

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY OF CROSSLAKE  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2010  
10:00 A.M. – CITY HALL

The Council for the City of Crosslake met in the Council Chambers of City Hall on Tuesday, February 16, 2010. The following Council Members were present: Mayor Jay Andolshek, Rusty Taubert, John Moengen and Dean Swanson. Absent was Steve Roe. Also present were City Administrator Tom Swenson and Public Works Director Ted Strand.

Mayor Andolshek called the Special Meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. and stated that the purpose of the meeting will be to accept a donation and authorize the purchase of a used Rescue Hovercraft.

Tom Swenson stated that Ronda Hopkins contacted the City to discuss the needs of the Fire Department in terms of equipment. Mr. Swenson told her that the City had been saving money for several years for the purchase of a hovercraft, but used the funds for the purchase of the rescue vehicle. Ms. Hopkins was interested in donating money for the purchase of this item and asked Mr. Swenson to put information together for her to review. Tom Swenson asked John Moengen to pursue the cost and availability of a hovercraft.

John Moengen stated that in researching the costs of hovercrafts, he found a used machine from Neoteric Hovercraft, Inc., a leader in the hovercraft industry, with rescue units being its main focus. The used hovercraft that the Fire Department would like to purchase will cost \$22,735.55, holds 4 passengers, is 14x8, has a capacity of 750 pounds, can hold a patient on a backboard, travels at 45 mph and is equipped with lights and sirens. A trailer is available at a cost of \$2,230, but the Mr. Moengen does not think it is necessary to purchase, as the Fire Department has a trailer to put it on. John Moengen added that training is required and comes with the purchase of the hovercraft. The training (both classroom and on the water) is approximately 10 hours and individuals will receive a Pilot III Certification upon completion. Assistant Chief Don Kosloski and Firefighter Corey Ledin have offered to drive to Indiana to pick up the hovercraft and be trained. Mr. Moengen added that the machine is so complex, that not every firefighter will be trained to operate it.

Mr. Moengen would like to leave all final decisions regarding the purchase of the hovercraft and trailer to Don Kosloski and Corey Ledin after they see the machine and operate it. Ted Strand asked what the Fire Department will do with the old hovercraft. John Moengen replied that the Fire Department will have no need for the sled and will have to determine what it is worth. Mr. Moengen thinks that another department that doesn't have a rescue sled might be interested in purchasing the old one. Ted Strand stated that there is also an older, damaged hovercraft at the Public Works Facility that the Fire Department was keeping for spare parts and asked Mr. Moengen to include that with the sale of the other one.

John Moengen stated that because the new hovercraft has an airplane motor, ear protection is required. Ronda Hopkins has also offered to donate money to cover the cost of communication headsets so that the driver can communicate with the passenger and people on shore. Mayor Andolshek asked if any other department owned a hovercraft. John Monegen replied that he is not aware of anyone in the area with a hovercraft, and Crosslake may be called upon for mutual aid. Mr. Moengen expressed his appreciation to Ronda Hopkins and stated that this purchase would not have been possible without her donation.

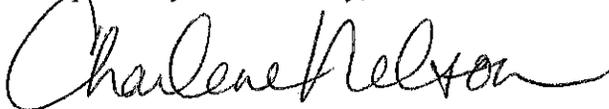
MOTION 02S1-01-10 WAS MADE BY JOHN MOENGEN AND SECONDED BY RUSTY TAUBERT TO ACCEPT THE DONATION OF \$23,494.05 FROM RONDA D. HOPKINS. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.

MOTION 02S1-02-10 WAS MADE BY JOHN MOENGEN AND SECONDED BY RUSTY TAUBERT TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF THE 2004 NEOTERIC RESCUE HOVERCRAFT DELUXE MODEL 3626 AT A COST OF \$22,735.55. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.

MOTION 02S1-03-10 WAS MADE BY DEAN SWANSON AND SECONDED BY RUSTY TAUBERT TO AUTHORIZE THE USE OF THE CITY CREDIT CARD FOR THE PURCHASE OF GAS TO AND FROM INDIANA, THE USE OF PETTY CASH FOR MEALS, AND THE USE OF A CITY CHECK FOR THE COST OF LODGING. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.

MOTION 02S1-04-10 WAS MADE BY JOHN MOENGEN AND SECONDED BY JAY ANDOLSHEK TO ADJOURN THE SPECIAL MEETING AT 10:25 A.M. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.

Respectfully submitted by,



Charlene Nelson  
Deputy Clerk