

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
CITY OF CROSSLAKE MINNESOTA
REGULAR COUNCIL SESSION
MARCH 13, 1995
7:00 P.M. AT CITY HALL

The Council for the City of Crosslake, Minnesota met in the Council Chambers of City Hall on Monday, March 13, 1995. The following Councilmembers were present: Mayor David M. Kolesar, Charles O. Miller, Jane M. Michaud and John (Jack)R. Webster. Absent was Ray P. Smyth. Also present was City Clerk Arlene Buchite, City Attorney Paul Sandelin, City Engineer Darrell Schneider and approximately 20 citizens.

Mayor Kolesar called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Fire Chief Jeff Cripps presented Corky Hoag with a plaque recognizing his 27 years of service with the Crosslake Fire Department.

Sheila Haverkamp, Director of the Brainerd Lakes Area Development Corporation, was present to request the Council's approval to renew the professional services agreement between BLADC and the City. BLADC has been involved in various projects in the City to expand the economic base by creating new jobs and by attracting new industry to the area. They were most recently involved with the Finance Committee in researching funding options for the Community Center.

MOTION 3R-01-95 WAS MADE BY CHUCK MILLER AND SECONDED BY JANE MICHAUD TO APPROVE THE AGREEMENT WITH BLADC FOR 1995 FOR \$1100.00. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION 3R-02-95 WAS MADE BY JANE MICHAUD AND SECONDED BY JACK WEBSTER TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR CONSISTING OF: (1) MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 13, 1995 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING; (2) MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 15, 1995 SPECIAL COUNCIL SESSION AND; (3) CLERK/TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT FOR FEBRUARY, 1995. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CLERK'S REPORT - MOTION 3R-03-95 WAS MADE BY CHUCK MILLER AND SECONDED BY JACK WEBSTER TO APPROVE THE BILLS FOR PAYMENT CONSISTING OF: (1) CROSSLAKE SANITATION FOR \$950.00 AND (2) GAMMELLO & SANDELIN, P.A. FOR \$1165.00 WITH THE TABLING OF THE BONESTROO, ROSENE, ANDERLIK & ASSOCIATES BILL OF \$31,697.20 TO A LATER DATE TO ALLOW FOR CLARIFICATION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

A renewal notice from the League of Minnesota Cities was reviewed for a possible change in the deduction option. The City would need a \$1000 deductible to make the option financially worthwhile.

MOTION 3R-04-95 WAS MADE BY JANE MICHAUD AND SECONDED BY JACK WEBSTER TO KEEP THE WORKMAN'S COMPENSATION OPTION AS IT IS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Board of Review will be held Thursday, May 18th at 10:00 A.M. at City Hall.

City Clerk Arlene Buchite read a letter from the Crosslake/Pequot

Lakes Hockey Association which detailed how their charitable gambling funds were used locally.

The LMCIT Safety and Loss Workshops will be held in April. The department heads and Councilman Jack Webster will be attending sessions in either Onamia or St. Cloud depending on schedules.

MOTION 3R-05-95 WAS MADE BY JACK WEBSTER AND SECONDED BY CHUCK MILLER TO GIVE \$100.00 TOWARDS THE PINE RIVER/BACKUS GRAD BLAST. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION 3R-06-95 WAS MADE BY JACK WEBSTER AND SECONDED BY JANE MICHAUD TO ADD THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE TO THE COUNCIL AGENDA. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Additional information had been received on the Small Cities Block Grant Program and Crosslake does not meet any of the three criteria necessary to qualify for the program.

The bonding of additional employees through LMCIT was discussed briefly. The City Clerk will check the cost of bonding an additional one through four employees up to \$100,000.

The City Attorney had prepared a Resolution for the financing of the dump truck.

