

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
CROSSLAKE, MINNESOTA
REGULAR SESSION - December 8, 1986
6:00 p.m. at City Hall

The City Council of Crosslake, Minnesota met in a regular session on Monday, December 8, 1986 in the Council Chambers of City Hall. The following members were present: Mayor August Mezzenga, and Councilmen Robert Allen, Oliver Courts, Orval Nelson and Oliver Yates. There were approximately 12 members of the community present.

Mayor Mezzenga called this regular council session to order at 6:00 p.m.

- II. CONSENT CALENDAR - Minutes of November 10, 1986 regular council session; Clerk/Treasurer's financial report for November; Telephone Company's financial report for November; and Cablevision's financial report for November.

MOTION NO. 12-01-86 WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN COURTS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN YATES TO APPROVE ALL ITEMS ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

III. NEW BUSINESS

Nothing

IV. CLERK'S REPORT

MOTION NO. 12-02-86 WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN NELSON AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN COURTS TO PAY INVOICES CONSISTING OF: WIDSETH SMITH NOLTING AND ASSOCIATES FOR \$395.49 AND REIMBURSE POLICE STATE AID \$2,957.44 FOR OVER PAYMENT. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Clerk Buchite stated for information by the Council that the total amount of the assessment paid for the first year of the road project is \$101,685.10 and the balance of \$104,314.90 will be placed on the property owners property taxes with payments over a seven year period.

Clerk Buchite asked for Council input on a letter from Nancy Stevens of Region 5 Regional Development Commission regarding nominating a representative from Crow Wing County to Region 5. The Council indicated that they had no one in mind to nominate but will get back to the Clerk if they think of someone.

Clerk Buchite said that she had talked to David O. Anderson, Vice President of Lakeland State Bank, and asked for a letter stating the amount of pledged collateral for the City of Crosslake. The Council members were given copies of the letter and the original was on file in the Clerk's office.

MOTION NO. 12-03-86 WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN ALLEN AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN NELSON TO SAY "NO" TO TELEPHONE COMPNAY'S REQUEST FOR WIRE MAINTENANCE CONTRACT. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION NO. 12-04-86 WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN NELSON AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN YATES TO APPROVE THE RENEWAL OF THE CHARITIBLE GAMBLING LICENSE FOR THE LION'S CLUB AT OX LAKE TAVERN. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION NUMBER 12-05-86 WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN NELSON AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN COURTS TO ALLOW THE CITY MAINTENANCE MAN TO PAY UP TO \$50.00 FOR OUTDOOR LIGHTS FOR CITY HALL. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

VI. E. Planning and Zoning

Mayor Mezzenga indicated he had noted in the minutes of the Planning and Zoning Commission that the Commission had approved \$42 for a Government Training seminar in Deerwood and also the purchase of an electric heater for the Coordinator's office and these items would need Council approval. MOTION NO. 12-07-86 WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN NELSON AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN YATES TO APPROVE EXPENDITURES OF \$42 FOR THE GOVERNMENT TRAINING SEMINAR AND UP TO \$75 FOR THE PURCHASE OF AN ELECTRIC HEATER. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

All Council members agreed that the Coordinator's contract renewal should be addressed and accepted by the new Council if they approve of it. No action was taken on the contract.

VI. F. Public Safety

Mayor Mezzenga said he asked the Public Safety Commission to consider the purchase of doors for the Fire Hall since it was budgeted for this year. The two local lumber yards were contacted and bids were received from each of them. The bids were: Crosslake Lumber for two doors with white polyester lining at \$1,232.88 and with Filon liner riveted in place at \$1,616.21; Build-all Lumber for two doors including labor to remove and install new doors at \$1,839.54. Mayor Mezzenga said that this created another problem with one lumber company bid including the labor and one lumber company not including the labor. Mr. Leo Fraser, Crosslake Lumber Company, said he was told to bid a 24 guage white door. He said previously, the firemen had installed the doors. After much discussion it was the consensus of the Council to offer each company the option of removing and replacing one door. MOTION NO. 12-08-86 WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN NELSON AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN COURTS TO OFFER A CONTRACT TO REMOVE AND INSTALL ONE 24 GUAGE STEEL OVERHEAD GARAGE DOOR WITH R6.66 INSULATING FACTOR, INSULATING GLASS, TORSION SPRINGS AND FILON LINER RIVETED IN PLACE TO EACH OF THE TWO LUMBER COMPANIES, CROSSLAKE LUMBER AND BUILD-ALL LUMBER, FOR \$808.16 EACH PLUS \$250 EACH FOR LABOR TO REMOVE OLD AND INSTALL NEW DOOR. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. If either company does not wish to accept the offer, the other company may do both doors.

