

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
CITY OF CROSSLAKE MINNESOTA  
SPECIAL COUNCIL SESSION  
September 1, 1988  
1:00 p.m. at City Hall

The City Council of Crosslake Minnesota met in a special session on Thursday, September 1, 1988 in the Council Chambers of City Hall. The following Councilmembers were present: Mayor Oliver Courts, Lyle Arends, Diana Gallaway, Dean Swanson and Oliver Yates. Also present were City Clerk Arlene Buchite, Park Director Patricia Felber and approximately 11 citizens.

Mayor Courts called this meeting to order at approximately 1:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone present.

Mayor Courts stated the first order of business would be to ratify the City Clerk's signature on the Letter of Intent to suspend which was given to Ms. Patricia Felber. It had been stated in the Motion No. 8S2-02-88 that the Park Liaison sign the Letter of Intent to Suspend. MOTION NO. 9S1-01-88 WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER GALLAWAY TO RATIFY THE CITY CLERK'S SIGNATURE ON THE LETTER. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY DEAN SWANSON AND MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Discussion followed regarding the 10 day suspension of Ms. Felber. Mayor Courts informed Mr. Felber that she would need to submit a written request for a public hearing within ten days and the date for the public hearing would be set up between the City Attorney and Ms. Felber's attorney.

Discussion ensued regarding a replacement employee during Ms. Felber's suspension. The possibility of hiring a minimum wage employee to answer phones and questions was addressed. Green Thumb employee Howard Hutchins and City employee Tim McFeters would be utilized for as many hours as possible. Ms. Felber stated that the Community Center only needed to be open 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. unless an activity was scheduled for the evening. The possibility of having Howard work the first part of the week and Tim work the last part of the week was discussed. The CETA youth would be available to work part of the weekend.

Mayor Courts indicated that persons were needed to serve on the Park Commission and Marie Hoffman volunteered to be on the Commission. Mayor Courts indicated that Sandy Lager had volunteered to serve on the Commission also but Mr. Arends said he had talked to her and she did not seem to be interested.

The possibility of having Howard Hutchins work more hours than the Green Thumb is paying him for was discussed. Mr. Arends said he felt Ms. Felber should stay on because she is appealing this Intent to Suspend and she has not had a public hearing as yet.

Mayor Courts asked Mr. Gammello to comment on Mr. Arends statement. Mr. Gammello stated that it is possible that Ms. Felber may be compensated for her suspension time but she was served with a notice of intent to suspend and was given until August 31, 1988 to give the Council more information regarding the infractions. According to Mr. Gammello it was now up to the Council whether to uphold the suspension or to discharge the suspension if the Council feels that the memorandum from Ms. Felber on August 31, 1988

contained no new information and the Council ratifies the suspension it would start immediately or if the information was new and satisfied the Council's wish to receive more information then the Council could discharge the suspension, according to Mr. Gammello.

COUNCILMEMBER ARENDS MADE A MOTION TO DISCHARGE THE INTENT TO SUSPEND. MAYOR COURTS CALLED FOR A SECOND TO THE MOTION THREE TIMES AND THEN DECLARED THE MOTION DEAD FOR LACK OF A SECOND.

MOTION NO. 9S1-02-88 WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER SWANSON TO RATIFY THE INTENT TO SUSPEND. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER GALLAWAY AND PASSED WITH COUNCILMEMBER ARENDS VOTING NAY.

Councilmember Gallaway asked about scheduling a public hearing. Mr. Gammello said he would be in touch with Ms. Felber's attorney, Steven Van Drake to arrange such things as procedure, who will be making the decisions and to set a date that is mutually compatible. The use of a special arbitrator was discussed briefly with Mr. Gammello stating he would like to have the Council leave that decision up to the legal counsel.

Mayor Courts said he would like to call a special meeting of the Council and the Park Commission and since Marie Hoffman would like to serve on the Commission he would like to appoint her with Council approval. MOTION NO 9S1-03-88 WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER SWANSON AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER GALLAWAY TO APPOINT MARIE HOFFMAN TO THE PARK COMMISSION. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. The joint meeting was set up for Thursday, September 8, 1988 at 7:00 p.m.

MOTION NO. 9S1-04-88 WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER GALLAWAY AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER ARENDS TO APPOINT JOANN JERNALL TO THE PARK COMMISSION. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION NO. 9S1-05-88 WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER GALLAWAY TO PLACE MR. ARENDS IN AUTHORITY AT THE PARK FOR THE TERM OF THE TEN-DAY SUSPENSION OF THE PARK DIRECTOR. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SWANSON AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Gammello did make note of the fact that Ms. Felber was in the audience of this meeting and did have some input into the operation of the Park now in coordinating the changeover.

MOTION NO. 9S1-05-88 WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER GALLAWAY THAT IF NO ONE IS FOUND TO MAN THE PARK FACILITIES, THAT THE PARK BE CLOSED AND THAT THE HOURS BE POSTED ON THE DOOR. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SWANSON AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION NO. OS1-06-88 WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER ARENDS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SWANSON TO ADJOURN THIS SPECIAL COUNCIL SESSION AT 1:50 P.M. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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