

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
CITY OF CROSSLAKE MINNESOTA  
PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR COUNCIL SESSION  
MAY 13, 1991

The City Council for Crosslake Minnesota met in a Public Hearing and Regular Council Session on May 13, 1991, in the Council Chambers of City Hall. The following Councilmembers were present: Mayor Kurt E. Anderson, Lyle M. Arends, Roger A. Burshem and Dean L. Swanson. Absent was Charles O. Miller. Also present were Police Chief John Backdahl, Park Director Patricia M. Felber, Zoning Coordinator Alden C. Smith, Engineer Will Hoyt from Landecker and Associates and City Clerk Arlene A. Buchite as well as approximately 18 citizens.

Mayor Anderson called this Public Hearing to order at 7:30 p.m. stating that there were some revisions and updating required for the Cemetery Rules and Regulations.

Mayor Anderson proceeded to go through the Cemetery Rules and Regulations Book page by page with necessary corrections.

Mayor Anderson stated that everywhere in the Rules and Regulations where it states "Village" will be changed to "City". The cost of gravesites will be changed from \$35 to \$50 for resident and \$250 for non-residents. Where it states "charges will be fixed by the Cemetery" will be changed to "charges will be fixed by the City". Also added to the rules will be that there can be up to six cremations on one gravesite. The portion which reads "Flowers, wreaths or funeral designs will be removed from the graves when in the judgement of the cemetery management they have become unsightly", to "Flowers, wreaths or funeral designs will be permitted the two weeks prior to and the two weeks immediately after memorial day or the two weeks immediately after the date of burial. All decorations including pots, urns and wire flowers will be removed by the City and destroyed after the time designated above." Flags will also be permitted two weeks before and two weeks following Memorial and Veterans Day. MOTION NO. 5PH-01-91 WAS MADE BY MEMBER ARENDS AND SECONDED BY MEMBER SWANSON TO APPROVE THE CHANGES AS NOTED ABOVE IN THE CEMETERY RULES AND REGULATIONS. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION NO 5PH-02-91 WAS MADE BY MEMBER ARENDS AND SECONDED BY MEMBER BURSHAM TO ADJOURN THIS PUBLIC HEARING AT 7:40 P.M. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mayor Anderson then called the Regular Council Session to order.

CONSENT CALENDAR - Member Swanson noted a correction in the minutes of April 8, 1991 on page 5 of 6 which should be changed

to read that the Public Safety Commission recommended hiring the new police officer not Planning and Zoning. MOTION NO. 5R-01-91 WAS MADE BY MEMBER SWANSON AND SECONDED BY MEMBER BURSHEM TO APPROVE ALL ITEMS ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR WITH THE CHANGE AS NOTED ABOVE AND CONSISTING OF: 1. MINUTES OF APRIL 8, 1991 REGULAR COUNCIL SESSION; 2. MINUTES OF THE APRIL 12, 1991 SPECIAL COUNCIL SESSION; 3. THE CLERK/TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT FOR APRIL, 1991; 4. THE TELEPHONE COMPANY'S FINANCIAL REPORT FOR APRIL, 1991; AND 5. THE CABLEVISION'S FINANCIAL REPORT FOR APRIL, 1991. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

CLERK'S REPORT - MOTION NO. 5R-02-91 WAS MADE BY MEMBER ARENDS AND SECONDED BY MEMBER SWANSON TO PAY ALL BILLS INCLUDING: 1. MATHIAS C. JUSTIN FOR 1990 AUDIT \$3,500; 2. LEAGUE OF MN CITIES INSURANCE FOR \$20,746; 3. CITY ATTORNEY JAMES M. GAMMELLO FOR \$2,641.35; AND 4. NORTH STAR WELL DRILLING FOR WARMING HOUSE WELL FOR \$1,428.75. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Liquor License renewals were the next item for consideration. A letter from Pat Murphy, owner of The Exchange, was read requesting that the Council consider reducing the fee for on-sale liquor licenses. Clerk Buchite indicated that she had called neighboring Cities and their fees were: Emily \$2000, Crosby \$1500, Pequot Lakes \$1250, Breezy Point \$2000 and Crosslake is currently \$900. It was the consensus of the Council that Crosslake's fee is not too high. MOTION NO. 5R-03-91 WAS MADE BY MEMBER SWANSON AND SECONDED BY MEMBER BURSHEM TO APPROVE THE RENEWAL OF THE EXISTING LIQUOR LICENSES AT THE CURRENT FEES. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION NO. 5R-04-91 WAS MADE BY MEMBER SWANSON AND SECONDED BY MEMBER ARENDS TO APPROVE THE 1990 AUDIT AS PREPARED BY MATHIAS C. JUSTIN. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION NO. 5R-05-91 WAS MADE BY MEMBER SWANSON AND SECONDED BY MEMBER BURSHEM TO APPROVE THE RENEWAL OF THE BINGO LICENSE FOR THE GAME AND FISH CLUB. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The volunteer accident coverage was discussed briefly. MOTION NO. 5R-06-91 WAS MADE BY MEMBER BURSHEM AND SECONDED BY MEMBER SWANSON TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ACCIDENT COVERAGE FOR VOLUNTEERS THROUGH THE LEAGUE OF MN CITIES. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Clerk Buchite indicated she had received a \$50 scholarship to attend the Clerk's Institute at the University of Minnesota and requested Council approval to attend. MOTION NO. 5R-07-91 WAS MADE BY MEMBER BURSHEM AND SECONDED BY MEMBER SWANSON TO ALLOW THE CLERK TO ATTEND YEAR 2 OF THE CLERK'S INSTITUTE JULY 15-19, 1991, AT THE COST OF APPROXIMATELY \$500. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION NO. 5R-08-91 WAS MADE BY MEMBER BURSHEM AND SECONDED BY MEMBER SWANSON TO APPROVE HIRING A NEW CLEANING PERSON FOR CITY

