents that the ambulance service will continue just as it has in the past if the Council approves of it. Mr. Moen stated that their number one goal is to provide the best possible patient care and that no subsidy increase would be presented at this time and not ever if it is not necessary. Mr. Moen said he was very impressed with the dedication of the ambulance personnel at Crosslake. He said eventually they hoped to place a fibulator right in the Crosslake Ambulance to read electrocardiograms and deliver a shock if someone's heart stops. Mayor Courts asked when the contract with Brainerd Ambulance expired and was informed that there is no written contract. Mr. Moen said they would continue with the same or better service for the same fee of \$1,103.00 per month for at least a year to see how their expenses come out. Mr. Moberg said he would send a couple of different contracts to the City to see which one would best suit them. When asked who pays a share of the ambulance subsidy, Clerk Buchite indicated that Fifty Lakes pays \$125.00 every month and both Mission and Breezy Point paid their share for the year. MOTION NO. 1-10-87 WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN ARENDS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN YATES TO STUDY THE CONTRACT AND APPROVE THE AMBULANCE SUBSIDY AT THE FEBRUARY MEETING. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Councilman Gallaway asked if she could ask a question regarding Planning and Zoning fees when the Coordinator is on vacation. She stated that something should be put in the contract as far as who receives the fees for permits. Mayor Courts said this would be discussed with the Commission and their recommendations would be brought to the Council.

#### VI. G. Roads

Mayor Courts reported he had appointed Scott Gallaway to serve on the road commission. Mayor Courts will set up a meeting of the Road Commission as soon as possible.

#### VI. H. Telephone

Robert Turner of the Telephone Commission reported that there will be a representative from C.C. and I who will conduct an information and educational seminar on January 15 at 1:00 p.m. on central offices, fiber optics and etc. at the Telephone Company Building for all Commission members and Councilmembers who are interested.

~~Mr. Turner reported that their will be a cable television seminar put on~~ by Herbst and Company on January 31 in Minneapolis. Mr. Turner stated that the Minnesota Telephone Convention will be on March 15 - 18, 1987 and the Telephone Commission would like to send three commission members to this convention. MOTION NO. 1-11-87 WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN ANDOLSHEK AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN YATES TO SEND THREE TELEPHONE COMMISSION MEMBERS, THE TELEPHONE COMPANY MANAGER AND THE COUNCIL LIAISON TO THE MINNESOTA TELEPHONE CONVENTION IN MINNEAPOLIS ON MARCH 15-18, 1987. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mayor Courts spoke briefly on his opinion regarding the Commissions in general and the way they serve the Council and the Community. Mayor Courts said he felt the Commissions are the biggest part of city government

because of the way they volunteer their time and effort and if the commission members are interested in attending conferences they should be allowed to go and learn something from them. Mayor Courts said he felt the commissions were very worthwhile.

Mr. Turner spoke of the possibility of losing Channel 5 from the Twin Cities which is the ABC Network, because their relay point in Brainerd belongs to Channel 9 out of Bemidji. Bemidji is talking about taking that relay point over themselves and cutting out Channel 5, which could leave Crosslake without any Twin Cities stations. Mr. Turner stated the biggest complaint for Cablevision is still NBC out of Duluth. Of the three options presented to the Telephone Commission, No. III was the choice they were recommending to the Council. MOTION NO. 1-12-87 WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN GALLAWAY AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN ANDOLSHEK TO ACCEPT THE TELEPHONE COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION FOR OPTION NO. III, TO RECEIVE THE THREE NETWORKS FROM CANCOM OUT OF DETROIT AT A COST OF APPROXIMATELY \$7,000. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. A citizen present asked if this would not leave Crosslake without a local news and weather station and also the possibility of local sports such as the Viking games. Mayor Courts indicated this was also a problem with him but said he was not sure what the answer would eventually be.

Mr. Turner stated that the Telephone Commission was recommending to the Council that they felt there should be a representative from the Telephone Commission, a representative from the City Council and Telephone Manager Tony Mayer as a committee to negotiate with the union for telephone company employees raises and benefits. MOTION NO. 1-13-87 WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN ANDOLSHEK AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN YATES TO HAVE A MEMBER OF THE TELEPHONE COMMISSION, THE TELEPHONE MANAGER AND THE COUNCIL LIAISON MEET WITH UNION NEGOTIATORS AND BRING THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS BACK TO THE COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

##### A. Police Department

Police Officer Coulter asked about employee raises and was informed that the last Council voted to give the City employees a 20 cent an hour raise and to implement the pay-equite increases as set forth in the pay equity plan which was sent to the State of Minnesota.

#### VIII. OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Courts announced he was naming Scott Gallaway to the Road Commission.

The purchase of the League of Minnesota Handbooks was discussed with Clerk Buchite indicating she had talked with a representative of the League and was informed that they are in the process of revising the Handbooks and new ones would be available in from three to six months. The cost of purchasing the old ones would be approximately \$25 and the new ones will run approximately \$85. MOTION NO. 1-14-87 WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN ANDOLSHEK AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN ARENDS TO WAIT UNTIL THE NEW BOOKS ARE AVAILABLE IN THREE TO SIX MONTHS BEFORE ORDERING THEM FOR THE COUNCIL. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IX. PUBLIC FORUM

Councilman Andolshek said she has had several requests to have a street light installed at the intersection of County Road 6 and County Road 16. With County Road 16 coming off of County Road 6 at an angle it is a particularly blind intersection, Ms. Andolshek said. Ms. Andolshek has also been asked about the tee intersection of County Road 37 and County Road 36 because the directional sign to Crosslake has not been put back up since the road construction last summer.

Councilman Andolshek said the people who live on the street behind the exchange have asked her about a street sign for their road. Mr. Coulter said that road is the last remaining section of the old Cooley Highway and it might be nostalgic to name it that.

X. ADJOURN

MOTION NO. 1-15-87 WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN GALLAWAY AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN ARENDS TO ADJOURN THIS REGULAR COUNCIL SESSION AT 9:18 P.M. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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