

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
CITY OF CROSSLAKE, MINNESOTA  
SPECIAL MEETING NOVEMBER 17, 1987  
9:30 a.m. at City Hall

The City Council of Crosslake, Minnesota met in a special session on Tuesday, November 17, 1987 in the Council Chambers of City Hall. The following members were present: Mayor Oliver K. Courts, Councilmembers Elizabeth Andolshek, Lyle Arends and Diana Gallaway. Councilmember Oliver Yates was absent. There were approximately 6 members of the community present.

Mayor Courts indicated that this was not a public hearing but was just a special council meeting to review changes in the Utilities Ordinance. Mayor Courts proceeded to read the ordinance aloud.

Section 5.03 of the Ordinance deals with vacancies, removal and resignations and refers to the Commission Guide. Mayor Courts read from with Commission Guide. A citizen present asked about appointments and if the Council could remove a Commission member. Discussion ensued. Councilmember Gallaway said she felt the Council should be able to remove a commission member but it would take the complete Council and not just a quorum. Mayor Courts said he did not feel that there should be a problem since the whole commission is not appointed at one time but rather like a couple new appointments a year and the Mayor approves the appointments. The consensus was that the Commission Policies are reviewed annually and changes can be made at that time.

*Corrected to  
read "Mayor  
makes appointments  
and the whole  
Council approves  
the appointments  
at the Dec 14,  
1987 meeting"*

The annual dividend to the City was discussed. The new ordinance sets up a monthly fee per subscriber to be paid to the City with the City Council having the option to raise or lower this fee. Anthony Mayer, General Manager said if this had been in effect this year the City would have collected \$72,000.00. (As it was the City collected \$60,000.00 for the dividend plus \$6,000.00 for rent and \$3,150.00 for one-half of the Council salaries.)

Mayor Courts proceeded to read a letter from the City Attorney James Gammello regarding the proposed Policy Guide and Ordinance. The letter stated that there is no doubt that the City of Crosslake may own and operate a telephone company and that under Minnesota Law a municipality may only delegate authority for administrative functions. Mr. Gammello states, "If the Council established a fixed standard for rule to guide the subordinates of the telephone company, the delegation is permissible." Discussion ensued regarding liaisons and conflicts of interest.

The new policy states that the General Manager can make expenditures of up to \$2,500.00 without prior approval and the Commission shall have the authority to make capital expenditures of up to \$15,000.00 (legal bid limit established by the State of Minnesota). Councilmember Gallaway asked if these expenditures were normally for items that were in their budget and was informed that they were.

Discussion ensued as to any changes which should be made in the Ordinance or Policy Manual. No changes were determined necessary at this time so

a Public Hearing for the new Ordinance was set for December 14, 1987 immediately preceding the next regular council meeting.

Mayor Courts said he and Pat Hoag, Street Supervisor had met with Owen Grunzke regarding the part-time heavy equipment operator's job which was advertised in the Echo paper. Mayor Courts said Mr. Grunzke would be interested in accepting the job at not less than \$7.00 per hour. Pat Hoag said Mr. Grunzke did quite well on the grader and he felt Grunzke could be a real asset to the City if we have a major snowfall. MOTION NO. 11S-01-87 WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER ARENDS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER GALLAWAY TO HIRE OWEN GRUNZKE FOR PART-TIME HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR FOR \$7.00 PER HOUR FOR SIX MONTHS PROBATION AS STATED IN THE PERSONNEL ORDINANCE WITH NO FRINGE BENEFITS AND STRICTLY FOR CALL-OUT EMPLOYMENT. MOTION PASSED WITH COUNCILMEMBERS ANDOLSHEK, ARENDS AND GALLAWAY VOTING AYE.

Clerk Buchite indicated she had received a notice from the Public Employees Retirement Association that we had received an overpayment of \$5065.23 for Police State-Aid. MOTION NO 11S-02-87 WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER GALLAWAY AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER ANDOLSHEK TO REFUND \$5,065.23 TO PERA FOR OVERPAYMENT OF POLICE STATE AID. MOTION PASSED WITH COUNCILMEMBERS ANDOLSHEK, ARENDS AND GALLAWAY VOTING AYE.

Clerk Buchite also indicated she had received a bill for \$100.00 from Crow Wing coop for installation of the light on CSAH #6 and #16. Councilmember Andolshek said she had spoken to the Whitefish Property Owners Association chairman and he indicated that they would not be interested in paying for the installation as they originally thought they might. MOTION NO. 11S-03-87 WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER GALLAWAY AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER ANDOLSHEK TO PAY THE \$100.00 INSTALLATION FEE FOR THE LIGHT ON CSAH \$6 AND #16. MOTION PASSED WITH COUNCILMEMBERS ANDOLSHEK AND GALLAWAY VOTING AYE. COUNCILMEMBER ARENDS VOTED NAY.

Mayor Courts informed the Council that the City has received a check for \$1421.00 from the League of Minnesota Cities for refund of the reserve assessment which was paid in 1985. The City will also receive another refund from the League within the next few weeks.

With no further business MOTION NO. 11S-04-87 WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER ANDOLSHEK AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER ARENDS TO ADJOURN THIS SPECIAL COUNCIL SESSION AT 10:40 A.M. MOTION PASSED WITH COUNCILMEMBERS ANDOLSHEK, ARENDS AND GALLAWAY VOTING AYE.

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