

Crosslake City Council
February 14, 1983 - 7:30 PM - REGULAR MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Acting Mayor, Lyle Arends, as Mayor Fred Bieber was in the hospital. Councilmen Allen and Anderson were the only councilmen present as Councilman Nelson was out of town. There were about 45 members of the community present.

CONSENT CALENDAR: MOTION: By Anderson and seconded by Allen to approve the consent calendar as presented. The motion carried and the vote was unanimous. The consent calendar consisted of the minutes of the regular meeting of January 10th, the Clerk-Treasurer's financial reports for January and the Telephone Company's financial report for January.

APPROVAL OF ROBINSON'S ESTATES: Mr. Meyers of Landecker & Assoc. presented a reviewal of the planned development project of the Robinson Estates. Les Boozell, contractor for the project and Will Hoyt an associate of Mr. Meyers were also present. He stated that the council had given preliminary approval in November and at that time 10 to 12 units were being considered. He then presented a detailed description of the project as presented to the Planning & Zoning Commission and recommended by the Commission to the Council for approval. The approval had been given by the DNR and the PCA before it was presented to the Commission. The project now consists of 8 town house units and one house for the Robinson's on 3.72 acres of property. The remainder of the property will have common space for the occupants and a small amount of space around each individual townhouse. There will be one dock facility. This will be included in the covenants for the property. The set backs will be back further than the law requires. He gave a detailed description of the sewer system which will be installed and as recommended by PCA.

MOTION: By Arends and seconded by Allen that the council accept the recommendation of the Planning & Zoning Commission for approval of this project for Robinson Estates as approved by DNR & PCA. The motion carried and the vote was unanimous.

Before the vote was taken Acting Mayor Arends asked for any comments from the audience. Mr. Larry Trost, an adjoining property owner, presented a follow-up study which he had done. He stated that he felt there would be pollution from this project and stated his other objections to the project. Mr. Meyer then was given the opportunity to respond to Mr. Trost. Mr. Meyer then stated that Mr. Morreim of the DNR did not consider any portion of the land involved as wetlands as stated by Mr. Trost. Again Mr. Meyer stated that the proposed sewer system was more than adequate, and went over again how the system would be constructed. He stated that he had met with Mr. Trost in December and offered to work more closely with him at that time and was disappointed that the relationship had not evolved any further. He offered Mr. Trost the opportunity of having input on the drawing up of the covenants, as to possible screening of his property line. Mr. Trost stated that he did ^{not} take advantage of the offer to work more closely with Mr. Meyer as it was impossible for him to work on something that he did not believe in. He said that he was not worried about the screening of his property as he was more worried about the pollution and the damage to the aquatic life and the wild life.

UPDATE ON OX LAKE LANDING ROAD PROJECT: Mr. Bruce Buxton of Widseth Smith Nolte & Associates appeared to inform the council on the status of the road project leading to Ox Lake Landing. He requested that someone be appointed to look over the road plans. It was decided that Arends and Anderson would meet with him for the presentation of the plans. He inquired if the city has received the right of way easements from the property owners along the road. Anderson and the clerk responded that the letters have gone out and one has been turned in and that there are two that they do not have addresses for as yet.

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OX LAKE LANDING ROAD -(Cont d.) Mr. Buxton questioned how the city would handle this matter of the line of credit and Anderson replied that Mr. Buxton will have to get together with our City Attorney Randy Hanson. In answer to Mr. Buxton's question as to how the city will handle the assessment part, Mr. Anderson responded by bonding. Attorney Hanson will handle this part also. Any cost to the city on this project will be paid by Coffman Realty.

DECISION ON BID ON 4-WHEEL DRIVE PICK-UP TRUCK: MOTION: Acting Mayor Arends stated that as two members of the council are not present, he would like to delay the decisions on the Pick-Up and the FD Equipment Van until the next meeting.

MOTION: By Anderson and seconded by Arends to reject all the bids on the 4-Wheel drive pick up truck. Motion carried and the vote was unanimous. Anderson's original motion was to include that the city advertise for bids for a 2-wheel drive pick up by the next meeting but this was dropped.

