

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
CITY OF CROSSLAKE MINNESOTA  
REGULAR COUNCIL SESSION  
NOVEMBER 13, 1995  
7:00 P.M. CITY HALL

The Council for the City of Crosslake, Minnesota, met in the Council Chambers of City Hall on Monday, November 13, 1995. The following Councilmembers were present: Mayor David M. Kolesar, Jane M. Michaud, Charles O. Miller, Raymond P. Smyth and John (Jack) R. Webster. Also present was City Clerk Arlene A. Buchite, City Attorney Paul Sandelin, Reporter Jean Paul Hudon and approximately 27 citizens.

Mayor Kolesar called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

**CRITICAL ISSUES -**

1. Proposed Road Policy - This issue had been tabled from the October Meeting to allow the Council time to review the proposed policy.  
MOTION 11R-01-95 WAS MADE BY CHUCK MILLER AND SECONDED BY JANE MICHAUD TO APPROVE THE ROAD POLICY AS PRESENTED WITH THE EXCLUSION OF THE ASSESSMENT POLICY. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. North Ambulance - Gary Pearson, Regional Manager of North Ambulance, addressed the Council and explained the cost and expenses associated with maintaining their service. He indicated that staffing had been a problem in the past, however, North Memorial, owner of North Ambulance, is looking at changing the way the Crosslake staff is paid which should improve the situation. He explained how revenue is generated in terms of calls versus transports. In cases where treatment is performed at the site for a victim, and no transport is required, a scene charge of 50% of the transport charge is billed. There is no charge if the ambulance is dispatched and the patient refuses treatment or transport. In Crosslake the cost of maintaining the service is a break even operation.

3. Game and Fish Transient Merchant Permit - This issued had been tabled from the October meeting since no one from the Club was present. Mr. Harry Head was present at this meeting and explained the importance of the Club in the community, how income is derived, what expenses are incurred and the importance of keeping the flea market at the current site. Jane Michaud had spoken to County Engineer Duane Blanck and he has agreed to extend the yellow marking area on the curb which will make the access safer for pedestrians and should help with the traffic problem.  
MOTION 11R-02-95 WAS MADE BY CHUCK MILLER AND SECONDED BY JACK WEBSTER TO APPROVE THE TRANSIENT MERCHANT PERMIT FOR 1996. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. Request to Eliminate Fee for 55 Alive - Doris Palmer had spoken to Mayor Kolesar and indicated that she is currently looking at finding an alternate source to pay the usage fee for the 55 Alive classes which are currently being held at the Emergency Services Center. No action was taken on this item.

**CONSENT CALENDAR -**

MOTION 11R-03-95 WAS MADE BY RAY SMYTH AND SECONDED BY CHUCK MILLER TO APPROVE ALL ITEMS ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR CONSISTING OF: (1) MINUTES OF OCTOBER 9, 1995 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING; (2) MINUTES OF OCTOBER 25TH SPECIAL COUNCIL SESSION; (3) MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 1, 1995 PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING; (4) CLERK/TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT FOR OCTOBER, 1995; (5) CABLEVISION'S FINANCIAL REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER, 1995; AND (6) TELEPHONE COMPANY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER, 1995. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**CLERK'S REPORT -**

MOTION 11R-04-95 WAS MADE BY JACK WEBSTER AND SECONDED BY RAY SMYTH TO APPROVE ALL BILLS FOR PAYMENT CONSISTING OF: (1) BLADC FOR ONE HALF OF THE PAYMENT DUE OF \$550.00; (2) CROSSLAKE SANITATION FOR RECYCLING OF \$950.00; (3) GAMMELLO & SANDELIN, P.A. OF \$1,201.25; (4) H&L MESABI FOR BLADES OF 1,429.82; (5) BUILD ALL LUMBER FOR CABINETS AT ESC OF \$4,241.45 AND; (6) EDA PAYMENT OF \$14,130.00 FOR INTEREST AND \$10,000.00 ON THE PRINCIPAL. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

A request was heard to close City Hall on the Friday following Thanksgiving.

MOTION 11R-05-95 WAS MADE BY CHUCK MILLER AND SECONDED BY JANE MICHAUD TO CLOSE CITY OFFICES ON FRIDAY AFTER THANKSGIVING. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

This closing would include all City Offices with the exception of the Police Department.

The renewal of Charitable Gambling for the Lion's Club was heard.

