

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
CITY OF CROSSLAKE, MINNESOTA
PUBLIC HEARING
March 18, 1989
10:00 a.m. at City Hall

The City Council for Crosslake, Minnesota met in a Public Hearing on Saturday, March 18, 1989 at 10:00 a.m. at City Hall. The following members were present: Mayor Kurt Anderson, and Councilmembers Lyle Arends, Roger Burshem, Diana Gallaway and Charles Miller. Also present were Will Hoyt, City Engineer from Landecker and Associates, Inc. and City Clerk Arlene Buchite. There were approximately 35 residents present.

Mayor Anderson called this public hearing to order at 10:00 a.m. and turned the meeting over to Mr. Hoyt. Mr. Hoyt addressed the Citizens present by saying this was a public hearing for input and questions from them regarding the proposed road improvement projects to be assessed in 1989. Mr. Hoyt indicated that the roads scheduled for improvements are Park Lane, Summit Avenue, Daggett Pine Road, West Shore Drive, Happy Landing Road and Harbor Lane. Mr. Hoyt stated that the City has approximately 20 miles of road they maintain with about one-half of it gravel and one-half of it blacktop. The City has a priority rating on them showing the ones that need work. Mr. Hoyt explained the change in the City of Crosslake road policy when in 1986 only the properties abutting the road were assessed and now the policy calls for assessments for benefitting property owners. Mr. Hoyt explained that this hearing was to get a motion from the Council to proceed with the improvements or not to proceed with the improvements. There have been estimates of cost. After the complete costs are in there will be another hearing at which time residents can pay their assessments in full within 30 days with no interest charged or they may have them spread over 5 to 7 years with interest typically at 8 percent.

Mr. Hoyt stated the estimated cost of overlay for the three roads as: Park Lane at \$14,700 with the cost per lot at \$420.00; Summit Avenue at \$15,500 with the cost per lot at \$443.00; and Daggett Pine Road at \$15,700 with the cost per lot at \$420.00. Seal coating was estimated for West Shore Drive at \$23,000 with cost per lot at \$101.00; Happy Landing Road at \$4,500 with cost per lot at \$67.00; and Harbor Lane at \$3,400 with cost per lot at \$175.00. Mr. Hoyt said these are estimated costs and subject to change.

Clerk Buchite indicated she had received no written comments from citizens regarding the impending assessments. Mr. Hoyt asked the citizens present for comments and to name the road which affected them.

Dean Eggena said he said he had some four substandard lots on Shadywood which is the Summit Avenue project. There is one house on the lots and will be no more homes built there according to Mr. Eggena so he wanted to know how many lots he was being assessed for. Mr. Hoyt informed him that he was only being assessed for one lot. Mr. Hoyt said in that area there are many 60 foot lots and if there are two together with one owner they are considered one buildable lot. Mr. Arends said he thinks that those

lots are grandfathered in and each one is buildable.

Exact cost and exact number of lots has not been determined as yet according to Mr. Hoyt. The City retains the right to reassess these properties. For forty acre lots, Landecker and Associates, determine the number of lots there could be on that parcel of land. One assessment is paid at this time and the rest are deferred until they are sold or a building permit is taken on the property. All large parcels of land are done this way.

Mr. Arnold Blank from Daggett Pine Road asked why their portion of road was not done in 1984 when the rest of the road was done and he also wanted to know who determines if the road needs work. Mr. Hoyt said he did not know why their portion of the road was not done when the rest of it was but he, Pat Hoag, Maintenance Supervisor, and the Road Commission were the ones who set the priorities. When blacktop shows age or wear, if overlayment is not done in a few years the road may need major construction.

Mr. Andy Nelson said he has three lots and has deed restrictions and cannot build on them. Mr. Hoyt said to get him a copy of the restrictions and that will be considered as one lot and the records will be adjusted.

Ms. Joyce Bzoskie from Maroda Drive is being assessed for West Shore Drive and she feels that Maroda Drive should be blacktopped instead. Mr. Hoyt said the Maroda Drive would be 100 percent assessment if it were done because it is gravel. Mr. Hoyt explained that Maroda Drive and all gravel roads in that area are sharing the assessment for West Shore Drive. Ms. Bzoskie said it did not appear to her that West Shore Drive needed resurfacing. The Council explained that if it is not done now the road will deteriorate.

Mr. David Timm asked if Daggett Pine Road would be blacktopped over the bridge and Mr. Hoyt said no. Mr. Timm said he is opposed to the work scheduled for Daggett Pine and asked how many were opposed to it. Mr. Hoyt said there were more negative responses but as engineer he feels it must be done and so does the Road Commission. Mr. Hoyt said that typically the engineering standards call for seal coating every 7 to 10 years and overlaying every 15 to 20 years but because of limited budgets this is not always done.

Mr. Len Nystrom asked if this would be just overlay and no widening and Mr. Hoyt said that was correct unless they find the road is less than 22 feet wide. Mr. Nystrom asked if the inverse crown would be kept and Mr. Hoyt indicated it would because it has worked effectively.

Mr. Hoyt told the Council they had three choices at this point; (1) To order these improvements and preparation of plans and improvements and the roads should be listed; or (2) option not to proceed; or (3) continue to a future date to obtain more information. It will take a 4/5 vote of the Council to proceed.