HALL FROM THE APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION NO. 5R-09-91 WAS MADE BY MEMBER BURSHAM AND SECONDED BY MEMBER SWANSON TO APPROVE THE TRANSFER OF THE LIQUOR LICENSE AT THE ECHO RIDGE SUPPER CLUB FROM CHARLES THOMPSON TO RICK AND CAROLYN RUUD. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mayor Anderson said he would check with the Game and Fish Club regarding a report on the disbursement of their bingo funds.

Clerk Buchite indicated that she had checked with the City insurance carrier and was informed that a bond for the Park Director and/or Planning and Zoning Coordinator for \$25,000 would cost \$88 each. It was the consensus of the Council that bonding is not necessary.

MAYOR'S REPORT - Mayor Anderson updated the Council on the proposed rest stop/information booth at the Big Pine Lake site. He stated that the Lion's have promised to build a turn-key building with sewer and water. The Chamber has also committed to paying electric, heat, a limited staffing time and maintenance. Mayor Anderson said he had had a letter typed that four out of the five councilmember signed approving a \$10,000 budget and a commitment from the City.

Mr. Bursham said he would like to have a lease agreement with the Chamber that states what their responsibilities are and what the City's responsibilities will be. Mr. Bursham stated he would go along with budgeting \$10,000 for the booth for each of two years but no longer.

Mr. Arends said he was against the City spending any money on any kind of a rest stop.

Mr. Swanson said he feels this is a chance for the Lion's club, Chamber and City to pull together for something worthwhile but he would not approve of a \$10,000 a year on-going budget either.

MOTION NO. 5R-10-91 WAS MADE BY MEMBER BURSHAM AND SECONDED BY MEMBER SWANSON TO APPROVE OF THE CITY'S INVOLVEMENT IN THE REST STOP/INFORMATION BOOTH PROJECT WITH \$10,000 BUDGETED THE FIRST TWO YEARS AND ONLY NECESSARY MAINTENANCE BUDGETED AFTER THAT. MOTION PASSED WITH MAYOR ANDERSON AND MEMBERS BURSHAM AND SWANSON VOTING AYE. MEMBER ARENDS VOTED NAY.

Mayor Anderson read the proclamation claiming May 10, 1991 as poppy day in Crosslake.

Mayor Anderson read a letter from the Al Yorek family thanking the Fire Department for their quick response to the fire in back of their house which may have saved their home from burning.

Mayor Anderson stated that the new City flags have been ordered.

CEMETERY - Mayor Anderson indicated that the new portion of the Cemetery has been cleared of most of the trees. There have been several big Norways saved.

PUBLIC SAFETY - Liaison Swanson stated that the Fire Department would like to purchase three sets of turn-out gear which were approved last year but never purchased. MOTION NO. 5R-11-91 WAS MADE BY MEMBER SWANSON AND SECONDED BY MEMBER BURSHEM TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF THREE SETS OF TURN-OUT GEAR AT A COST OF APPROXIMATELY \$300 AND 200 FEET OF HOSE AT THE COST OF APPROXIMATELY \$400 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION. Mr. Swanson indicated that the hose was not a budgeted item. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Swanson stated that the Public Safety recommended that Alden Smith, as a registered architect, be retained to work on the plans for the new fire hall at \$20 per hour. It was the consensus of the Council that they would like a letter from Mr. Smith with commitments as to maximum amount that would be charged for the plans.

