

EMERGENCY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF CROSSLAKE
THURSDAY, JUNE 15, 2006
1:00 P. M. – CITY HALL

Pursuant to due notice by Mayor Andolshek, the Council for the City of Crosslake met in an Emergency Session on Thursday, June 15, 2006 at 1:00 P.M. for the purpose of reviewing what action Staff should take in regards to a damaged sewer line on East Shore Boulevard. The following Councilmember's were present: Mayor Jay Andolshek, Terry Curtis, Dean Eggena, Dick Phillips and Dean Swanson. Also present was City Administrator Tom Swenson, Clerk/Treasurer Darlene Roach, Community Development Director Ken Anderson, General Manager Paul Hoge, Operations Manager Jared Johnson, Public Works Director Ted Strand, Park and Recreation Director Jon Henke, City Engineer Dave Reese and Field Observer Larry Walton of WSN. Also present was Sewer Contractor Ray Schrupp, Dan Block and Cindy Holden.

Mayor Andolshek called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M.

City Administrator Swenson read a recap of activities prepared by Public Works Director Ted Strand leading up to the break in the sewer line. (See document dated June 14, 2006 from Ted Strand included as an attachment to the minutes.)

Public Works Director Strand stated that he and a Field Observation Officer from Minnesota Telephone Association (MTA) arrived on the site on East Shore Boulevard at approximately 10:30 A.M. as a result of a telephone call from Contractor Ray Schrupp who was attempting to connect the Nordling residence to the City's municipal sewer system. In addition to the contractor, the boring contractor and locator from Citi-Lights were also on site. The boring contractor inquired as to the location of the service stub and Strand opened the maps and showed the contractor the location of the sewer stub. In addition, City Engineer Dave Reese was called and he confirmed that the location identified by Strand was correct and that the stub was approximately 4 ½ feet deep. Strand left the property but returned just after 12:00 to check on the progress. Mr. Schrupp was not ready for an inspection so Strand left the site. At about 3:30 P.M. Mr. Schrupp called Ted Strand and stated that they were hooking the service up at the house and needed an inspection. Strand called Jim Ritter to handle the inspection but they were not yet ready so Mr. Schrupp was told to call Jim Ritter when they were ready for the inspection. At 6:30 P.M. Jim Ritter called Ted Strand and stated that he had been called to the site. The hole had grown considerably large and mud was piled up completely blocking the road. In addition, the service could not be located. Strand contacted City Administrator Swenson who also arrived at the site and observed broken pieces of the 4" service line in the mud pile and rising ground water and soil pressure causing the road to collapse.

Ted Strand commented that he has inspected both up stream and down stream at the manholes and so far nothing is flowing through to the sewer plant from this area. Strand contacted Brian Fitzpatrick of the MPCA to notify him of the potential problem.

Councilmember Eggena asked if the main line was below the water table and he was told that it was. Mr. Schrupp was asked if he wished to address the Council and he stated that

he did wish to do so. Schrupp stated that he was going to hook up the property to City sewer and Dan Block was doing the boring. He stated that they dug down 7 ½ feet in the area where the stake showed the line to be situated and found nothing. They initially were using a small backhoe but needed a larger backhoe so three hours later they were still trying to locate the stub. Schrupp stated that they never saw the vertical and that it was not where it was suppose to be.

City Engineer Reese informed the Council that the area will need to be dewatered to make sure that everything is intact and that there isn't a ruptured pipe.

Councilmember Curtis asked how much dewatering would be required and Reese stated that dewatering would be the major expense. Reese estimated the cost of repair between \$20,000 to \$30,000 to dewater, repair the line and repair the road. Reese stated that he has contacted Anderson Brothers and they do have equipment available to do the work which could take several days. Curtis asked if the dewatering was being done to see what is going on in regards to the broken sewer line and Councilmember Eggena stated that the area needs to be dug up to the main and compacted back so as not to have infiltration.

City Engineer Reese stated that Larry Walton, who was the Construction Observer during the project, has verified that the service was situated in the location noted on the maps. Mr. Walton was present at the meeting. Reese also noted that the City wasn't notified that there was a situation until it was out of control.

Councilmember Eggena agreed that a contractor would dig a reasonable amount and then stop but if the contractor continues to dig, it would be his responsibility. Eggena stated that it would be his position to get the sewer system fixed immediately.

City Engineer Reese stated that his reason for bringing up the potential cost would be if the contractor decided he wanted to hire his own dewatering company. Mr. Schrupp stated that he would be agreeable to have Anderson Brothers do the dewatering and pipe repair. Both Councilmember's Eggena and Swanson felt that the costs could be sorted out later and that the first concern is to get the problem fixed.

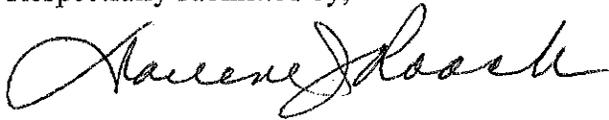
MOTION SC6-01-06 WAS MADE BY DEAN EGGENA AND SECONDED BY DEAN SWANSON TO AUTHORIZE HIRING ANDERSON BROTHERS TO REPAIR THE AREA ASAP BACK TO THE MAIN, PUT IN A NEW SERVICE TO THE PROPERTY LINE AND COMPACT AND FIX THE BLACKTOP. Mayor Andolshek asked if costs should be sorted out because if we order the work, we may end up paying. Councilmember Phillips suggested that all parties (WSN, Contractor and City Representatives) should be on site to observe the digging. Councilmember Curtis asked if the contractor dug to the road or if the road just caved in. Strand stated that currently the road is blocked and residents are using Mr. Super's road and City Staff needs to inform him of the situation. Councilmember Eggena commented that the City could put Class 5 down to get the road opened up at least to one lane. City Administrator Swenson asked if the Council was authorizing City Engineering costs and the Council agreed that would be included. Mayor Andolshek agreed that the City will pay the bill initially with the understanding that responsibility for the costs will be determined later. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.

Regarding the road, it was the consensus of the Council that the Staff was directed to put Class 5 down, bridge it and put cones up so that one lane is passable.

Operations Manager Jared Johnson stated that his staff would assist City Staff if needed.

MOTION SC1-02-06 WAS MADE BY DICK PHILLIPS AND SECONDED BY DEAN EGGENA TO ADJOURN THIS SPECIAL EMERGENCY MEETING AT 1:38 P.M. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.

Respectfully submitted by,



Darlene J. Roach
Clerk/Treasurer

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