

The regular meeting of the Crosslake City Council was called to order by Mayor Carol Coulter at 7:30 PM. Councilmen Delmonico, Arends, Anderson and Andolshek were present. There were about twenty-eight members of the community present.

These three items were withdrawn from the consent calendar to be voted on separately.

ITEM A - Approval of minutes of meeting of March 13, 1981.

MOTION: - By Delmonico and seconded by Arends to approve the minutes of the March 13, 1981 minutes as written. Motion carried with all voting, "AYE", except Andolshek voting, "NAY".

ITEM B - Approval of minutes of special meeting of March 30, 1981.

MOTION: - By Kurt Anderson and seconded by Delmonico to include the amendments as submitted by Andolshek, Item 1, 3, 4, and 5. Motion carried unanimously, items approved are listed below:

1. Page 1, Paragraph #2 of minutes - Arends cited two roads, i. e, Urban Point and Happy Landing which have been damaged due to overweight vehicles.

3. Page 1, Paragraph #4 - In regard to Telephone Commission Chairman Fred Bieber's comments about the City of Barnesville, he stated that the Barnesville Telephone Company is debt free; also that Barnesville has a Municipal Liquor Store, a Municipal Electric Company and Municipal Sewer and Water. Barnesville's city limits is one square mile.

4. Mayor Coulter commended the Telephone Commission for their fine job; and she also commended Gary Fread for his excellent work as Telephone Company Manager.

5. Page 2 - Paragraph #2 - Mayor Coulter stated she had a long conversation with Fire Chief Fraser regarding the proposed Fire Hall addition, and the fact that the proposed addition went from \$60,000. to \$90,000. Fire Chief Fraser stated that the architect's estimate was quoted at \$90,000. Fire Chief Fraser stated that if the Fire Hall addition will cost \$90,000, that he would vote against it if it came to a referendum vote.

ITEM F - To rescind the resolution granting a cartway to Charles Shure as requested by Department of Natural Resources because they have not be paid. Resolution dated August 13, 1979.

MOTION: - By Arends and seconded by Anderson to table the action to rescind the resolution granting the cartway to Charles Shure. Motion carried and the vote was unanimous.

MOTION: - By Delmonico and seconded by Arends that the remainder of the consent calendar be approved which contained the following: clerk's financial report for March, 1981, Telephone Company's financial report for March, 1981 and the renewal of the following licenses as granted in 1980 *(see amendment Item I - May 8th) Page 1*

ON SALE (INTOXICATING) - \$100.

OFF SALE (INTOXICATING) - \$100.

Cedar Chest*

Cedar Chest

Moonlight Bay*+

Moonlight Bay

Riverside*+

Riverside

Exchange*+

Exchange

Andy's Cafe

Andy's Cafe

Echo Ridge*+

Channel Liquor

SUNDAY (INTOXICATING) - \$125.

Indicated by (*) above

DANCE - \$50

Indicated by (+) above

The balance of the licenses that were	approved on the previous page are:
<u>ON SALE (NON INTOXICATING MALT) \$40</u>	<u>OFF SALE (NON-INTOXICATING MALT) \$15</u>
Ox Lake Tavern-	Pizza House
Dock's	Crosslake Store -
<u>SET-UP LICENSE - \$50.00</u>	Reed's Country Market -
Dock's	Bait Box-
Ox Lake Tavern-	Dock's
	Ox Lake -

PUBLIC HEARING ON REVENUE HEARING FUND

The clerk explained that when the budget was drawn up \$10,000. was included and dedicated for Revenue Sharing. We have been notified that the amount will be approximately \$16,000. When we drew up the budget we also dedicated \$4,000. to the Fire Hall addition and as this will not come about this year we can re-dedicate this \$4,000. also. The mayor asked if there was anyone in the audience with suggestions for the use of the money. Hearing none the following motion was made:

MOTION: - By Arends and seconded by Delmonico that the Revenue Sharing increase of \$6,000. be dedicated to the Contingency Building Fund for re-pairing City Hall and the \$4,000. be rededicated to the Fire Department to be used to repay the General Fund for \$1,215., (the preliminary architect's fee for the proposed addition) and \$2,785. be dedicated to the cost of purchasing and installing new fire numbers. Motion carried, vote was unanimous.

