

July 23, 1976

On July 23, 1976, a special meeting of the City Council was held at 10:30 A.M. in the City Hall. Present at the meeting were Mayor Orena Fogelberg, Councilmen Olson, Foss, Andolshek and Clerk Whisler. Councilman Petersen, being out of town, was unable to attend. Also present at the meeting were Bob Johnson, legal counsel for the Minnesota Telephone Association, Reynold Thielen of Olsen-Thielen accounting firm of Saint Paul, John Baxter, REA Field Representative, and Kurt Anderson, member of the Telephone Commission.

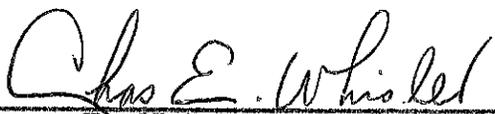
The purpose of the meeting was to go over projections of revenue and plant investment prepared by Olsen-Thielen Co. Reynold Thielen explained in detail how and why various "tables" had been prepared.

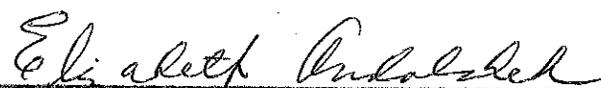
It was determined that a public informational meeting should be set up to discuss with the telephone subscribers the future of the Telephone Co. now that the REA loan has been approved in the amount of \$1,374,000 at 2%. It is planned to discuss the type of service; type of equipment proposed; financing, plus a discussion of Extended Area Service (toll-free service to surrounding areas). The date has been set for Saturday, Aug. 14, 1976, in the basement of the Catholic Church. At this meeting we will have these experts present to discuss and answer any questions: Bob Johnson, Reynold Thielen, John Baxter and Verne Armfield, Consulting Engineer. The City Council and Telephone Commission will also be present. Notice of this meeting will be included with the July 30th telephone billing.

There was also a discussion on whether to have a rate hearing or a rate survey. It was stated that a rate hearing could not be held until some time next winter, so it was decided to do a survey instead. Reynold Thielen read a suggested letter to be sent to subscribers with a ballot so subscribers could vote in favor of or against the proposed rates. (This letter to be reworded to fit the particular situation and returned to Reynold Thielen so he in turn can present it to the Public Service Commission for approval.) The approved letter will then be returned to Crosslake along with the suggested ballot. In turn the letter will be mailed, with accompanying ballot, to each subscriber with the request that the ballot be returned as soon as possible with the subscriber voting his preference regarding the rate increase.

Reynold Thielen stated that fourteen copies of the survey petition will be sent to Crosslake for the signatures of Mayor Fogelberg and Telephone Commission Chairman Andolshek. They will then be returned to Olsen-Thielen for subsequent submission to the Public Service Commission.

Minutes kept jointly by

  
Chas. E. Whisler, City Clerk

  
Elizabeth Andolshek, Chairman  
Telephone Commission