MOTION 3R-07-95 WAS MADE BY CHUCK MILLER AND SECONDED BY JACK WEBSTER TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION TO ISSUE A CERTIFICATE OF INDEBTNESS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$40,000.00 AT 5.97% PER ANNUM FOR THE FINANCING OF THE DUMP TRUCK. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

A letter from the Lakes Area Booster Club was referred to the Park and Recreation Liaison to make a recommendation at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

A pledge update from Northern National Bank had been included in the Council packets as an information item only.

A letter and community profile had been received from BLADC. The profiles will be reviewed and returned to BLADC with any changes prior to submission to the Department of Trade and Economic Development.

MAYOR'S REPORT - The request from the Chamber of Commerce to obtain funds from the City to continue the fireworks display is still being reviewed. A means of obtaining some alternate funding is being looked into.

Mayor Kolesar reported on the Community Infosessions being held quarterly with Fairfield, Timothy, Mission, Manhattan Beach, Ideal, Fifty Lakes, Breezy Point and Crosslake. These sessions are a way of getting together to share ideas and resources rather than doing things independently.

Several local artists have placed art work in City Hall. On

Thursday, March 23rd an open house will be held to view the art and enjoy coffee and cookies.

COMMISSION REPORTS -

PLANNING AND ZONING - Five zoning permits were issued in February.

Zoning Administrator Teri Hastings will resume office hours full time in mid April.

PUBLIC SAFETY - There were four medical and three fire calls in February. A request had been received from Fire Chief Jeff Cripps to purchase five new pagers.

MOTION 03R-08-95 WA MADE BY JANE MICHAUD AND SECONDED BY CHUCK MILLER TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF 5 PAGERS FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2415.00. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

A second request had been received from Chief Cripps to allow three firemen to attend training school.

MOTION 03R-09-95 WAS MADE BY JANE MICHAUD AND SECONDED BY JACK WEBSTER TO APPROVE 3 FIREMEN ATTENDING FIRE SCHOOL TRAINING. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Notification had been received that the Crosslake Police Department was approved for the federal program COPS FAST. Jane Michaud read a resolution to accept the grant money.

MOTION 03R-10-95 WAS MADE BY JANE MICHAUD AND SECONDED BY JACK WEBSTER TO ACCEPT THE COPS FAST RESOLUTION AS PRESENTED BY JANE MICHAUD. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Advertisements had been placed in various newspapers and to date 34 applications had been sent out. The written test will be given on Monday, April 3rd with oral interviews for the top ten candidates scheduled for April 7th. A recommendation will be made to the City Council at the April meeting.

Another federal program called COPS MORE is available and provides equipment and staff to police departments. This program allows police officers to spend time on the street rather than in the office doing administrative work. An application will be submitted prior to the deadline of March 17th.

North Ambulance responded to 34 calls in the months of January and February.

Work on the Emergency Services Center continues. Build-All Lumber will complete the cabinets for the kitchen. At this time, the pass thru between the kitchen and the meeting room will not be completed.

The fire service contracts for two sections of Fairfield Township, City of Manhattan Beach and Timothy Township are up for renewal.

MOTION 03R-11-95 WAS MADE BY JACK WEBSTER AND SECONDED BY JANE MICHAUD TO NEGOTIATE FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP'S FIRE CONTRACT TO 2 PERCENT OF TAX CAPACITY RATHER THAN A FEE. MOTION CARRIED WITH CHUCK MILLER

VOTING NAY.

Jane Michaud read a statement outlining the mission of the Public Safety Commission as being an advisory body only with no authority to make recommendations on the day to day operations of the Fire Department, Police Department or First Responders. Their primary responsibility will be to research, evaluate and make recommendations to the Council regarding rules, regulations, ordinances and programs impacting the safety of the general public in or around the City of Crosslake.

MOTION 03R-12-95 WAS MADE BY JANE MICHAUD AND SECONDED BY JACK WEBSTER TO APPROVE CHARLES MCCULLOCH, ROBERT SCOTT, DON MIDDELSTADT, JOHN MOENGEN AND DEBI BACKDAHL AS PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEMBERS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Three parties had contacted Jane Michaud regarding the purchase of the old fire hall building. After some discussion, the matter was referred to the Planning and Zoning Commission for their review and recommendation to the Council.