DISCUSSION: Some of the other uses discussed for the above funds were designating some of the money for the Cemetery Fund which will be almost depleted when the well is installed and purchasing a public address system.

FIRE HALL FUNDING - Delmonico called on Fire Chief Fraser who reported that at the last Fire Department meeting they had voted to drop the request for an addition to the Fire Hall due to the fact that they will have some additional space available when the city equipment will soon be moved to the new building being purchased by the Telephone Company. This plan to move the city equipment was not made until after they had requested funding for the fire hall. The mayor commended the Fire Department for this alternate plan which will keep the city debt free and the whole project will not cost much for remodeling.

DONATION TO CROSSLAKE ATHLETIC FUND - The mayor reported on the Pancake Breakfast held at the Community Center and sponsored by the American Legion Post. The list of all donors was read by the mayor. Don Johnson, has requested that the city consider donating \$100. to the Crosslake Athletic Fund also, as the Legion presented a check for deposit in the fund for \$266. and they were a little disappointed in the amount as they had hoped for a better turn out.

MOTION: - By Delmonico and seconded by Anderson that the city donate \$100. to the Crosslake Youth Athletic Fund providing there is no legal reason why this cannot be done. Clerk to check on this. Motion carried, vote unanimous.

CLERK'S REPORT

1. The County Assessor's Office will hold a board of review at City Hall at 9:00 AM on May 12th. Anyone wishing to have their assessment reviewed or desiring to ask questions may appear. Clerk to advertise in paper in advance.

2. MOTION: - By Andolshek and seconded by Arends to approve the application

of the Crosslake Game & Fish Club to conduct a Bingo game every Friday night commencing June 19th thru September 4th, 1981. Motion carried and the vote was unanimous.

3. MOTION: By Andolshek and seconded by Delmonico to approve the application of the Immaculate Heart Church to conduct a Bingo game on Thursday night, April 23, 1981 from 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM. Motion carried and the vote was unanimous.

4. Clerk reported that she had contacted the Corps of Engineers in St. Paul and that they informed her that the permit for the slalom course in South Bay is good until 1984. They suggested that if the residents wanted to present a petition documenting their complaints it might help but she said they very rarely revoke a permit. The problem was discussed and it was decided that the city could not help in the matter unless the problems were being created on shore as we do not have any jurisdiction on the waters. The mayor requested that Arends bring a petition to the next regular meeting listing the complaints of the residents and that then the council could decide what the next step should be towards solving this problem. Andolshek had made a motion to write a letter in regard to this and withdrew the motion.

5. Clerk announced that she will be taking the Thursday and Friday off before Easter and the Monday after Easter as vacation days. Betty Pothen will work from 9:00 to 1:00 on Thursday and Monday. A sign will be put on the door that the Clerk's Office is closed on Good Friday. The mayor stated that she thought that her office will be closed on that day also.

The clerk announced that the final figures were in on the Census and that the final figure was 1064. The original figure was 962.

MAYOR'S REPORT ON TURNER'S ACCESS - The mayor called on Don Coulter, City Surveyor to explain the problem. After a brief description illustrated by Mr. Coulter on the blackboard, he stated that he felt that there was no way the city could solve this problem with out legal counsel. Andolshek read a letter dated April 7, 1978 from Harold R. Fritz, II, in regard to this problem at the Manhattan Beach access. The mayor stated that she felt the council had several questions that they should consider before coming to a decision, i.e., the cost, would it be for the benefit of the community or a select few, whether the city should take on this expense or not.

MOTION: By Anderson and seconded by Andolshek that we have our present City Attorney, Randall K. Hanson, give an opinion on the Turner Access on Whitefish-Island Lake. Motion carried and the vote was unanimous.