UTILITIES COMMISSION - Chairman Tom Towne said the Utilities Commission would like to have their joint meeting with the Council on Tuesday, May 28, 1991. The Council agreed to the meeting.

MOTION NO. 5R-12-91 WAS MADE BY MEMBER BURSHEM AND SECONDED BY MEMBER ARENDS TO APPROVE THE 1990 TELEPHONE COMPANY AND CABLEVISION AUDIT. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ROADS - Liaison Kurt Anderson informed the Council that the Road Commission has agreed to meet quarterly at 8:30 a.m.

Roads discussed by the Commission which need treatment this year include Perkins Road, Wilderness Trail, Ox Lake Landing Road (first 1/2 mile), Shamrock Lane, Willwood Lane, Gensing Patch Road and East Shore Road.

Bids received for Class 5 gravel were received from Roger Langenbeau for \$6.25 and Mid-Minnesota Blacktop for \$6.60 a yard. The Commission recommended the bid from Roger Langenbeau be accepted. MOTION NO. 5R-12-91 WAS MADE BY MEMBER ARENDS AND SECONDED BY MEMBER SWANSON TO ACCEPT THE BID FROM ROGER LANGENBEAU FOR CLASS 5 FOR \$6.25 A YARD DELIVERED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

A letter was received from a resident who owns land on the North side of County Road #103 stating that the City of Crosslake and some people are using their land and not the road that is staked out. The Mayor instructed the Road Supervisor to look into it and bring it to the Road Commission.

Mayor Anderson stated that he had attended a pre-construction conference for the road work to be done on CSAH #16. The Council was informed they will commence work on May 15th and work 10 hours a day, 4 days a week. The road will be cut down to one lane on June 15th and will it take approximately six weeks to complete the bridge. If the bridge is to be closed they are to let the Crow Wing County Dispatcher know so that our emergency personnel are aware of it. Mayor Anderson said he also instructed them that the bridge must be open on the 4th of July for boat traffic.

FUNDING AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENT - Liaison Swanson said that the Commission is working on the possibility of a sewer plant in Crosslake.

PERSONNEL - Member Swanson said he would like to have City employees make note in the City Clerk's office when they are going to be gone out of the City. All employees present said it would be no problem.

PARK AND RECREATION - Liaison Burshem said the Park Department needs to have the tennis courts color coated. To do the new court will cost \$1850 and to have all three done will cost \$5300. The Park and Recreation Department would also like to get a "loan" from the City to complete the playground equipment. Park Director Felber said the City would definitely get the money back from the Pre-school. MOTION NO. 5R-14-91 WAS MADE BY MEMBER BURSHEM AND SECONDED BY MEMBER ARENDS TO APPROVE \$1850 TO COLOR COAT THE NEW TENNIS COURT AND TO "LOAN" THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT \$2700 TO PURCHASE PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

PLANNING AND ZONING - MOTION NO. 5R-15-91 WAS MADE BY MEMBER ARENDS AND SECONDED BY MEMBER BURSHEM TO APPROVE JACK GENTRY AS FIRST ALTERNATE AND ARMOND GEASE AS SECOND ALTERNATE FOR THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION. Member Swanson and Mayor Anderson said they feel that alternates should attend all meetings. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Council was informed that the Planning and Zoning Commission is planning to meet twice a month on the first Wednesday and third Friday at 9:30 A.M. until further notice.

MOTION NO. 5R-16-91 WAS MADE BY MEMBER ARENDS AND SECONDED BY MEMBER SWANSON TO PURCHASE A VERTICAL BLIND FOR THE PLANNING AND ZONING OFFICE WINDOW. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mayor Anderson said he personally feels that Funding and Future Development Commission and the Planning and Zoning Commission should have name changes because Planning and Zoning does not do any planning. Planning would involve an airport or future sewer system that Funding and Future Development would work on. Mayor Anderson requested that the Commission consider this request.

Mayor Anderson said he had a letter from Coordinator Alden Smith who had written to Custom Metal Fab, Inc. regarding a complaint received from a neighbor. Mr. Smith indicated that the owner of Custom Metal Fab had come into his office and the matter should soon be resolved.

NEW BUSINESS - Nothing.

OLD BUSINESS - Mr. Swanson questioned the status of ordering a podium and Clerk Buchite indicated that none had been ordered to date. Mr. Swanson will come into City Hall and look at office supply books to see what is available.

PUBLIC FORUM - Nothing.

MOTION NO. 5R-19-91 WAS MADE BY MEMBER ARENDS AND SECONDED BY MEMBER BURSHEM TO ADJOURN THIS REGULAR COUNCIL SESSION AT 9:35 P.M. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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