MOTION 11R-06-95 WAS MADE BY JACK WEBSTER AND SECONDED BY CHUCK MILLER TO APPROVE THE CHARITABLE GAMBLING LICENSES FOR THE LIONS CLUB AT YE OLD WHARF, ECHO RIDGE, RIVERSIDE INN, OX LAKE TAVERN, MERMAID BAIT AND MOONLITE BAY. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**MAYOR'S REPORT -**

On Wednesday, November 15th an Information meeting will be held at the Emergency Services Center with surrounding Town Board members and City Council members. Guest speakers will include Kris Hasskamp, who will give an update on activities at the legislature and Dean Swanson and Pat Eyestone who will provide an update on the Enhanced 911 system.

Any person or organization interested in donating money for the purchase of Christmas decorations for the Emergency Services Center were encouraged to contact City Hall.

**COMMISSION REPORTS -**

**PLANNING AND ZONING -**

A workshop was held on November 2nd to review Ordinance #75 concerning the limited commercial area and the landscaping of

commercial property. Another session is scheduled for November 21st at 8:15 A.M.

There were 54 permits issued in October of this year versus 46 in 1994. Year-to-date 415 permits have been issued versus 465 a year ago.

A request from the Planning and Zoning Commission to approve a preliminary plat for D&M Addition on Daggett Pine Road was discussed. City Attorney Paul Sandelin asked if all requirements would be met before the final plat would be submitted. Paul McCulloch, one of the developers for D&M Addition, assured the attorney they would be.

MOTION 11R-07-95 WAS MADE BY JACK WEBSTER AND SECONDED BY RAY SMYTH TO APPROVE THE PRELIMINARY PLAT FOR D&M ADDITION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### PUBLIC WORKS/CEMETERY -

The old dump truck was sold outright for \$5,000.00. Bids had been requested twice previously but none were for the minimum requested. Council had been polled previously for approval.

The Public Works Commission recommended that Pat Hoag attend the annual Fall Public Works Seminar. Jim Kolstad will meet Pat at the seminar and they will shop to determine the possibility of purchasing a good used road grader.

The Commission recommended the Council approve acquiring 66' of right-of-way for Wilderness Road. After some discussion regarding the problems associated with the road due to its width and the cost of acquiring the property, a motion was made by Chuck Miller and seconded by Ray Smyth to acquire 66' of road right-of-way. A second motion was made by Ray Smyth to authorize the City Attorney to begin the process toward acquiring 66' of right-of-way for Wilderness Road. This motion died for lack of a second. When the Mayor called for a vote on the first motion by Chuck Miller it did not pass with Jane Michaud and Chuck Miller voting aye and Jack Webster, Ray Smyth and Mayor Kolesar voting nay.

MOTION 11R-08-95 WAS MADE BY JACK WEBSTER AND SECONDED BY RAY SMYTH TO HAVE THE CITY ENGINEER AND CITY ATTORNEY SUBMIT A PROPOSAL AND COST ESTIMATE FOR SECURING A 66' RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR WILDERNESS PARK ROAD. MOTION CARRIED WITH CHUCK MILLER VOTING NAY.

A letter had been received from property owners on White Oak Drive which Chuck Miller read into the record. This letter expressed the disappointment of several of the residents with the Council's decision to remove the posts at the end of White Oak Drive. Jeff Wurdeman was present to represent the property owners. Chuck Miller commented that the road is a City street not a private road. With the posts up, the City is required to plow two dead end streets with no means of turning equipment around. He also mentioned the concern with emergency vehicles getting through.

It was the Council's decision to not replace the posts.

UTILITIES -

The Commission recommended Council approval for the appointment of Jay Andolshek as alternate member of the Utilities Commission.

MOTION 11R-09-95 WAS MADE BY JACK WEBSTER AND SECONDED BY JANE MICHAUD TO APPOINT JAY ANDOLSHEK AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER OF THE UTILITIES COMMISSION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The need to upgrade equipment to support Internet requires an investment of \$8,000.00 and the Commission recommended Council approval to expend the money.

MOTION 11R-10-95 WAS MADE BY JACK WEBSTER AND SECONDED BY CHUCK MILLER TO APPROVE \$8,000.00 TO UPGRADE THE INTERNET EQUIPMENT AT THE TELEPHONE COMPANY. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PUBLIC SAFETY -

A need for a shooting ordinance is still under review by the Commission but will not be the subject of a Public Hearing until next year.

The Commission reviewed the financial situation involved with keeping North Ambulance in Crosslake and requested approval to send a letter to neighboring communities using the service requesting monetary support from them.

