

November 22, 1974

A special session of the Crosslake City Council was called to order at 2:00 P.M. by Mayor Kluender. The meeting was held at City Hall for the purpose of considering the future of the Watertown Telephone System after the bond issue was defeated. Present were Councilmen Olson, Foss, Andolshek, Peterson and Clerk Perkins. Some of the visitors were Mr. Vern Armfield, Mr. Gilroy Arvig, Mrs. Orena Fogelberg, Mr. Fred Bieber and Mr. Ralph Bigot.

Mayor Kluender asked Mr. Armfield of Communication Consultants, Inc. what his thoughts were now that the bond issue had not passed. Mr. Armfield expressed regret that the bond issue failed, however, thought the company should not be sold. He felt with some alternate plans the system could continue to serve the community and be a profitable endeavour.

Mr. Armfield suggested a stand-by generator be purchased for our system. His thought was that we need an L.P. gas powered 12.5 K.W.A. generator.

There was also discussion of sources of financing for any future expansion. Mr. Armfield asked for some time to explore some of the possibilities and report on these to us at a later date.

In regard to the PBX now in the Echo Ridge Resort, Vern said the unit should be considered to have 60% of its original value remaining. With this in mind, he suggested the two following schedules as choices in establishing a rate schedule to be offered to the Manhattan Club:

1. PBX \$47.50/mo.-36 Month Contract(Signed) with Term Liability based on 1/36 per month.
2. PBX \$42.00/mo.-42 Month Contract(Signed) with Term Liability based on 1/42 per month.

In addition to these rates would be charges for guest phones, trunks and possible mileage charges.

He suggested that these rates should include installation and that there should definitely be a signed contract with the property owner.

Mr. Gilroy Arvig of the Arvig Telephone Company was present and indicated an interest in purchasing the system if it should be decided to sell.

The increase in installation rates were discussed. Vern suggested we determine what Consolidated and Arvig charge and base our charges on something comparable. He said no hearing would be necessary, only a letter of request to the Public Service Commission with justification for the request.

A motion was made by Foss, with second by Olson, to install the Pay Station in the Manhattan Club. All voting aye.

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Due to the large number of visitors arriving at City Hall, Mayor Kluender made the motion, with second by Olson, to move the meeting to the Crosslake Game and Fish Building. All members voting aye.

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Crosslake City Council was called to order by Mayor Kluender at 7:30 P.M. at the Crosslake Game and Fish Building. Present were Councilmen Olson, Peterson, Andolshek and Foss. Clerk Perkins was also present.

Consideration was given the November 8th minutes with the following amendments being called for:

Councilman Andolshek requested the following:

Page 1- 1st paragraph should have read, "Visitors noted were Mrs. Orena Fogelberg, Mrs. Libby Andolshek, Mrs. Mary Schneider, Mr. Kurt Anderson and others who came and went in the course of the meeting." Councilman Andolshek also stated, "Al Peterson did not enter the meeting room until after Mayor Kluender had appointed him to fill the vacancy left by Don Coulter's resignation from the Council."

Page 2- Following Don Coulter's address to the Council, " Councilman Andolshek informed Don Coulter and the Council that there are many residents of Crosslake who are opposed to him being appointed Police Officer, and that if such an appointment was made, she was sure there would be a petition to get him off the job."

The Clerk publicly apologized to Mr. Kurt Anderson for using the name Johnson rather than Anderson in the minutes.

Councilman Foss indicated that the word "buying" on Page 3 should read "renting"(paragraph 3, line 2).

With the aforementioned amendments, the Nov. 8th minutes were approved by motion of Councilman Foss and second by Peterson. All members voting aye.

Councilman Andolshek questioned the fact that the Telephone Meeting at 2:00 P.M. Nov. 22nd was in progress before the stated meeting time and that she and others had missed some of the discussion. (Clerks Note: Mr. Armfield had suggested we dispose of some items before the meeting, as they were of a personal nature and should be considered "internal business".)
(Re: PBX Echo Ridge)

Mayor Kluender appointed Fred Bieber and Ralph Bigot as members of the Watertown Telephone Commission. Councilman Foss was to serve as the Council representative on the Commission. These three are to be the voting members of the Commission.

Richard Schalow informed Mayor Kluender that his resignation did not include his position on the Telephone Commission and he now claimed a position on this board. Mayor Kluender said it was news to him and that his appointments would stand.

Councilman Olson moved, with second by Foss, to have only one meeting in December, and that to be on Dec. 13, 1974 at 7:30 P.M. All members voting aye.

Councilman Peterson presented the Planning Commission report which included the following request:

Wm. Reed had requested a permit to extend his store building back 14' to the rear. Councilman Peterson said the Planning Commission had recommended approval of the permit.

Councilman Foss moved, with second by Olson, that the permit be granted. All members voting aye.

Francis Fraser commenting from the audience, stated that he hoped the City would continue to handle all Zoning Permits. He felt this is a much more desirable situation than having the County administer the ordinance.

Councilman Olson moved, with second by Foss, to ask Roland Backstrom to take Al Peterson's place as Zoning Coordinator on the Planning Commission. Mr. Backstrom said he would be willing to do so. All members voting aye.

Councilman Foss moved that Perkins position be made permanent at this time as per the arrangements set-up at the November 8th meeting. Councilmen Olson and Andolshek spoke in opposition to the motion. Following some discussion, Councilman Peterson made the motion, (there being no second to the motion by Foss) that Perkins position be extended as is until the first meeting in January 1975, at which time it would again be considered. Olson seconded this motion and all members voted aye.

The clerk submitted a summary of the savings accounts the City currently has. Councilman Peterson suggested the City consider investing this money in Treasury Notes which are available through the Lakeland State Bank. Our current interest rates are 5.5% and the Treasury Notes pay 7.528%. Councilman Olson moved we consult our attorney first and therefore table the decision until the Dec. 13th meeting. Foss seconded the motion and all voted aye. The Clerk is to contact our attorney on the matter.

Tom Woog appeared at the meeting to request some assistance with the skating rink project on the City Hall property. Councilman Olson moved, with second by Peterson, that the City pay for the power meter and wire needed to connect the lights for the rink. All voting aye.

The Clerk was instructed to write the Conifer Labs a letter concerning their rent which is four months in arrears.

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During the course of the meeting, Mrs. Fogelberg read a statement to the Council and audience. This was essentially a statement of proposed policy and procedure for her term of office.

Councilman Olson moved, with second by Andolshek, that the meeting be adjourned. All members voting aye.

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