

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
CITY OF CROSSLAKE MINNESOTA  
REGULAR COUNCIL SESSION  
OCTOBER 10, 1994  
7:00 P.M. CITY HALL

The Council for the City of Crosslake, Minnesota met in the Council Chambers of City Hall on Monday, October 10, 1994. The following Councilmembers were present: Mayor Kurt Anderson, Lyle Arends, Charles Miller, Dean Swanson and Jack Webster. Also present was City Attorney Paul Sandelin, City Clerk Arlene Buchite, Reporters Christine DuFour and Jean Paul Hudon and approximately 50 residents.

Mayor Anderson called the Regular Council Meeting to order at 7:05 P.M.

MOTION 10R-01-94 WAS MADE BY DEAN SWANSON AND SECONDED BY CHUCK MILLER TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR: (1) MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 12, 1994 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AND: (2) THE CLERK/TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER, 1994. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The September Telephone Company and Cablevision's Financial Reports were not available for the meeting due to the installation of their new computer system.

CLERK'S REPORT - MOTION 10R-02-94 WAS MADE BY LYLE ARENDS AND SECONDED BY JACK WEBSTER TO PAY ALL BILLS CONSISTING OF: (1) JOHN DEERE TRACTOR FINAL PAYMENT OF \$4,076.78; (2) PERA FOR EXCESS POLICE FUNDS FOR \$5,260.84; (3) CROSSLAKE SANITATION FOR \$600.00; (4) GAMMELLO AND SANDELIN, P.A. FOR \$800.00 AND; (4) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BILLS FOR ANDERSON BROTHERS FOR \$2,750.00, GAMMELLO AND SANDELIN, P.A. FOR \$57.15, GOPHER STATE PAYMENT NO. 6 FOR \$23,156.82 AND BRAUN INTERTEC FOR \$1,672.90. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The executed Quit Claim Deed for the Swann Property and an update from Northern National Bank were included in the Council packets as information items only.

Don Engen was present to give a report on alternative financing for the proposed Community Center project. Also present from his committee were Sheila Haverkamp of Brainerd Lakes Area Development Corporation, Auggie Mezzenga, resident and Dennis Palm, Director of Parks and Recreation for Brooklyn Park and a part-time resident. He stated that since the City's debt is relatively low there are various means of obtaining money. He mentioned the following ten options: (1) the City's Economic Development Authority and its capability to levy; (2) a loan from the Crosslake Telephone Company through REA; (3) Revolving Fund which is a relatively new program available under REA which is an interest free, non-repayable loan using monies from the Telephone Company as a long term economic fund; (4) Minnesota Initiative Fund loan, however, there would be a low probability of receiving this; (5) General Obligation Bonds

again a low probability; (6) Tax Increment Financing with the entire City being considered a TIF district; (7) First American Bank's interest in a loan to the City; (8) McKnight Foundation as program funding versus a facility type fund; (9) Public Corporation and IRRRB (Iron Range Resource Rehabilitation Board) and; (10) a Crow Wing Cooperative loan.

He suggested that once the Council decides what type of building to construct and the costs to be incurred, some financial planning should be done to consider operating costs. He also recommended that as the Council goes forward they consider looking at a five, ten or fifteen year plan of what they want the City of Crosslake to be and incorporate other long range plans such as senior citizen projects or city sewer along with the initial plan. He feels that a commission should be re-established to discuss specific funding alternatives.

Ray Smyth, Chairman of the Community Center Advisory Committee, presented two proposed designs for the new Community Center which had been prepared by Bonestroo, Rosene, Anderlik and Associates. One design uses the existing slab and the other is constructed on a new foundation. Both options are designed so the front of the building faces Daggett Pine Road. Option #2 uses the existing foundation and contains most of the items that were identified by the study committee as a result of the community survey. There are two meeting rooms 30'x30' in size, a 20'x20' kitchen, storage rooms in two areas, a gymnasium with a junior high size basketball floor with a running and walking track around the gym, locker room facilities, coat hanging space along the corridor and office and lobby space. Two dotted areas, identified as alternates, contain space for storage and a weight and exercise room.

Option #3 uses a new foundation and moves the building to the East of the location of the existing slab. It contains all of the recommendations that were found in the survey. Two meeting rooms 30'x30' in size, a kitchen 20'x20', a gym 74'x46' for the basketball floor, a running and walking track around the gym, storage area at the end of the gym large enough to include storage of a portable stage and space above for the mechanical and utility rooms, an exercise and weight room, locker room facilities, office and lobby space.

Site plans including parking areas, tennis courts, ball fields, the new building and drain fields were also shown. Cost estimates were the same for either of the two designs and both contained the same square footage.

Different opinions had been received in regards to using the old slab and since the design using the new foundation makes more efficient use of space, the advisory committee strongly suggested not using the design with the old slab.

MOTION 10R-03-94 WAS MADE BY CHUCK MILLER AND SECONDED BY DEAN SWANSON TO USE THE NEW FOUNDATION AND PROCEED WITH DRAWING #3 WHICH

SHOWS THE STAGE/STORAGE AREA AT THE END OF THE BUILDING. THIS OPTION ALLOWS FOR COMPLETION OF THE ENTIRE BUILDING, THE PORTION CONTAINING THE MEETING ROOMS OR THE PORTION CONTAINING THE GYMNASIUM, DEPENDING ON COST. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Council authorized Bonestroo, Rosene, Anderlik and Associates to proceed with drawings and cost estimates. A special meeting was scheduled for November 10th at 7:00 P.M. at City Hall for the Council to meet with the architect and the Advisory Committee.

