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A special meeting of the Crosslake City Council was called to order on January 26, 1976 at 1:00 P.M. in the City Hall. Present were Mayor Fogelberg, Councilmen Olson, Peterson, Andolshek, Foss and Clerk Whisler. Also in attendance were seven members of the community.

First to appear before the Council was Mr. Donald Pederson of Route #1, Fort Ripley, who, as a sub-contractor for Bob's Excavating of Emily, has been doing the snowplowing for the City. Many questions were asked of him by Council members. From these questions it was learned that:

1. Mr. Pederson had not talked to Mr. Simons of Bob's Excavating since last November.
2. The agreement between the two parties is verbal.
3. That Mr. Pederson would submit his bills for plowing to Mr. Simons with a duplicate of the bill being sent to the City.

Councilman Foss suggested that any checks drawn in payment for snowplowing should be made out jointly to Mr. Pederson and Mr. Simons.

Two members of the community complained about the condition of their roads. Councilman Olson promised to check into this immediately following the meeting.

Lyle Arends, who had been an unsuccessful bidder for the snowplowing, stated that he believed that if the party defaulted whose original bid had been accepted, consideration should be given to the other bidder, and that the City was in no position, legally, to award the contract to anyone else. Mr. Arends further stated that the City should give serious thought to buying some secondhand equipment and doing their own plowing.

Councilman Olson brought up the subject of planting 5,000 Norway Pines on the old dump site. Foss moved with a second by Peterson that Mr. Olson be empowered to purchase the 5,000 trees at a cost of \$30 per thousand, but that he also pursue the possibility of recovering part of the price, if that is possible. All voted "AYE". Motion carried. Mr. Olson also recommended bulldozing the stumps on the site and doing some leveling before planting the trees.

Mayor Fogelberg appointed Councilman Foss to contact the City of Nisswa about the possible recovery of part of the purchase price of the 40-acre dump site.

Councilman Olson suggested having an additional man to help Bill Schliek attend to the skating rink and do maintenance work around the City Hall. It was suggested that the man he has in mind contact Tom Douglas of MinneCEP to be approved for employment before further steps are taken.

Councilman Peterson suggested that some type of formula be applied to the granting of future wage raises, perhaps that the wage structure of a group of representative cities comparable in size and problems to Crosslake be analyzed in advance of future meetings that deal with wage raises.

The work schedule for the Zoning Coordinator was discussed briefly.

Councilwoman Andolshek announced that she would be talking to Attorney Bob Johnson on Wednesday about the Telephone Company situation, particularly relating to the advertising for bids.

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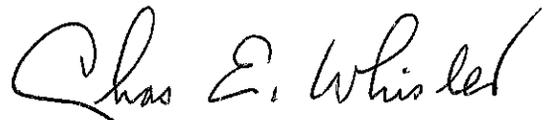
Councilman Olson asked if he were still considered to be a member of the Ambulance Committee, particularly since Mr. Foss had become so active in ambulance affairs. Mayor Fogelberg suggested that, perhaps because Mr. Olson already had so many committee assignments, Mr. Foss and Mr. Peterson might serve on the committee with Mr. Olson being relieved of his duties on this particular committee.

Councilman Foss questioned whether the City had sufficient insurance coverage. Clerk Whisler suggested that Mr. Foss, Mr. Foote, an insurance agent, and the Clerk get together and discuss the current coverage.

The Clerk read a ruling from the City Attorney relative to the subsidizing of private ambulances. He also read a proposed letter to be sent to neighboring communities appealing for financial help with the ambulance.

The Clerk also reported on a meeting that had been held on the 22nd of January concerning additional long range projects for the MinneCEP workers.

On a motion by Councilman Olson and a second by Foss, with all members voting "AYE", the meeting was adjourned at 2:32 P.M.


Ches. E. Whisler, City Clerk