

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
Crosslake, Minnesota
REGULAR SESSION - October 14, 1985

The City Council of Crosslake, Minnesota met in a regular session on October 14, 1985 in the Council Room of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Mayor August Mezzenga, Councilmen Robert Allen, Orval Nelson and Oliver Yates. There were approximately 25 people from the community present.

I. Mayor Mezzenga called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and announced that the public hearing for Revenue Sharing would not be heard until the November Council meeting because notice of the public hearing had not been published in the legal newspaper.

I. A. Appointment of new Councilman.

Mayor Mezzenga asked for anyone interested in the open Council position to stand and state their name and a little information about them and their reasons for seeking appointment to the Council. Oliver Courts owner of Lakeside Senic Motel, and Roger Burshem co-owner of Total Rental both professed an interest in the position. MOTION NO. 10-01-85 WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN NELSON AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN YATES TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION TO APPOINT OLIVER COURTS TO THE VACANT COUNCIL SEAT. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. City Clerk Buchite then swore in Councilman Courts and he took his seat on the City Council.

II. CONSENT CALENDAR - Minutes of September 9, 1985 regular session, minutes of September 23, 1985 special session, Clerk/Treasurer's financial report for September and the Telephone Company's financial report for September.

MOTION NO. 10-02-85 WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN ALLEN AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN COURTS TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

III. A. Preliminary approval of the Second Addition to Timberlane plat by Mike Landecker of Landecker and Associates.

Mr. Landecker informed the Council this was for preliminary approval of the Second Addition and not final approval as stated on the Agenda. He stated the addition consisted of two 20,000 square foot lots and an area 81/100 of an acre in size for parking, sewage disposal and a playground. The Council questioned the available access for the first addition to the sewage disposal area and also what size pipes would be used and at what date would they all be hooked up to the sewage disposal system. Mr. Landecker said the Homeowners Association would have to handle the situation but that access was provided for the first twelve lots down the lane. Because of the concerns of the sewage system, MOTION NO. 10-03-85 WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN NELSON TO TABLE APPROVAL OF THE PRELIMINARY PLAT FOR THE SECOND ADDITION TO TIMBERLANE UNTIL THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION HAS A CHANCE TO MEET AND REVIEW AND MAKE SOME RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN YATES AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IV. CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk Buchite reported on a letter which was sent to a property owner in Crosslake regarding a parked and abandoned automobile. The police department has received numerous complaints regarding the auto. The property owner signed a receipt showing he received the letter but has not removed the auto. Ordinance 7.22 of the City Code was cited which allows the owner seven days to remove the item or it would be removed and the property assessed the cost of removal. Clerk Buchite was instructed to call the County Assessor's Office to see how this could be handled.

V. MAYOR' S REPORT

Mayor Mezzenga thanked the various department heads for their conduct during the preliminary budget reviews. He said he knew some of the cuts make it hard but they were to be commended for their actions.

Mayor Mezzenga commented on a petition which was handed to the City Clerk this week by Dr. Terry May on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce. The petition was to try to get the Council to encourage the Crow Wing County Commission to make necessary provisions to hasten construction of the bridge over the Pine River on the South end of Crosslake to ensure that the new span is passable before the onset of Winter. Mayor Mezzenga said that all residents of the area would like to see the bridge completed before Winter and that the construction of the new bridge is quite a bit ahead of schedule. They are doing everything possible to get it done as soon as they can.

Mayor Mezzenga stated that the Ad-Hoc Committee is awaiting the proposed plan for road repairs and replacement from Widseth, Smith and Nolting and will address the issue of roads within the next two weeks. The proposed cost of the road replacement and repairs amounts to between \$1,500,000 and \$2,000,000. City Hall remodeling and renovation is being discussed by the Committee at present with the work to be financed by monies available in the treasury. The Committee does not expect to place a special assessment on property owners for the remodeling.

Bill Heiserer of the Park Commission requested the Council reconsider the cut in the park budget for a recreation assistant, supplies and maintenance. Mayor Mezzenga said he was a little nervous because of the \$40,000 which was taken out of the road budget and put into City Hall remodeling but hoped that the Telephone Co. dividend could be increased to help out the road budget. The Council did not make any changes in the proposed budget. MOTION NO. 10-04-85 WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN ALLEN AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN NELSON TO APPROVE THE 1986 BUDGET AS PROPOSED FOR \$378,248. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

VI. A. Building

Nothing

VI. B. Cemetery

Mayor Mezzenga appointed Councilman Courts as liaison for the Cemetery and also liaison to the Park Commission.

VI. C. Park

Vickie Leonard of the Park Commission said they are meeting with the Hockey Association to set up dates and times for practice and games. The Park Commission will be setting up dates for open skating.

VI. D. Personnel

Councilman Nelson reported that the Pay Equity report to the State was filed by the deadline. He said according to the report the raised for female employees will be higher than normal. Councilman Nelson also addressed a letter he had received from Bankers Life Insurance who is the insurance carrier for the City. He said the Bankers Life contract states all employees who work at least 25 hours a week must be covered with hospital insurance or at least life insurance.

VI. E. Planning and Zoning

Planning and Zoning Coordinator Kingstedt briefed the Council on the letter the City had received from City Attorney Tom Firzpatrick regarding the lawsuit, Rosequist v/ City of Crosslake. After some discussion MOTION NO. 10-05-85 WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN ALLEN AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN NELSON TO ACCEPT PROPOSAL NUMBER TWO FROM THE OCTOBER 2, 1985 LETTER FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

VI. F. Public Safety

Mayor Mezzenga and Councilman Nelson both commented on phone calls that they had received from Terry Moberg of Brainerd Ambulance regarding wages that may have to be paid if the ambulance crew stays overnight in the ambulance garage. Some kind of a waiver system was discussed as a possibility. The Mayor requested that Police Chief Backdahl keep on top of any problems that may arise.

VI. G. Roads

Mayor Mezzenga said he had received a letter from Road Commission Chairman Walt Kocan indicating he would be gone for the remainder of the fall and winter months. The Mayor suggested the Road Commission elect a chairman in Mr. Kocan's absence.

VI. H. Telephone

No report from the Commission. Mayor Mezzenga reported that he had attended a meeting and that the Commission was talking about possibly adding a couple more channels to the Cablevision. He said he felt the Commission should address the issue of the 6 percent interest on the \$563,851 liability the Cablevision has to the Telephone Company.

Helen Fraser said that the Commission has been awaiting word from either the City Clerk or the Council regarding the dividend the Telephone Co. expects to pay. Mayor Mezzenga stated that through all the discussion on budgets the Council is letting the Telephone Co. know that the City is expecting something different.

VII. A. Police Department

Only one bid was received for the purchase of a new police car. MOTION NO. 10-06-85 WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN NELSON AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN ALLEN TO NOT OPEN THE ONE BID RECEIVED AND ADVERTISE FOR ADDITIONAL BIDS FOR THE NEW POLICE CAR. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

Nothing

IX. PUBLIC FORUM

Jim Dutcher, a Crosslake property owner, spoke about the County clear cutting land in his area without an up-to-date survey. He said the County informed him that they had an "informal but accurate survey". He said he also felt more should be printed in the papers regarding the new trespassing laws.

X. ADJOURN

MOTION NO. 10-07-85 WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN ALLEN AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN COURTS TO ADJOURN THIS REGULAR SESSION AT 10:35 P.M. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY,

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