

The regular meeting of the Crosslake City Council was called to order by Mayor Carol Coulter at 7:32 PM. Councilmen Delmonico, Anderson, Andolshek and Arends were present. There were eight members of the community present.

CONSENT CALENDAR: Motion - By Delmonico and seconded by Andolshek that the consent calendar be approved as submitted which included the minutes of the January 11, 1982 meeting, the city's financial report for January and the Telephone Company's financial report for January.

CLERK'S REPORT: The clerk stated that the bill from Thelen Heating & Roofing has been paid in full for the new roof and thanked Anderson for saving the city \$275. which we had paid to Crosslake Sheet Metal for flashing. Anderson had asked that the clerk check to see if Thelen was not liable for this expense and they were.

She asked that the council members when signing vouchers remember, if they had a question, that they initial the voucher, circle it, and write, "No" beside it. This is only way she can be sure that they have not missed it when going thru the vouchers.

MAYOR S REPORT: The mayor thanked the council for allowing her to attend the recently held Conference for Newly Elected Officials. She stated that she felt her speech on Personnel Relations for Smaller Cities, which the League had requested she present, was well received. She stated she received valuable information at the Seminar on Financial Management and has turned the booklet provided over to the clerk. She said that she felt our city is on the right track in trying to provide for the future by providing for contingency funds, etc.

The mayor obtained permission from the council to purchase a small sign that would say "Donated by the Northwoods Garden Club" to place by whatever trees or shrubs they intend to donate for the beautification of city property.

In questioning the council members and Charles Miller, Zoning Coordinator as to their availability for the proposed DNR hearing on the Ox Lake Landing property to be held on February 18, 1982 at 11:00 PM in Brainerd, the following agreed to attend along with the Mayor; Kurt Anderson and Charles Miller. Don Coulter also agreed to attend, if possible. She informed the council of how she would fill out the forms of the DNR and said that a motion was not needed due to the formal motion supporting this endeavor in our minutes of the November meeting. She stated that the clerk had checked with the Assessor's Office and the tax base would be increased approximately \$117,000. if this project is approved.

The mayor thanked Chief Backdahl for his taking the children of the Sunshine Pre-School on a tour of the Police Department and City Hall.

BUILDINGS: Anderson stated that in regard to the City Hall remodeling that Crosslake Electric has suggested that a conduit be run from the furnace room out to the end of the concrete before the new cement is installed because we have 60 amp service to the building now and will have to put in new service eventually. He has asked that the circuit for the outside lighting be cut in two so that all or half of it can be turned off. He listed the following costs for operating the lights: winter costs (14 hours of dark) would be 6 lights @ \$17.63 & 3 lights @ \$8.80, summer costs (9 hours of dark) would be 6 lights @ \$11.34 & 3 lights @ \$5.67.

BUILDINGS: Cont'd.: The colors for the City hall have been picked out.

Anderson stated that the clerk had informed him that the electric bill for the Fire Hall has been running about \$100. a month. This comes out of the Fire Department budget and Anderson feels that it is not necessary that the electric heater be left on. Delmonico agreed to talk to Ellen Starkka, a member of the Ambulance Crew about this matter. Anderson stated that the furnace should be sufficient if the lavatory door is left open so that the plumbing does not freeze.

In regard to the Telephone Company new warehouse Arends stated that \$1,000. has been held back from the contractor until the building is completed in the spring.

FUNDING & FUTURE DEVELOPMENT: Andolshek announced that no meeting had been held in January as so many people were out of town. This month's meeting is scheduled for February 18th, 1982 at 7:00 PM.

PARK: The mayor stated that she had requested that Andolshek take the job as Liason to the park. Andolshek turned the position down as she stated that she is too busy with her other commissions. The mayor recommended to the council that the Park Director, Patty Felber, act as liason to the council or if this is a burden the director could appoint someone from the Park Board as the liason. A discussion was held as to whether the Park should be held open next winter. It was decided that figures should be obtained as to the winter usage as opposed summer usage. Charles Miller questioned as to whether memberships are being sold on an annual basis and whether it would be fair to close the park down if they are being sold on this basis. Arends stated that the warming house would still be open and some activities could be held there. Wayne Schwartz, Park Commission will report at the March meeting in regard to the membership drive.

PLANNING & ZONING: Motion - By Arends and seconded by Andolshek to give preliminary approval to the plat known as Life Acres as recommended by the Planning & Zoning Commission. Motion carried and the vote was unanimous.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Delmonico stated that Chief Backdahl has the papers in the Police Office for the City Emergency Plan and would appreciate it if the council members would stop in his office after the meeting to sign the papers. This is an up-date to previous plans.

Delmonico announced that four new firemen have been added to the Volunteer Fire Department. They are Ivan Millard, Dave Schliek, Rod Mertens and Ron Schmidt. The Fire Department will shorten their business meeting and add training time so that they will have two training meetings a month due to the new OASHA standards. They are also trying to see that all firemen are able to attend school of some kind during the year.

Delmonico stated that he felt that Pat Hoag has been doing a terrific job with all the plowing that has been required this winter and the mayor also thanked him for it.

Anderson stated that he felt the suggestion of Arends of putting a culvert under the Dream Iske bridge was a very good idea. He will write the DNR to see what their comment will be.

ROADS: After discussing which city roads were being plowed and when, the mayor suggested that it be left up to Pat as to the order the roads are given priority.

Arends mentioned the damage done to the Telephone Company door by the city vehicle. It was decided that the clerk should discuss the matter with Telephone Company Manager Gary Fread to resolve the matter.

Anderson mentioned that the city has requested that they be informed when the matter will be taken up by the County Commissioners' in regard to the completion of CSAH #6 as they agreed to do at their last County Commissioners' meeting as per information given the city by Dick Schalow.

Anderson displayed some sample signs to designate roads that can be installed along on the same posts of the master road designation fire numbers. The sample he displayed would cost a total of \$18.66 including shipping. This is for 2 signs back-to-back and the necessary nuts & bolts. The sample he displayed was for a very long word so the cost would probably be less for some signs. Anderson suggested it could be taken out of the Road Fund. He asked that the council consider the matter and it could be brought up next meeting.

TELEPHONE COMPANY: Motion - By Arends and seconded by Andolshek that the city accept the bid of Mills Motors for the Telephone Company new truck for \$7,200. as recommended by the Telephone Commission. The motion carried and the vote was unanimous.

In regard to the \$33,000. dividend to be paid by the Telephone Company to the City, Andolshek questioned whether this would be set up in a Contingency Fund. The clerk replied that this, as far as the budget is concerned, is under City Income.

MOTION: By Anderson and seconded by Delmonico that the mayor be authorized to answer Don Samuelson State Representative's letter in regard to concern for cities. Motion carried and the vote was unanimous.

PUBLIC FORUM: Charles Miller, Zoning Coordinator reported on information brought back from the seminar in Brainerd on sewage disposal. He stated that MPCA cited three instances where cities went bankrupt trying to maintain new sewage treatment systems and that this was something our city had not considered when investigating the possibility of a system. He did say that systems are available, however, where the business area stores could ban together and put a joint system back in the woods. Arends stated that two men from the MPCA said they would be glad to meet with our City to held them make plans.

Ted Laughlin, a member of the community suggested that the city get a flag to be installed on the flag post in front of City Hall.

MOTION: By Arends and seconded by Anderson that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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