The mayor announced that Don Johnson had requested she announce that they need pick-up trucks for their "Clean-up - Pick-up" Day on May 2nd at 9:00 AM at the Community Center. Anyone wishing to donate their truck and services or potatoe chips, mustard, catsup or possibly more hot-dogs should contact Don Johnson.

A letter was read by the mayor from Robert E. Thompson of Golden Valley thanking the city for the excellent aid given by our ambulance and crew in a recent snowmobile accident on Pelican Lake.

MOTION: By Andolshek and seconded by Arends that the mayor be authorized to join the Minnesota Mayor's Association at a cost of \$10.00 annual dues. Motion carried and the vote was unanimous.

Al Hauge, County Commissioner, will appear at the Community Center from 8:00 to 9:00 PM on April 30th, to inform the public in regard to County Community Health Services available.

The mayor announced that the condemnation proceeding have been taken care of by our attorney and signed by the city in regard to the purchase of Lyle Arends building by Telephone Company for a warehouse.

TELEPHONE COMMISSION: - Gary Fread, Telephone Company Manager requested that the council approve the hiring of Lola Butcher as recommended by the Telephone Commission to replace Nancy Zilka, billing clerk who is resigning. Delmonico asked if there were not any qualified Crosslake residents who applied. Gary Fread replied that 24 applications were received and about half of them were from Crosslake but the advertisement did not say that the applicants must be a resident. Gary stated that his decision was based on her qualifications, her test scores, personality, and ability to do the job. He stated that Andolshek and Arends had examined all applications. He stated that there was one other person from Crosslake who qualified equally but that she could not start on time and wanted a higher wage. Helen Fraser also examined the applications. Mr. Fread stated that in his opinion Mrs. Butcher excelled above all others in Crosslake.

MOTION: By Arends and seconded by Andolshek that Mrs. Butcher be accepted as recommended by the Telephone Commission to replace Nancy Zilka as a billing clerk at \$4.03 an hour as of April 20th. Motion carried and the vote was unanimous. Gary Fread was instructed to report back to the council at the end of the six month probation period as whether or not he wishes to continue her employment.

MOTION: By Arends and seconded by Anderson that the council accept the bid not exceed \$4200. septic system, plumbing, well, etc. for installing the bathroom at the old telephone building as recommended by the Telephone Commission. All members voting, "AYE", the motion carried. *(See amendment Item 2 - May 8 meeting - Page 1)*

CABLE TV TABLED:

Arends read the decision of the Telephone Commission to table the cable system design request due to the status of REA^{ne} funding until a later time. Mr. Tom Monroe, a member of the community, said was not in favor of the tabling of the Cable TV project and he felt the council should do something about it now. Delmonico stated that due to lack of low interest money being available that the city could not or probably should not go into it at this time as it would be too expensive. The mayor stated, perhaps one reason this had been put on the "back burner", so to speak, was that KSTP had contacted her just today and that they had assured her that they would be putting up an antenna in Brainerd along with WCCO and that all three networks would be available within three to six months. Anderson stressed that he is thinking of Cable TV, not as entertainment, but as an investment in the future. He feels that we should go ahead with the engineering study so that a price can be presented to the people so that we can find out whether the people want it or not. The mayor reminded all that this item was not on the agenda and Anderson apologized. The mayor thanked Mr. Monroe for his comments and stated this will be taken up again at a later date.

CEMETERY: In discussing the new well for the Cemetery it was decided that Andolshek should get other quotes than the one submitted by Diamond Wells and come back to the council with the matter.

ROADS: Andolshek ask if anything had been ^{done} about the light at Hwy #6 & #16 that the city was going to request from the County Engineer's Office. The mayor clarified that this is simply a request for better lighting at this

intersection and not a "stop & go" as some rumors around town would have it.

Arends brought up a matter of a pipe sticking out in the Lucky Strike Road and said that he felt the road should be surveyed. Anderson asked that this be brought up at the next meeting as he did not know anything about the problem and would check on it.