MOTION 11R-11-95 WAS MADE BY JANE MICHAUD AND SECONDED BY JACK WEBSTER TO APPROVE OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION SENDING A LETTER TO ENCOURAGE OTHER COMMUNITIES TO PAY A SUBSIDY TO HELP SUPPORT THE AMBULANCE SERVICE. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

In October, the Police Department reported 91 incidents in Crosslake and 19 in Mission Township.

The Fire Department responded to 4 medical emergencies and one mutual aid structure fire in October.

There was no ambulance report available.

LONG RANGE CAPITAL PLANNING -

The total plans for adding on to the Emergency Services Center to house City Hall are available. The cost of the move will be available within the next two weeks and the Mayor requested the Councilmembers review the information and discuss at the next Council meeting.

The Catholic Church will be submitting a proposal to the City regarding the road issue.

Sandcrest Association sent a letter to the City which showed the results of a poll they had sent to their members regarding the City using a portion of their land for a second ballfield. The poll results showed 53 members opposed and 18 in favor of the ballfield.

PERSONNEL -

Union negotiations are continuing and, hopefully, some progress can be made in the next few weeks.

PARK AND RECREATION -

The Community Center Planning Committee had met to review color selections and to discuss the fireplace proposed for the Community Center. The Committee did not recommend spending the money for the fireplace, however, Ray Smyth later contacted Northern States Power and received a verbal agreement from them to donate a gas fireplace to the Community Center.

Bids had been received from four firms for the well at the Community Center. These bids were from North Star Drilling for \$10,857.00; Northland Drilling for \$12,811.00; Lambert Water Wells for \$13,067.00 and L.T.P. Enterprises for \$13,900.00.

The existing well will not be capped but will be used for sprinkling purposes and for the picnic area if the old slab is utilized.

MOTION 11R-12-95 WAS MADE BY RAY SMYTH AND SECONDED BY CHUCK MILLER TO AWARD THE WELL CONTRACT TO NORTH STAR WELL DRILLING AS THE LOW BIDDER OF \$10,857.00 LESS THE CAPPING OF THE OLD WELL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$492.00. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The ceremonial groundbreaking for the Community Center was held on Monday, November 6th. The actual construction has been delayed awaiting a revision in the Certificate of Insurance and for drawings of the rebar reinforcements.

The Planning Committee had selected earthtone colors for the exterior of the building at a recent meeting and these color samples were shown to the Councilmembers.

City Engineer Jeff Miller has begun his study on the master plan for the City park. The site for a second baseball field will be pursued.

A job description for a Park and Recreation Director had been developed by the Commission.

MOTION 11R-13-95 WAS MADE BY RAY SMYTH AND SECONDED BY JANE MICHAUD TO APPROVE THE PRELIMINARY JOB DESCRIPTION FOR THE PARK AND RECREATION DIRECTOR WITH A CHANGE IN THE LAST SENTENCE TO READ "PERFORMS SUCH OTHER DUTIES AS MAY BE ASSIGNED BY THE CITY COUNCIL". MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Commission recommended that Robert Garin be appointed to the Park and Recreation Commission.

MOTION 11R-14-95 WAS MADE BY RAY SMYTH AND SECONDED BY JANE MICHAUD TO APPROVE ROBERT GARIN TO THE PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**RECYCLING -**

As of December 1, 1995, Crosslake Sanitation will have in place a permanent drop site on the West side of County Road #3 between the two nurseries.

In October there were 84 participants at the drop site. A total of 71.04 tons have been recycled year-to-date from the drop site and curbside pick up.

Ray Smyth thanked the volunteers who have assisted with the recycling program at the City garage.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY -**

The Tax Increment Financing program is being looked into and the EDA will be working with the Long Range Planning Commission on this issue.

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE -**

The regular meetings had been put on hold due to the members involvement with the school referendum, however, they will be holding a meeting to review their purpose and mission.

**NEW BUSINESS -** Nothing

**OLD BUSINESS -**

Chuck Miller mentioned the need to put a shooting ordinance in place and he will address the issue at the next Council meeting.

**PUBLIC FORUM -**

Ray Midlo commented on the recent decrease in gas prices and his on-going personal war on gas prices since 1993. He also commented on Section 6.12 of the Ordinance relating to snowmobiles and the need to put up speed limit signs.

MOTION 11R-15-95 WAS MADE BY RAY SMYTH AND SECONDED BY JANE MICHAUD TO ADJOURN THIS REGULAR COUNCIL SESSION AT 8:28 P.M. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Recorded and edited by:



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