

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
CITY OF CROSSLAKE, MINNESOTA  
SPECIAL SESSION - August 26, 1987

The City Council of Crosslake, Minnesota met in a regular session on August 26, 1987 in the Council Chambers of City Hall. The following members were present: Mayor Oliver Courts, Councilmembers Elizabeth Andolshek, Lyle Arends and Diana Gallaway. Absent was Councilmember Oliver Yates. There were no members of the community present.

Mayor Courts called this meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and said that the primary purpose of this meeting was to go over the budgets. Mayor Courts indicated that the City has a shortfall of approximately \$44,493 so there was going to have to be some cuts in the preliminary budgets. Mayor Courts stated that with the three percent levy limit we had no choice but to cut because we could not get any more money.

Mayor Courts said that before any of the department budgets would be looked at some decision should be made regarding the amount of wage increases the employees would receive. MOTION NO. 8S-01-87 WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER ARENDS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER ANDOLSHEK TO GRANT A THREE PERCENT WAGE INCREASE TO CITY EMPLOYEES. After a brief discussion, MOTION WAS DECLARED NOT CARRIED AFTER ALL COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENTED VOTED NAY.

MOTION NO. 8S-02-87 WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER ARENDS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER GALLAWAY TO PROPOSE A TWENTY-FIVE CENT AN HOUR INCREASE TO ALL EMPLOYEES. After a brief discussion Clerk Buchite said she would like to have all departments present when pay raises were being discussed. Mayor Courts said that this increase would not be carved in stone but would give the Council some idea where to start for budgeting. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. Mayor Courts said he would like to see the department heads take this amount back to their employees and get their input on the increase for 1988.

The Street Department budget was the first on the schedule and present were Street Supervisor Pat Hoag and Road Commission member Dale Dickey. Mr. Dickey said the Commission realized that the Council wanted the Commission to try to cut budgets but that the street department budget had been cut for so many years they had no choice but to raise it. Mr. Dickey indicated that there were some roads that still needed to be blacktopped, some dirt roads that needed work and there are two bridges that need repairs. The Council reviewed all parts of the street budget at length and came up with a revised figure of \$135,743 which included \$10,000 for a study on the bridges. Clerk Buchite was requested to check with the County Assessor to see if just a few taxpayers can be assessed if the bridge or road improvement is mainly for their benefit.

The Park and Recreation budget was the next one the Council reviewed. Present were Patricia M. Felber, Park Director and Park Commission member Paul Schroeder. The only cut in the Park budget was for the recreational assistant. The revised park budget was \$50,071.

The next department to be reviewed was the Fire Department. Present was Fire Chief Bob Garin. Chief Garin stated that the City would have to be

looking at the purchase of a new pumper truck in the near future. Garin said the cost would be somewhere in the neighborhood of \$100,000 and he would like to start setting money aside for the purchase. The City will check with Don Engen's office before making any decisions on the purchase. The Fire Department budget was left as presented at \$48,010.

The Police Department was represented by Police Chief John Backdahl. Some minor revisions were made in the medicare and insurance with the budget left at \$97,698.

Administration, cemetery, city hall, planning and zoning, ambulance and election budgets were reviewed with several cuts being made in the administration budget.

After all the budgets were reviewed there was still a shortfall of about \$7,000. Clerk Buchite will retype the budgets and bring them back to the Council for more revisions.

The possibility of hiring a part-time employee who would be able to run the road grader and snow plow or hiring a new person for the street maintenance assistant was discussed. It was the consensus of the Council that it would probably be cheaper for the City to hire a part-time person rather than have to pay unemployment benefits. Road Supervisor Pat Hoag was requested to put an ad in the newspaper for a part-time person.

Mayor Courts said Councilmember Gallaway had the specifications ready for the remodeling of the new city hall and he would like to have Council action for the letting of the bids. MOTION NO. 8S-02-87 WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER ANDOLSHEK AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER GALLAWAY TO LET THE SPECIFICATIONS OUT FOR BIDS. MOTION PASSED WITH COUNCILMEMBER ARENDS ABSTAINING.

MOTION NO. 8S-04-87 WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER ARENDS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER GALLAWAY TO ADJOURN THIS SPECIAL COUNCIL SESSION AT 1:52 P.M. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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