PARK: Due to uncertainty of the CEP Funding which will affect the status of Tim Gant's park employment, a discussion was held as to whether the city will be liable for unemployment compensation in this case or not. Due to the fact that we must have someone on duty with Patty Felber at the park through summer - the following motion was made by Anderson:

MOTION: By Anderson and seconded by Delmonico that in the event that MERRI CEP should be discontinued that the city would keep Tim Gant on the payroll for as long as the amount figured in the original budget to be paid for salary at termination of his contract. Motion carried, all voting "AYE", except Arends voting, "NAY". *(See amendment item 3 - May 8th - Page 1)*

PLANNING & ZONING: - Preliminary approval was given to Miller Construction to build 18 to 24, 1 to 3 bedroom town houses on Echo Property by Planning & Zoning Commission and reported by Arends.

MOTION: --By Arends and seconded by Anderson that the council grant approval to Jay Andolshek's addition to the Game Shack provided that the State Plumbing Code in both buildings be met before new building could be opened to the public as recommended by the Planning Commission. All members voting, "AYE", the motion carried.

MOTION: - By Anderson and seconded by Delmonico that the council accept the placing of a mobile home, as per photos presented, behind Dock's Cafe providing that a conforming sewer is installed with the use of the present drainfield. Motion carried and the vote was unanimous.

PLANNING & ZONING COORDINATOR'S APPOINTMENT: - Arends announced that after considering 8 applications, the vote was narrowed down to 3 applicants, Wilske, Garin, and Miller. After having a secret ballot, the commission recommended the winner, Charles O. Miller to fill the vacancy. Delmonico again stated, as was stated at a previous meeting, that the city does have a problem as far as our ambulance is concerned in as much as Mr. Garin may leave the city to find employment elsewhere. Delmonico then stated that Mr. Garin could be hired for \$850. a month to do both jobs and any commission earned by Mr. Garin could be applied against this \$850. a month cost to the city. Andolshek stated that she felt the city should go by the commission's recommendation. Delmonico also stated that this job had been combined in the past when Jan Mezzenga was coordinator. Terry Moberg the owner of the ambulance company would be willing to handle the payroll which would save money for the city. After a discussion of the qualifications for the zoning coordinator by the audience and the council, Anderson stated that the only inspection is sewer inspection and that the rest of the job requires an ability to read and interpret the zoning laws and that anything else is turned over to the council and commission for decision, so that any man could be trained for this job and he does not want to lose the ambulance in Crosslake. Delmonico stated that he was simply trying to do the job he was elected to do, by trying to save the city some money. Arends stated that he felt the ambulance problem should not have been brought into the zoning coordinator's appointment and that it should be solved as a separate problem. The mayor stated that she felt Delmonico's solution to two problem's was a sound one financially. Mr. Miller quoted from the zoning law stating the appointment was to be recommended by the

Planning Commission who work very hard without pay and that if Anderson thinks it is such an easy job he should go out and tramp around with the commission sometime. Mr. Miller then left the meeting. Orval Nelson, a member of the community asked the question, "How can he be doing the coordinator's job and still be driving the ambulance?" The mayor replied that he would be driving the ambulance at all times on the job and would never be outside the city of Crosslake, and that this has been done before by Jan Mezzenga. Anderson asked Mr. Nelson if he would be willing to pay the additional cost of hiring a separate ambulance driver as they had both sat a meeting last fall trying to figure out how to cut the city budget. Mr. Nelson answered that he would. He did not feel that these two jobs should be combined and that if more money had to be spent it would have to be spent. Anderson again stated that he felt this was a logical solution to two problems financially. The mayor stated that Bob Garin is our last driver available and that if Garin leaves the ambulance will just have to sit in the garage without a driver. Viv Kittlesen, a member of the audience stated that anyone who has had occasion to call the ambulance will agree how efficient they are, and the mayor agreed that she would hate to wait for service from Brainerd. Mr. Jim Gallati, Chairman of Planning and Zoning stated that if the city does hire someone without experience there are classes available where he could go and take training.

MOTION: - By Arends and seconded by Andolshek that the council accept the recommendation of the Planning & Zoning Commission to hire Charles O. Miller as the new coordinator. Motion carried, all members voting, "AYE" except Mayor Coulter voting, "Nay".