MOTION NO. 3PH-01-89 WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER GALLAWAY AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MILLER TO PROCEED WITH THE ROAD WORK FOR PARK LANE, SUMMIT

AVENUE, DAGGETT PINE ROAD, WEST SHORE DRIVE, HAPPY LANDING ROAD AND HARBOR LANE AND THAT WE ORDER THAT THESE IMPROVEMENTS BE PROCEEDED WITH AND THAT SPECIFICATIONS AND ANY OTHER IMPROVEMENTS BE PREPARED. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE ARENDS, MILLER, ANDERSON, GALLAWAY AND BURSHEM VOTED AYE. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Hoyt stated that that concluded the Public Hearing.

Mr. Hoyt stated that the Council received a petition by the majority of the residents of Dream Island for proposed first construction or pavement. The Council sent out questionnaires stating the approximate cost and the response was more were opposed to it. The Council chose to abide by that decision. Since that time a number of inquiries brought in one additional yes and one additional no. Mr. Hoyt said the Council would rather have a majority to proceed.

Mr. Larry Wannebo said he feels the City should abolish the 60/40 split and have a general overall tax increase to maintain roads and then even the county road residents would pay their share.

Mr. Jack Lindenberg said he is a Dream Island resident and he thinks that the majority of residents up the hill and around the circle are in favor of blacktopping and he wondered if they have the majority there if they could get that much done. Mayor Anderson asked Mr. Hoyt to figure the cost and the percentage of people in favor in that area. MOTION NO. 3PH-02-89 WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER ARENDS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MILLER TO HAVE MR. HOYT FIGURE THE COST OF BLACKTOPPING UP THE HILL FROM THE BRIDGE AND AROUND THE CIRCLE ON DREAM ISLAND AND PRESENT THE COST PER LOT TO THOSE PEOPLE TO SEE IF THEY WANT TO GO AHEAD WITH IT.

Ms. Johanna Wille said she had three lots in her name and will use the road the least but has to pay the most. Ms. Wille said she feels the City should pick up part of the cost around the circle. Mr. Hoyt said the City owns the right of way but the triangle is not a buildable lot and therefore should not be assessed. It was the consensus that Ms. Wille will not be charged for three lots because they are not all buildable.

Ms. Jeanne Winiecki said they were concerned about where the turn around would be because of the narrow lots and because the road goes from a 50 foot road down to a 25 foot road. The Winiecki's were also concerned about run off from the blacktop. Mr. Hoyt said their recommendation would be to make a turnaround using someone's driveway and the City will pay for having their driveway paved. Mr. Hoyt said they were not aware that there was a run off problem but they would make a note of it.

Mayor Anderson asked for a vote on the motion. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Hoyt said it would be his recommendation to notify everyone again. It was the consensus of the Council that if there is no place for a turnaround there probably will be none. A gentleman in the audience said he feels that everyone on the island benefits from the portion of road just on the other side of the bridge and they should all be assessed for it.

Mr. Dean Eggena said that he felt the assessments should be city wide because the residents on county roads will never have an assessment and none of our businesses will ever be assessed either. The Council agreed that this may not be the best way but the general population is paying for at least 60 percent of the work on existing blacktop roads.

Mr. Joe Hauser said that the City road work has been excellent this year even with the heavy amounts of snow.

The next item to be discussed was the hiring of the new maintenacne assistant for the City. Mayor Anderson explained to the persons present that a committe consisting of Charles Miller, Scott Gallaway, Pat Hoag, Arlene Buchite and himself went over each of the 33 applications individually and wrote down the names of the individuals they felt were best suited to fill the position. If a certain name appeared on three of the committee members lists the applicant was considered a finalist. These finalists were notified of a time and date for the interview. The interviewing committee was the same with the exception of Jay Andolshek replacing Arlene Buchite because she was gone for a conference. The Committee had a list of questions to ask and rated each answer from a 4 which was the best to a 1 which was low. The scores were then totaled. Mayor Anderson abstained but the vote of the other committee members was unanimously Bill Bright. Bill has accepted the position and will start at \$7 an hour with an increase after six months if the Council approves.

Discussion ensued. Mr. Arends said he felt someone from Crosslake should have been hired. It was the consensus of the Council that they would like to have had someone from Crosslake hired but the City cannot discriminate against where a person lives. Mr. Miller said the committee wanted someone who could take over all of Pat Hoag's duties if he were gone.

Mr. Arends said he felt Mr. Bright should go to the cities for a physical and Mr. Anderson said there are good doctors in Brainerd who can give an industrial physical.

Mike Amsden said as a Crosslake resident and an applicant for the position he wondered why so much emphasis was put on needing grader experience if the City intended to keep the part time grader operator. Mr. Anderson said that was one of the requirements and the top four people all had grader experience.

MOTION NO. 3PH-02-89 WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER MILLER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER GALLAWAY TO HIRE BILL BRIGHT AS THE NEW CITY MAINTENANCE ASSISTANT. Ms. Gallaway said she came into City Hall and reviewed the interviewing process and was convinced that they did a good job. Mr. Burshem said he did the same thing and was comfortable with the way the process was handled. MOTION PASSED WITH COUNCILMEMBER ARENDS VOTING NAY.

MOTION NO. 3PH-03-89 WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER ARENDS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MILLER TO ADJOURN THIS PUBLIC HEARING AT 11:30 A.M. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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