DECISION ON BID ON EQUIPMENT VAN: MOTION: By Anderson and seconded by Arends to delay the decision on the Equipment Van until the next meeting. It was decided that no vote was necessary on the decision to delay the decision on the equipment van until the next meeting. Fire Chief Garin stated that the Truck Outfitter's will bring a van up by the next meeting so the council can see what is available.

CLERK'S REPORT: Jan Laughlin, Clerk-Treasurer, read ^{her} letter in regard to her resignation. She stated that an audit will be conducted as of the close of business of February 28th and she will not sign any checks after that date but will continue to work thru March 4th. She listed the reasons why she no longer wishes to work for this new administration. MOTION: By Arends and seconded by Allen to accept the Clerk's resignation. Motion carried and the vote was unanimous.

Dean Eggena appeared to explain the request of the Crosslake-Ideal Lions Club for ticket jars to be placed in bars in the city with profits to be used for charitable purposes. He explained that the Lion's Club is 100% charitable with no salaries taken out for administration. He explained that the Crosslake Non-Profit Gambling Ordinance is strictly regulated by State Law. He offered that the club would be willing to pay 5% of the profits to the city above the license fee of \$2.50. Chief of Police Backdahl stated that our ordinance requires that a \$10,000 bond be posted but that it also states that this can be waived by a council motion. Eggena stated that Tony Maucieri will be the gambling manager for this project, and will make the necessary reports to the state and city. This license must be renewed annually.

MOTION: By Allen and seconded by Anderson to issue this license for ticket jars in local bars to the Crosslake-Ideal Lions Club and that the council waive the requirement for a \$10,000 bond. The motion carried and the vote was unanimous.

MOTION: By Anderson and seconded by Arends that a one-day non-intoxicating malt license be issued to the Crosslake -Ideal Lions Club for the day of their Ice Races for the sale of beer on the Echo Ridge Property. The motion carried and the vote was unanimous.

The clerk then asked for clarification of the use of City Hall for meetings of outside organizations. It was decided that only the Northwoods Garden Club and the Historical Society should be allowed to meet at City Hall as both organizations have been meeting here for a long time. The council is grateful for the donations of the flower boxes and the plantings that the garden club has provided for City Hall. It was suggested that the clerk should contact the garden club to see if they could meet on another night as there is a conflict with the meetings

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CLERK'S REPORT (Cont'd.) of the Citizen's Advisory Committee. There is no conflict with the meetings of the Historical Society and their quilting frame cannot be left at the park. The clerk is to schedule no other meetings than the two mentioned above for outside organizations.

The clerk mentioned the severe ice problem we are having with the ice on the sidewalks in front of city hall. She wondered if the council should consider having gutters installed. It was decided that the clerk should obtain a price from Fred Skog for the installation of gutters and call whatever councilmen are available for this decision.

MOTION: By Anderson and seconded by Arends to have gutters installed on the front of City Hall. The motion carried and the vote was unanimous.

The clerk reported that she will have to have someone appointed as the signer of checks as Mr. Bieber is not available and Mr. Arends is leaving town. The clerk mentioned that this party could remain as an alternate signer when she is no longer able to sign checks after February 28th.

MOTION: By Arends and seconded by Allen that Councilman Anderson be the alternate signer. The motion carried and the vote was unanimous.

MOTION: By Anderson and seconded by Allen that the bill from the County Attorney's Office for misdemeanor prosecution in the \$875. be paid and included in Accounts Payable for 1982 audit. The motion carried and the vote was unanimous.

CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMISSION: Jo Neuman a member of the commission explained that there was no decision made by the commission on this matter of publication of meetings. The clerk explained that it was not the commission's fault and that she had been advised by the mayor not to advertise but that the meeting will be in the calendar of events for the February 21st meeting. Anderson explained to Mrs. Neumann that it is State Law that prohibits closed meetings.

PARK: Liason Anderson stated that in regard to the Park sprinklin system which was tabled last fall, it was decided that Anderson and Arends should draw up the specification for the ballfield sprinkling system. Patty Felber, Park Director, stated that she will have specifications available. It was decided that it will be put out for bids after the next council meeting after Arends and Anderson have gone over the specifications.