Jack Stone made a preliminary request for approval from the Council for Tax Increment Financing on a new nine hole golf course. The majority of the Council was in favor of TIF until such time as the City loses local government aid. It was suggested that he work with Ehlers and Associates and obtain more detailed information to present to the Council at a later date.

Arlene Buchite read the Data Privacy Resolution which had been prepared by the City Attorney. This resolution appoints the City Clerk as the responsible authority for purposes of administering the requirements under the Minnesota Data Practices Act for collection, storage, use and dissemination of data within the City.

MOTION 10R-04-94 WAS MADE BY CHUCK MILLER AND SECONDED BY LYLE ARENDS TO APPROVE THE DATA PRIVACY RESOLUTION APPOINTING THE CITY CLERK AS THE RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Written procedures will be drafted defining what information is available to the public and who the authority can be delegated to in the City Clerk's absence. These will be available for review at the next Council meeting.

**MAYOR'S REPORT** - Information on types of projects community leaders could jointly become involved in and an organization chart defining members and various roles was included in the Council packets for information only.

Some of the equipment which had previously been used for the annual Halloween party was burned in the Community Center fire. Donations of plywood and other materials had been received for the fun house, however, paint and other items are still needed.

MOTION 10R-05-94 WAS MADE BY DEAN SWANSON AND SECONDED BY CHUCK MILLER TO GIVE \$100.00 TO BUY THE MATERIAL NEEDED FOR THE FUN HOUSE. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Halloween party will be held in the garage of the Emergency Services Center. The basement of City Hall was offered as a storage place for the fun house after Halloween.

Mayor Anderson read a letter from the Game and Fish Club expressing their appreciation to the Council for allowing the flea market to continue at its current location.

**PLANNING AND ZONING** - Ordinance #61 which deals with mandatory

collection and disposal of solid waste came before the Council. Section 4 had been revised upon request of the Council at the September 12th meeting.

MOTION 10R-06-94 WAS MADE BY JACK WEBSTER AND SECONDED BY CHUCK MILLER TO ADOPT ORDINANCE #61 DEALING WITH SOLID WASTE. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Teri Hastings requested that approval be given to publish a summary of the Ordinance.

MOTION 10R-07-94 WAS MADE BY JACK WEBSTER AND SECONDED BY CHUCK MILLER TO APPROVE THE PUBLISHING OF A SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE #61. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**UTILITIES** - Losses at the Utilities Company as a result of the lightning hit will be reimbursed by the insurance company. The new computer is up and running and, due to the changeover, the financial reports for September were not available for this meeting.

Dick Hubbard had obtained a copy of Baxter's Ordinance which defines the criteria established to augment and enforce compliance with companies they work with such as Mueller Pipeline and NSP. Dick hopes to have something similar drafted for review at the next Utilities meeting.

**PUBLIC WORKS** - A petition had been received from the property owners on East Shore Road, which is also known as Lucky Strike Road, to blacktop that road with the owners paying 100% of the assessment. Clarification on property lines and a verification that 75% of the owners have signed the petition will be made prior to the next meeting.

Specifications are being worked on for a new dump truck. It may take up to 120 days to get a truck once it is bid. If necessary, a truck could be leased should the old truck break down. These specifications will be available at the next Council meeting.

The timbers for Sunrise Island Bridge will be delivered this week and work will begin as soon as possible.

**PUBLIC SAFETY** - The Fire Department responded to 10 medical emergencies and 1 fire call in September.

A request to recruit EMT's for the Crosslake area had been received from North Ambulance since they are in dire need of technicians. Interested persons should contact 829-8767 and ask for Brian or Stan. Classes will be conducted in November to train new EMT's. North Ambulance will reimburse anyone who passes the test and works for North Ambulance for a minimum of four months.

The Police Department was the recipient of a free facsimile machine from the Minnesota Police Chiefs Association valued at \$600.00.

The Police Department responded to 89 calls in September.

**PARK AND RECREATION** - A letter from the insurance company showed the claim to the City for the Community Center at \$219,000.

MOTION 10R-08-94 WAS MADE BY DEAN SWANSON AND SECONDED BY CHUCK MILLER TO ACCEPT THE \$219,000 OFFER AS A SETTLEMENT ON THE COMMUNITY CENTER. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Work is being done on the ice skating rink to install team boxes and penalty boxes so a bona fide hockey game can be played.

MOTION 10R-09-94 WAS MADE BY DEAN SWANSON AND SECONDED BY LYLE ARENDS TO ADVERTISE FOR WARMING HOUSE ATTENDANTS FOR THE ICE RINK. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**RECYCLING** - A letter was submitted from Allen Benson requesting an increase to \$950.00 per month to continue the recycling program. The City will be reimbursed with SCORE (Select Committee on Recycling and the Environment) monies which is approved by the County Commissioners but funded by the State of Minnesota.

MOTION 10R-10-94 WAS MADE BY LYLE ARENDS AND SECONDED BY CHUCK MILLER TO GRANT THE INCREASE TO ALLEN BENSON OF CROSSLAKE SANITATION TO A TOTAL OF \$950.00 PER MONTH. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**LONG RANGE CAPITAL PLANNING** - The Council would like to see a Commission re-established for long range capital planning. The October newsletter will recruit interested individuals to serve in this capacity. At a later date, a Commission will be established by the Council.

**CEMETERY** - Nothing

**PERSONNEL** - Nothing

**NEW BUSINESS** - An inquiry had been received regarding the sale or lease of the old fire hall. The Council unanimously agreed that they were not interested in relinquishing the building at this time.

**OLD BUSINESS** -

**PUBLIC FORUM** -

MOTION 10R-11-94 WAS MADE BY CHUCK MILLER AND SECONDED BY LYLE ARENDS TO ADJOURN THE COUNCIL MEETING AT 8:46 P.M. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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