

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING
CITY OF CROSSLAKE
MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2011
6:00 P.M. – CITY HALL

The Council for the City of Crosslake, Minnesota met in the Council Chambers of City Hall on Monday, December 5, 2011 for the purpose of holding a Public Information Meeting. The following Council members were present: Mayor Darrell Schneider, Steve Roe, Dean Swanson, John Moengen and Rusty Taubert. Also present was City Administrator Tom Swenson, Clerk/Treasurer Jenny Max, Community Development Director Ken Anderson, Police Chief Bob Hartman, Public Works Director Ted Strand, Parks and Recreation Director Jon Henke, General Manager Paul Hoge, Planning and Zoning Commission Chair Mike Winkels and Public Works Commission Chair Gary Olson. There were thirteen residents in the audience. (Sign in sheet included as a permanent part of the minutes.)

Mayor Darrell Schneider called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. and stated that the purpose of the public hearing was to allow individuals the opportunity to express comments on the proposed budget. The meeting was then turned over to City Administrator Tom Swenson to review the City's proposed budget and amount of property taxes proposed to be collected to pay for the costs of services the City will provide in 2012.

City Administrator Tom Swenson stated that a Notice of Hearing, which included the location, date and time of the hearing was posted at four locations within the City, namely at City Hall, Crosslake Communications, Community Center and the Post Office. The hearing notice was also posted on Cable TV Channel 12, the local access channel. In addition to postings by the City, each property owner received a Notice of Proposed Tax Statement from Crow Wing County, which lists the location, date and time of the meeting. No correspondence was received in writing from any taxpayer within the City.

City Administrator Swenson prepared a packet of information beginning with a document that compares the 2011 Adopted Revenue Budget with the 2012 Proposed Revenue Budget. The Proposed 2012 Revenue Budget is \$3,782,234, which is a decrease of \$138,583 over the 2011 Adopted Budget of \$3,920,817. On the expenditure side, the 2011 Adopted Budget was \$3,916,932 and the proposed 2012 Expenditure Budget is \$3,782,234 or a decrease of 3.4%. A proposed Resolution for adoption by the Council at the Regular Council Meeting in December showed a detailed breakdown by general property tax levy and debt service tax levies to be levied for the current year, collectible in 2012, upon taxable property in the City. These items bring the total levy to \$2,709,916 which is a decrease of 2.79% from the Collectible 2011 Levy. A detailed breakdown of revenues and expenditures by department as well as a listing of proposed capital expenditures was included in the information provided in the handout.

A handout showing a comparison of surrounding cities ranks Crosslake 3rd lowest in Average City Tax Rate among 29 area cities and 3rd lowest in Average Total Tax Rate for 2011. Information taken from the September 2011 League of Minnesota Cities Monthly

Magazine compared area cities by population, city net tax levy, LGA, county tax rate, average city tax rate, school tax rate, special tax rate and average total tax rate. A spreadsheet showing a Comparison of Crow Wing County Municipalities Taxable Market Value Changes & Preliminary Levy Impacts showed Crosslake having the lowest City tax rate and the smallest City tax rate increase of the 18 Cities in Crow Wing County. A report from Crow Wing County dated October 17, 2011 shows for payable 2012 taxes that the estimated market value in the City is \$1,333,400,900. Two bar graphs were included in the information provided which shows the estimated value due to new construction between January 1, 2001 through November 30, 2011 and the number of permits issued during the same period of time. These graphs show a decrease in the number of zoning permits issued but an increase in the estimated value from 2010. It was noted that the projected city tax rate for 2011 is 21.280%, which is an increase of 1.784% over the previous rate of 19.496%.

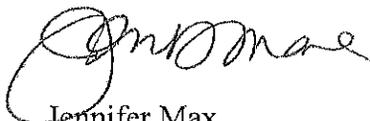
The meeting was open to questions and comments from the Council. Mayor Schneider noted the staff and Council have spent a lot of time reviewing the budget and he considers it to be a solid budget. The Council had no other questions.

Pat Netko addressed the Council questioning a budget line item under Parks and Recreation regarding the warming house utilities. Administrator Swenson noted the warming house is actually the garage that the Parks staff uses as a workshop where their equipment and tools are kept. Ms. Netko questioned if there has been any further discussion on providing any funding for the fireworks. Councilmember Roe questioned the Council's decision to eliminate the funding from the budget and noted that he thinks they could find the money from another place. Following discussion, MOTION 12PH1-01-11 WAS MADE BY DEAN SWANSON AND SECONDED BY RUSTY TAUBERT TO INSTRUCT CITY ADMINISTRATOR SWENSON TO ALLOCATE \$2,000 TOWARDS THE FIREWORKS FROM ANOTHER ACCOUNT IN THE 2012 BUDGET. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES. Mayor Schneider noted that the final approval of the budget will be at the next regular Council meeting on December 12th.

City Administrator Swenson noted that the proposed budget and proposed levy will be presented to the City Council for adoption at the Regular Council Meeting on December 12, 2011 at 7:00 P.M.

There being no further comments, MOTION 12PH1-03-11 WAS MADE BY JOHN MOENGEN AND SECONDED BY STEVE ROE TO ADJOURN THIS PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING AT 6:35 P.M. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.

Respectfully submitted by,



Jennifer Max
Clerk/Treasurer