

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY OF CROSSLAKE  
MONDAY, JUNE 9, 2003  
6:00 P.M. - CITY HALL

Pursuant to due notice and call, the Council for the City of Crosslake met on Monday, June 9, 2003 at 6:00 P.M. at City Hall. The following Councilmembers were present: Mayor Darrell Swanson, Dean Eggena, Dick Phillips and Irene Schultz. Councilmember Chuck Miller was absent. Also present was City Administrator Tom Swenson, Clerk/Treasurer Darlene Roach, Fire Chief Keith Anderson, Assistant Fire Chief Jeff Cripps and Fireman John Moengen. Also present was Lake Country Echo Reporter Betty Ryan and one individual in the audience.

Mayor Swanson called the special meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. and stated that the purpose of the meeting was to hear a presentation by members of the Fire Department, tour the Fire Hall and view the current equipment.

Fire Chief Anderson addressed the Council and stated that the officers of the Fire Department have determined that the 1978 Ford Tanker Truck is in need of replacement due to safety concerns and reliability. A committee was formed consisting of members of the Fire Department to review what options are available for replacing the tanker truck. The Committee determined that a multi-purpose tanker was needed. This vehicle would also be the vehicle that would be used in mutual aid situations and for any out of state mutual aid. The replacement tanker would have the same type cab and chassis as the current tanker but would have the capability to transport 4 to 6 firefighters versus the current tanker which will only carry two firefighters. The Fire Department did apply for a \$95,000 grant from FEMA, which if awarded, would assist in offsetting the cost of the truck which would cost between \$125,000 and \$175,000. The anticipated delivery time to take possession of the tanker is between four to six months. The Fire Department currently has \$60,000 in reserve for major equipment replacement, which could be used toward the purchase of the truck. Councilmember Schultz asked if there was any trade in value remaining on the current tanker or whether it could be donated to a smaller department. It was determined that there would be minimal trade in value due to the age of the tanker. Councilmember Eggena asked if the Committee has looked out twenty-five years where possibly a larger truck would be required. Jeff Cripps stated that the replacement tanker would be equipped with a 2,000 gallon tank with pumping capability for immediate use. Also due to the width of some of the City's roads, a single axel tanker would be more advantageous for maneuverability. John Moengen stated that the houses in the area are getting larger and better equipment is needed to serve the public. He stated that it has been a number of years since any equipment has been replaced in the Department. Councilmember Phillips asked if there was a possibility of obtaining a newer used tanker. John Moengen stated that a vehicle that is five years old would still be very expensive plus the City wouldn't get the advantage of new technology. Most of the used tankers that would be available for purchase would be from larger cities where the need is different than in our rural area. Mayor Swanson asked if fire equipment vehicles are available under the State Contract and it was noted that this is not an option since the equipment is built to order.

Mayor Swanson suggested that a letter be sent to Representative Oberstar along with a copy of the grant application requesting his assistance in possibly obtaining grant funds from FEMA.

Councilmember Eggena asked if there was any logic to keeping the old tanker and Public Works Director Ted Strand stated that he has a need for a water truck as a tender and would be willing to take the truck from the Fire Department.

At 6:28 P.M. the Council left the Council Chambers for a tour of the Fire Hall and equipment.

Morrie Mikkelson inquired as to whether Crosslake served any other areas and Fire Chief Anderson stated that Crosslake is under contract to provide service to Manhattan Beach and parts of Timothy and Fairfield Townships.

MOTION 06S1-01-03 WAS MADE BY DEAN EGGENA AND SECONDED BY IRENE SCHULTZ TO AUTHORIZE THE FIRE DEPARTMENT APPLYING FOR A FEMA GRANT, TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR A TANKER TRUCK TO REPLACE THE 1978 TANKER AND TO COME BACK TO THE COUNCIL AT A LATER DATE FOR DISCUSSION ON HOW TO PAY FOR THE VEHICLE. City Administrator Swenson requested that the Fire Department include in the specs that the bid be good for a minimum of 90 or 120 days. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL EYES.

MOTION 06S1-02-03 WAS MADE BY DICK PHILLIPS AND SECONDED BY IRENE SCHULTZ TO ADJOURN THIS SPECIAL MEETING AT 6:46 P.M. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL EYES.

Recorded and transcribed by,



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Clerk/Treasurer

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