PLANNING & ZONING: Arends stated that the Commission will meet Feb. 18th, 1:00 PM to decide on the new coordinator from the resume's submitted.

ROADS: Anderson stated that the letter has arrived from the State Dept. of Transportation approving the setting of speed limits on certain roads in Crosslake.

PLANNING & ZONING: (omitted in above report) Arends read the letter from the County Attorney's office in regard to the State's suit against Albert Pull. After some discussion on the matter it was decided that the city will have to bring civil suit against Mr. Pull if we wish him to remove the deck. Mr. Pull plead guilty to the State's suit, and his sentence was stayed provided no further violations occur for one year and he was fined \$100. for prosecution costs.

TELEPHONE COMPANY: MOTION: By Anderson and seconded by Allen to accept the Crosslake Telephone Company budget for 1983 as presented and as recommended by the Telephone Commission. The motion carried and the vote was unanimous.

OLD BUSINESS: The clerk reported that she had met with Mr. Sloan of Heartland Computer Service, Inc. and that he will furnish a budget report for each council member and the clerk each month which contain a complete record of record and disbursements and budget comparisons.

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OLD BUSINESS (Cont'd.) She stated that she was very impressed with this type of service and that she was sure that in time very little manual bookkeeping would be necessary. The price for this service would be \$125. for set up and \$40. monthly.

MOTION: By Anderson and seconded by Allen that the clerk proceed with the contracting for this service at the prices mentioned above.

PUBLIC FORUM: Corky Hoag, a member of the community, requested that children-at-play signs be erected on his road. Anderson explained that it has been the policy in the past that the city would not provide these signs. Anderson stated that as far as he knows that there are only two places that have signs and these were put up long ago and that when the last request was made the city simply moved one of the old signs down the road. He stated that if the present council wants to change this old policy signs they can do so. Anderson instructed the clerk to put the matter of putting up signs for "Children at Play" on the agenda for the next meeting.

PUBLIC SAFETY: As no report was given on this commission, Delmonico, a member of the commission, asked that the Police Department be given authority to advertise for a Part Time Police Officer as recommended at the Public Safety Commission meeting. Arends stated that there is no one available for that Commission. Delmonico responded that there are three members of the Commission present. Mr. Fraser, Mr. Scheuss and Mr. Delmonico were present. Arends stated that he would like to wait until the March 14th meeting when all of the council would be present. Anderson stated that the wheels of motion do not stop just because some members are absent. Arends stated that we are going to have to consider this matter very carefully if we are going to be liable for unemployment compensation for the remaining six months. Anderson stated that we are very definitely going to have to pay unemployment if the policeman is hired for only six months and that would bring the cost up to almost the cost of having a man for a full year. Delmonico stated that he has attended the meetings of the Public Safety Commission since the first of the year and has yet to hear anyone mention the safety of the public and has only discussed dollar amounts. Arends asked if there was anyone willing to make a motion.

MOTION: By Anderson and seconded by Allen that the Police Chief be authorized to advertise for a part time officer based on the recommendation of the Public Safety Commission. The motion carried with Allen and Anderson voting, "AYE", and Arends voting, "NAY". Scheuss stated that the commission recommended that he be hired from the 1st of April to the 1st of October. Arends stated that the Commission is not a legal Commission as the members have not been approved. Anderson stated that as long as the members were picked by the mayor that their names could be approved this evening.

MOTION: By Anderson and seconded by Allen that the council approve the members listed on the minutes of the Public Safety Commission to be Richard Delmonico, Herb Schues, William Reed, Betty Mezzenga and Leo Fraser. The motion carried and the vote was unanimous.

Jo Neumann requested that the road on Goodrich-O'Brien be sanded beyond the Crosslake boundary line ^{where} Fairfield begins as it has been very slippery and accidents have occurred. Anderson explained that the boundary line had nothing to do with the cutting off of the sanding and that it was not continued because the remainder was a gravel road and it does no good whatsoever to sand on gravel roads. The poor condition of Fawn Lake Road was also discussed.

MOTION: By Anderson and seconded by Allen to adjourn at 9:10 PM. Carried.

Respectfully submitted - *Jan Laughlin*
Jan Laughlin, Clerk