

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF CROSSLAKE
THURSDAY, AUGUST 28, 2014
2:00 P.M. – CITY HALL

The Council for the City of Crosslake met in a Special Session on August 28, 2014 for the purpose of discussing the 2015 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, Public Works Director Ted Strand, Police Sergeant Erik Lee, Fire Chief Chip Lohmiller, and Park and Recreation Director Jon Henke. There were two people in the audience.

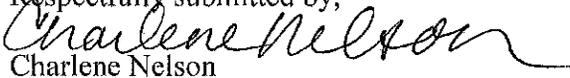
Mayor Schneider called the Special Council Meeting to order at 2:01 P.M. and turned the meeting over to Finance Director/Treasurer Mike Lyonais.

Mr. Lyonais responded to a question from the previous budget meeting and stated that the City would obtain a quote from 7Sigma for a new server for City Hall because Crosslake Communications is unable to provide that service. Mr. Lyonais walked the Council through the proposed changes he made in the 2015 revenues and expenditures in response to the last meeting. The Preliminary 2015 Tax Levy must be certified to the County Auditor-Treasurer on or before September 30, 2014. Mr. Lyonais noted that the Council should prioritize the capital projects and purchases. Dan Vogt encouraged the Council to start building a Capital Fund to be used for future capital expenses. Steve Roe questioned the status of reserves. Mike Lyonais responded that most of the reserves were used to pay for the tennis courts and ambulance addition in 2013, however, funds were remaining in the library donation and forfeiture funds.

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the need to raise the levy. John Moengen noted that the levy needs to keep up with the cost of inflation. Steve Roe stated that the maintenance to Manhattan Point Boulevard has been delayed over 4 years. If the Council is able to provide reasons for the levy increase, Mr. Moengen believes that the taxpayers will support it. Ted Strand expressed his concern that the Council used the money earmarked for a sewer study towards the Crosslake Communications study and stated that a sewer study is necessary. The Council discussed the ability of future councils to change the use of the reserves. The only way to avoid this would be to bond for projects. Dan Vogt spoke to the importance of a 5-Year plan for every department. The public is able to review and comment on the plans. The Council directed staff to bring 5-Year plans to the next budget meeting. It was the consensus of the Council that it is necessary to raise the levy.

The next budget meeting will be held Thursday, September 18, 2014 at 2:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers. There being no further business at 3:45 P.M., MOTION 08SP2-01-14 WAS MADE BY JOHN MOENGEN AND SECONDED BY STEVE ROE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.

Respectfully submitted by,


Charlene Nelson
City Clerk