

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF CROSSLAKE
FRIDAY, AUGUST 9, 2013
9:00 A.M. – CITY HALL

The Council for the City of Crosslake met in a Special Session on August 9, 2013 for the purpose of discussing the 2014 Budget. The following Council Members were present: Mayor Darrell Schneider, Steve Roe, Gary Heacox, John Moengen, and Mark Wessels. Also present were City Administrator/Consultant Dan Vogt, Finance Director/Treasurer Mike Lyonais, City Clerk Char Nelson, Public Works Director Ted Strand, Police Chief Bob Hartman, Community Development Director Ken Anderson, Fire Chief Chip Lohmiller, EDA President Patty Norgaard, General Manager Paul Hoge, and Echo Publishing Reporter Kate Perkins. There were no public attendees.

Mayor Schneider called the Special Council Meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. Dan Vogt thanked the Department Heads for their work in putting their department budgets together and turned the meeting over to Finance Director/Treasurer Mike Lyonais.

Mr. Lyonais reported that various requests and rates from vendors have been submitted for 2014. Labor relations services with Johnson, Killen & Seiler would increase to \$205 for labor negotiations and \$215 for other personnel matters for 2014. There will be no increase in rates in 2014 from City Attorney Brad Person. The Initiative Foundation requested an increase in contribution from \$1,100 to \$1,500 in 2014. The Chamber of Commerce has requested the same amount of funding for 2014 including \$5,000 for fireworks and \$2,000 for building maintenance. Because the City of Crosslake's high property values, the State of Minnesota will provide no local government aid in 2014.

Union contracts with both AFSCME and Teamsters have been approved for 2014 and require a 1.25% increase in union employee wages. Mr. Lyonais used 1.25% as a base increase for department heads as well, however, the Personnel Committee will be meeting to consider wage increase requests from department heads on August 12th. The City is currently obtaining health insurance quotes from various vendors.

Mr. Lyonais presented charts depicting the City's levy history, total outstanding debt, debt levy necessary to service existing obligations, outstanding principal and interest on General Obligation Bonds, and outstanding equipment certificates. Steve Roe suggested that the budget should reflect the decrease in market value.

Fire Chief Lohmiller presented a request to replace Tender 3 which is 24 years old and Engine 1 which is 17 years old. The cost to replace these two vehicles would be approximately \$500,000. Engine 1 may bring in \$100,000 on a trade in. Tender 3 has no value. John Moengen stated that he is looking into the possibility of purchasing used equipment that may be only 5 years old and still in good condition. Chief Lohmiller stated that the suspension, pumps, seals, valves, and chassis go bad on these vehicles and newer equipment has the latest technology. Many departments rebuild their vehicles, but the time to do that is when they are approximately 10 years old.

Community Development Director Ken Anderson presented the Planning and Zoning Department's request for capital outlay which included a metal detector, fire proof filing cabinet, 2013 4x4 Ford Expedition that seats 8, and a GPS – Trimble GeoExplorer 6000 (GEOXH) for locating pins and septic tanks. Mr. Anderson suggested that the GPS unit and Ford Expedition could be purchased in 2013 because of the savings in the budget by not hiring a third employee in Planning and Zoning. Mr. Anderson asked the Council to hire a third employee for the department that could focus on minute taking and issuing permits. John Moengen asked if field inspections could be done by an outside source so that the Planning and Zoning employees could remain in the office.

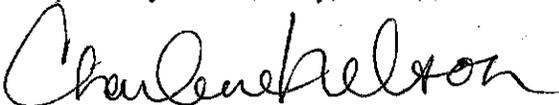
Chief Hartman's capital outlay budget for 2014 for the Police Department included a new squad car. Crown Victoria's are no longer being produced. The Dodge Charger was not well liked by the public safety community. The Police Department plans on purchasing the new Ford Taurus squad. As police departments switch squad types, new equipment needs to be purchased as well because they are not compatible with each other.

Ted Strand presented his capital outlay requests to the Council which included \$200,000 for a new plow truck. John Moengen stated that he and Mr. Strand have been looking for a demo or used truck in order to save money.

Mayor Schneider stated that there may be an expense in 2014 to conduct a feasibility study on Phase 2 of the Municipal Sewer System. Steve Roe asked if any grants were available for sewer expansion projects. Mr. Schneider would also like to see an amount in the budget for rewriting the Land Use Ordinance.

The next meeting for the Council to consider the 2014 Budget will be held August 16, 2013 at 9:00 A.M. There being no further business at 11:15 A.M., MOTION 08SP1-01-13 WAS MADE BY JOHN MOENGEN AND SECONDED BY DARRELL SCHNEIDER TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.

Respectfully submitted by,



Charlene Nelson
City Clerk

Deputy Clerk/Minutes/8-9-13