MOTION: - By Arends and seconded by Andolshek that Dave Holker be appointed to fill the vacancy on the commission by the coordinator's appointment. Motion carried, and the vote was unanimous. Andolshek reminded the council that the matter of having a contract with the zoning coordinator had been decided at a previous meeting. Clerk agreed that she would draw up a contract for Mr. Miller to sign.

Arends stated the names of several places in Crosslake which are becoming eyesores to the community. The mayor told Arends to have the commission present their recommendations to the council. After some discussion it was decided that Planning & Zoning could deal directly with this problem and it would not have to come before council unless there was an appeal.

MOTION: - On a motion by Anderson and seconded by Delmonico that the council approve the request of the Lutheran Church to erect a sign at their Outdoor Summer Church. Motion carried, vote was unanimous.
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Mike Landecker appeared before the council to see if he needed preliminary approval for his Dew Hill 1st addition, as approved by the commission. He was informed that no council action was necessary until he requests final approval.

MOTION: - By Arends and seconded by Delmonico that the council grant a beer and set-up license to the Fire Department for July 4th & 5th. Motion carried and the vote was unanimous.

MOTION: - By Anderson and seconded by Arends that all new city employees have a physical examination paid for by the city at the time they are hired. Motion carried and the vote was unanimous.

Andolshek reported on the Funding and Future Development meeting held at City Hall on April 3, 1981 and chaired by Fred Bieber. Bruce Buxton from Widseth, Smith & Nolting Assoc., Inc. spoke on the strengths and weaknesses of our city and recommended how we could set goals and capitalize on our strengths. Members of the audience exchanged ideas and another meeting was scheduled for Friday, May 8th at 1:00 at City Hall.

Andolshek also reported on a meeting attended in Brainerd sponsored by the Brainerd Chamber of Commerce in regard to industrial development in the entire area.

PUBLIC FORUM: Viv Kittlesen suggested that perhaps someone could do something about all the abandoned signs in the area. Anderson said that no one can remove a sign off private property, but if the sign is on the county right of way the county could take them down. Anderson agreed to contact the county in regard to this.

MOTION: - By Anderson and seconded by Andolshek that the mayor be authorized to sign the permit for fireworks as requested by the Crosslake Fire Department. Motion carried, and the vote was unanimous.

REQUEST BY DELMONICO TO GO ON RECORD that he feels that it is wrong for the public to become adamant about a suggestion that a council person might put out as a solution to a possible problem. He stated that he sees this happen all the time and he feels it is the council's responsibility to intelligently discuss the problems that we have as a city and to find best solution to that problem. The council cannot do this unless the citizens understand that it is merely on a suggestion basis and are doing the best job that we can. Anderson agreed and said he wouldn't be surprised if the story on the streets of Crosslake to-morrow would be that Anderson and Delmonico are against Planning & Zoning simply because they were trying to solve a problem.

SPECIAL MEETING FOR AMBULANCE SCHEDULED

Ted Laughlin, a member of the community, asked what kind of a contingency plan the city would have in the event that Bob Garin would leave. The mayor responded that city would have to call a special meeting to solve the problem. Don Coulter, speaking as a member of the community, stated that he could not see how the council can expect our present driver to work 24 hours a day, 6 days a week, for \$15.00 a day, and he feels the council should set up a special meeting to solve this problem. The council agreed that due to the urgency of this problem that a special meeting be set up addressing problem with nothing else included on the agenda.

MOTION: By Delmonico and seconded by Anderson that a special meeting be called to deal with one issue only, that of the Ambulance issue. Motion carried and vote was unanimous. The date of the meeting was set for April 20, 1981 at 7:00 for the special meeting. Date and time was put in motion form as previously stated. All members voting, "AYE", except Arends, voting, "NAY" as he will be out of town, the motion carried.

On a motion by Anderson and seconded by Arends, the meeting was adjourned 10:06 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Laughlin, Clerk-Treasurer