UTILITIES - The audit report had not yet been received but is expected by the end of next week.

A request to change Larry Evenson's job classification to permanent full time was discussed.

MOTION 03R-13-95 WAS MADE BY JACK WEBSTER AND SECONDED BY CHUCK MILLER TO CHANGE EQUIPMENT OPERATOR LARRY EVENSON'S EMPLOYEE STATUS FROM PART TIME TO FULL TIME. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The next Utilities Commission Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 28th at 7:30 A.M. at the Telephone Company.

PUBLIC WORKS/CEMETERY -

MOTION 03R-14-95 WAS MADE BY CHUCK MILLER AND SECONDED BY JANE MICHAUD TO APPROVE JAMES KOLSTAD, MARTY HEINO, RICHARD KOCH, JOHN MOENGEN AND DEAN SWANSON TO THE PUBLIC WORKS/CEMETERY COMMISSION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Two alternates will be named later. The Public Works/Cemetery Commission will meet the first Friday of every month at 7:30 P.M.

A letter from Widseth, Smith and Nolting had been received which contained a recommendation for Sunrise Island Bridge. A decision will be made at the April meeting whether to approve further inspection of the bridge.

MOTION 03R-14-95 WAS MADE BY CHUCK MILLER AND SECONDED BY JANE MICHAUD TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF CRACK SEALER AND EQUIPMENT FOR APPROXIMATELY \$2,000. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The new dump truck is at Little Falls Machine in Little Falls having the plow equipment installed.

LONG RANGE CAPITAL PLANNING - This Commission will meet the first

Wednesday of every month at 7:30 A.M. at City Hall. Initially, they are meeting on a weekly basis on Monday mornings at 7:30 A.M. They are looking at the downtown area, a possible industrial area and have been reviewing some computer mappings prepared by Widseth, Smith and Nolting showing the wetland areas.

PERSONNEL - The Council is continuing to review the union contract.

PARK AND RECREATION - Nothing

RECYCLING - SCORE funds were received in February in the amount of \$11,400.00 for operating expenses for calendar year 1995. There were four volunteers and 50 participants at the February drop site. A total of 15,858 pounds or 7.93 tons have been recycled year-to-date.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY - The minutes of the February 24th EDA meeting and a resolution petitioning Crosslake Telephone and Cablevision to apply for an R.U.S. Loan for the proposed community center was included in the Council packets.

Upon recommendation of the EDA, Jane Michaud made a motion, which was seconded by Jack Webster, to consider Dean Swanson as the fifth member of the Economic Development Authority. This motion was not acted on since appointments to the EDA are made by the Mayor and approved by the Council.

A meeting with fiscal agents and the Council has been scheduled for April 6th. Presentations will be made at 1:30 P.M. and 3:00 P.M. at City Hall.

A special workshop session will be held on April 4th at 7:00 P.M. at City Hall with the members of the EDA, the City Council, Don Engen, Dennis Palm and Tom Mezzenga to discuss Community Center financing and the REA application.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE -

MOTION 0303R-16-95-16-95 WAS MADE BY JACK WEBSTER AND SECONDED BY CHUCK MILLER TO APPROVE JOHN MOENGEN AS A MEMBER OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

NEW BUSINESS - Nothing

OLD BUSINESS - Nothing

PUBLIC FORUM -

Don Racketner commented that the old fire hall building would be a good location for an elementary school. He felt if an elementary school was built in Crosslake there would be no need to spend \$700,000 for a community center.

MOTION 03R-17-95 WAS MADE BY JANE MICHAUD AND SECONDED BY JACK

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WEBSTER TO ADJOURN THIS REGULAR COUNCIL SESSION AT 8:10 P.M. MOTION
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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