

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
Crosslake, Minnesota
SPECIAL SESSION -- September 30, 1986
9:00 a.m. at City Hall

The City Council of Crosslake, Minnesota met in a special session on September 30, 1986 in the Council Chambers of City Hall. The following members were present: Mayor August Mezzenga and Councilmen Robert Allen, Oliver Courts, Orval Nelson and Oliver Yates. There were approximately two members of the community present. The City department heads whom were present for their portion of the meeting were: Streets, Pat Hoag; Police, Don Coulter, Acting Chief; Fire, Bob Garin, Chief; and Park and Recreation, Patricia Felber, Park Director.

Mayor Mezzenga called this special meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

MOTION NO. 9S-01-86 WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN ALLEN AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN NELSON TO GIVE CITY EMPLOYEES A \$.20 AN HOUR INCREASE ACROSS THE BOARD. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. It was the consensus of the Council that because the cost of living is not rising as fast as it has in the past few years, all City employees should receive a \$.20 an hour increase.

MOTION NO. 9S-02-86 WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN ALLEN AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN COURTS TO DEDICATE THE REMAINING 1986 FUNDS IN CAPITOL OUTLAY ACCOUNT TO BE USED FOR FUTURE PURCHASES OF EQUIPMENT FOR THE STREET OR MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT. Discussion was that the Street Department does need another piece of equipment and it should be budgeted for this year. A pay loader or machine, probably used, and not so large so as to make it useless on smaller jobs. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Police Department budget was presented by Don Coulter who addressed the fact that Robert Leonard, part time police officer, will be cutting back on his hours because of collecting his PERA. The Police Department would like to hire another part time officer to fill in the hours that officer Leonard cannot work. Mayor Mezzenga suggested the Council approve the budget to include \$.20 an hour raise for the part time officer salary, and let Chief Backdahl administer the working schedule to stay within the budget. Discussion ensued as to cost to the City for an extra officer for uniform costs, unemployment insurance, etc. Also, the feasibility of finding someone who would be willing to work so few hours a year. Officer Coulter said he did not believe it would be hard to find someone willing to work the hours and if need be the department could probably scrape up enough equipment and uniforms for him. Coulter stated, and the City Council agreed that Officer Leonard has been a good police officer and it will be up to Chief Backdahl to work out the scheduling.

Planning and Zoning Coordinator's commission was discussed briefly with Coordinator Kingstedt stating that his commissions were based on income for building permits, variances and signs. If there is added income, he will receive additional commissions.

Patricia Felber and Tom Mezzenga presented a revised budget to the Council. Clerk Buchite was instructed to rework the figures for the Director's salary since they did not reflect the pay equity increase which was to be

implemented January 1 of 1987, plus the \$.20 an hour increase. The FICA and PERA would also need to be refigured.

The dividend from the Telephone Company was discussed. It was the consensus of the Council that the Telephone Company should be able to pay a \$60,000 dividend to the City. Since they are a government entity they do not pay taxes and therefore, should help support the City. Mayor Mezzenga questioned whether the Cable TV installation included Mission as they are installing it in that area.

Administration budget was to have the telephone split with the planning and zoning office. Receipts for the City were discussed. Mayor Mezzenga directed Clerk Buchite to write a letter to Park Director Felber that in the future, all park receipts were to be turned over to the City Clerk once every week with a copy of the park receipt attached.

MOTION NO. 9S-03-86 WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN YATES AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN ALLEN TO REMOVE THE HOSPITAL DEDUCTIBLE FROM THE PAYROLL ACCOUNTS AND CHARGE IT TO THE EMPLOYEES DEPARTMENT IF AN EMPLOYEES MEETS HIS DEDUCTIBLE AND WANTS REIMBURSEMENT FOR ONE-HALF OF IT. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Bill Meyer from Gentech Design, Inc. arrived at 12:00 noon to discuss the plans for a new City Hall. Mr. Meyer's estimated cost for construction would be in the range of \$195,400 to \$244,600. Discussion ensued as to whether this Council should make the final decision of building or to let the new Council decide what to do. Councilman Nelson said he felt this Council should at least go on record to say that they favor building now before any of the Revenue Sharing monies are lost. Councilman Courts stated that if close to 80 percent of the people were against a new building he would not be in favor of it. The Council will make their decision known at the next regular Council meeting on October 14, 1986. The Revenue Sharing monies will also be dedicated at that time. This Council feels it would be best to make the building decision and not to put the burden on a new Council.

MOTION NO. 9S-04-86 WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN NELSON AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN ALLEN TO ADJOURN THIS SPECIAL COUNCIL SESSION AT 12:33 P.M. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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