Chief Garin asked if any money left in his budget could be set aside for the purchase of new and used equipment. Mayor Mezzenga stated that he felt it should not be dedicated just because it had not been spent. He said the purpose of a budget is to purchase things that are needed and not to automatically spend everything in a budget. The money that is left will be placed back in the general fund. Capitol funds that are remaining are something different and that is something that could be considered. Mayor Mezzenga said that is why he pushed this door thing like he did because it was in the budget for this year to replace two of the garage doors and he wanted to see it completed out of this years budget.

VI. G. Roads

Street Superintendent Hoag asked the Council if he could purchase six new tires out of this years budget. He stated he did not need them now but

Councilman Courts addressed the Council by saying thank you for a job well done to the out-going mayor and councilmen. He stated he felt Mayor Mezzenga had done an exemplary job in conducting council meetings.

V. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Mezzenga indicated that he did not have a report but that he wanted to thank the clerk, other city employees and the council members for their assistance. Mayor Mezzenga stated he wanted to especially thank all the members of the various commissions for the time they volunteered and the driving that was required to attend meetings. He stated that too often these people are not appreciated for all they give up personally to attend to City affairs.

VI. COMMISSION REPORTS

A. Building

Nothing

VI. B. Cemetery

Councilman Courts said he had talked to some people regarding gates on the fence at the cemetery and most people felt that gates were not necessary. The Pinewood Cemetery has not experienced problems with snowmobilers or three wheelers. Mr. Courts said he was also checking into the cost of ~~having a sign carved with the name "Pinewood" on it~~ for the entrance of the cemetery. Mr. Courts stated that most of the people he talked to felt that a split rail fence would be most appropriate at the cemetery. Councilman Nelson said he had the occasion to be at three cemeteries and noted that two out of the three did not have gates.

VI. C. Park

Park Director Felber said she had been talking to Councilman Nelson and some federal people regarding the possibility of hiring a Green Thumb worker for 22 to 24 hours a week at no cost to the City. The Federal government would pay all costs for the worker including the workman's compensation. The worker could help out at the Community Center by flooding skating rinks, being custodian at the warming house, maintenance of the building and grounds, and he could also clean City Hall and the City garage. Ms. Felber indicated the Green Thumb program is sponsored by the National Farmers Union and the City would be under no obligation to hire this individual after the Green Thumb program. Fire Chief Garin asked if the worker could also help with cleaning and maintenance at the Fire Hall. MOTION NO. 12-06-86 WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN ALLEN AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN NELSON TO APPROVE THE USE OF A GREEN THUMB WORKER FOR MAINTENANCE AND CUSTODIAL WORK FOR CITY HALL, THE COMMUNITY CENTER, THE CITY GARAGE AND THE FIRE HALL. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Ms. Felber invited everyone on the Council, the newly elected officials, all Commission members and all employees as well as all spouses to attend a pot-luck Christmas luncheon at the Community Center on December 18, 1986 at 11:30 p.m.

VI. D. Personnel

Nothing

they were in his budget for this year and he had checked at Pine River Tire Company and Goodyear Tire Company in Brainerd and that both places had them for approximately \$160 apiece. Mayor Mezzenga asked about recapping tires. It was the consensus of the Council that recapped tires were not what the City wanted but the City could trade in the casings when they purchased new tires. Mayor Mezzenga commended Street Superintendent Hoag for being very honest in saying he did not need the tires right now and said he was sure the new Council would approve purchase of new tires when they are needed even if it meant they would go over their budget for the year to purchase them. It would be one of the emergency items the City has to deal with. Mayor Mezzenga stated he would hate to set a precedent and have every department buying things and storing them in a closet just to use up the budget.

VI. H. Telephone Company

Mayor Mezzenga asked that the Council refrain from using any names as requested by Telephone Manager Mayer, when referring to the write off sheets for the Telephone Company and Cablevision Company. The sheet had numbers by the names that should be used instead. MOTION NO 12-09-86 WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN COURTS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN YATES TO APPROVE THE WRITE OFF AS RECOMMENDED BY THE TELEPHONE COMMISSION FOR ~~THE TELEPHONE COMPANY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,285.85 AND THE CABLEVISION COMPANY FOR \$543.47.~~ MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nothing

IX. PUBLIC FORUM

Councilman Nelson said he would just like to take the opportunity to say thank you to the Council members, employees, and the City Clerk for their help and assurances the last four years.

X. ADJOURN

MOTION NO. 12-10-86 WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN NELSON AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN ALLEN TO ADJOURN THIS REGULAR COUNCIL SESSION AT 6:55 P.M. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Recorded and transcribed by:



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