

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
CITY OF CROSSLAKE MINNESOTA  
REGULAR COUNCIL SESSION  
DECEMBER 11, 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, December 11, 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, Reporter Jean Paul Hudon and approximately 11 residents.

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

**CRITICAL ISSUES -**

Sheriff Ross addressed the Council and explained his intent to close four of the channels in the Crosslake area chain of lakes to snowmobile and ATV travel. A new State Statute 86B.106 gives the Sheriff the power to close down any part of a lake that poses a particular threat to the public. Sheriff Ross has notified the Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Conservation of his intent to close down travel on the channels between Crosslake and Rush, Whitefish and Big Trout, Rush and Whitefish and Whitefish and Bertha. These channels often have open water or dangerously thin ice.

Fines have been set by the judges and the Court Administrator in Brainerd at \$275.00 for the first offense and \$700.00 for the second offense.

Notices will be published in all three of the newspapers in the County advising the public of this law, reflectorized signs will be posted advising of "Thin Ice" and "Do Not Enter" approximately 10 feet apart, and notices will be posted in all of the local businesses.

**CONSENT CALENDAR -**

MOTION 12R-01-95 WAS MADE BY RAY SMYTH AND SECONDED BY JACK WEBSTER TO APPROVE ALL ITEMS ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR CONSISTING OF: (1) MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 13, 1995 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING; (2) CLERK/TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT FOR NOVEMBER, 1995; (3) CABLEVISION'S FINANCIAL REPORT FOR OCTOBER, 1995; AND (4) TELEPHONE COMPANY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR OCTOBER, 1995. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**CLERK'S REPORT -**

MOTION 12R-02-95 WAS MADE BY JANE MICHAUD AND SECONDED BY RAY SMYTH TO APPROVE ALL BILLS AS PRESENTED CONSISTING OF: (1) CROSSLAKE MANUFACTURING FOR COAT RACKS OF \$3,993.75; (2) CROSSLAKE SANITATION FOR RECYCLING OF \$950.00; (3) GAMMELLO SANDELIN, P.A. FOR ATTORNEY BILLS OF \$936.25; (4) TRAUT WELLS FOR ESC OF \$6,219.92. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The difference in the amount paid to Traut Wells versus the amount

originally quoted was \$656.88 in electrical for the three phase system and the cost of installing a 395 GPM pump versus a 140 GPM pump.

A request for the sale of a parcel of tax forfeited land in Lot Three of Minnowa had been received from the County.

MOTION 12R-03-95 WAS MADE BY JACK WEBSTER AND SECONDED BY JANE MICHAUD TO APPROVE THE SALE OF TAX FORFEIT LAND IN LOT THREE IN MINNOWA WHICH IS ZONED R3. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The combining of the City employees for drug testing under the same program utilized by the Telephone Company employees was discussed.

MOTION 12R-04-95 WAS MADE BY JACK WEBSTER AND SECONDED BY RAY SMYTH TO COMBINE WITH THE TELEPHONE COMPANY FOR DRUG TESTING FOR CITY EMPLOYEES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION 12R-05-95 WAS MADE BY JANE MICHAUD AND SECONDED BY RAY SMYTH TO APPROVE THE PERSONAL ACCIDENT POLICY FOR ALL COMMISSION MEMBERS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

A meeting was scheduled for Monday, December 18th at 1:30 P.M. at City Hall to approve the final budget for 1996 and to discuss on-going Union negotiations.

The City Clerk requested approval to refund tax money for two Tax Increment Financing districts.

MOTION 12R-06-95 WAS MADE BY RAY SMYTH AND SECONDED BY JACK WEBSTER TO APPROVE THE REFUND OF TIF MONEY FOR RIVERSIDE APARTMENTS OF \$24,088.61 AND DAGGETT BROOK VILLAS OF \$10,613.79 LESS 10% FOR ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### MAYOR'S REPORT -

The Truth in Taxation Meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 13th at 7:00 P.M. at the Emergency Services Center.

#### COMMISSION REPORTS -

##### PLANNING AND ZONING -

The Planning and Zoning Commission requested Council approval for the rezoning of Part of the (SW1/4 - NE 1/4) of Section 9 from R1 to R5 for construction of buildings for multifamily use.

MOTION 12R-07-95 WAS MADE BY JANE MICHAUD AND SECONDED BY RAY SMYTH TO APPROVE THE REZONING OF PART OF THE SW1/4 - NE1/4 OF SECTION 9 FROM R1 TO R5 FOR HOMESTEAD COOPERATIVE. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

##### UTILITIES -

Tom Mezzenga, Chairman of the Utilities Commission, requested approval to increase the number of commission members from five to seven. He stated the business is a dynamic and changing one that needs the talent and expertise of several people.

MOTION 12R-08-95 WAS MADE BY JANE MICHAUD AND SECONDED BY RAY SMYTH TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM THE TELEPHONE COMPANY COMMISSION TO CHANGE FROM

A FIVE PERSON COMMISSION TO A SEVEN PERSON COMMISSION. MOTION CARRIED WITH JACK WEBSTER AND MAYOR KOLESAR VOTING NAY.

An amended resolution regarding the RUS Grant Program required Council approval.

MOTION 12R-09-95 WAS MADE BY RAY SMYTH AND SECONDED BY CHUCK MILLER TO APPROVE THE NEW RESOLUTION FOR THE RUS GRANT AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. A copy of the resolution is attached to these minutes.

**PUBLIC SAFETY -**

Several issues are under review by the Public Safety Commission such as snowmobiling issues, rollerblading and a shooting ordinance.

A donation of \$5,000 had been received from Mr. Steve Sands for the purchase of a snowmobile for the Police Department for snowmobile enforcement, patrol, snowmobile safety projects and rescue. The donation came from proceeds of a golf tournament sponsored by Mr. Sands.

After some discussion in regards to the shooting ordinance, it was agreed that the issue will be discussed at the February Council meeting.

The Police Department reported 70 incidents in Crosslake and 17 in Mission Township in November.

The Fire Department responded to 7 medical calls, one structure fire and one chimney fire in November.

North Ambulance had 11 callouts with 6 transports in November.

**PUBLIC WORKS -**

At the November meeting, it was suggested that Widseth Smith and Nolting formulate a plan for the upgrading of Wilderness Park Road. A letter received from them requested that the issue be heard at the January Council meeting in order to allow time to hold a joint meeting with the City Attorney and City Surveyor and to be able to prepare a cost for the project.

There was discussion at the November Public Works Commission meeting regarding the trimming of brush along the roads.

MOTION 12R-10-95 WAS MADE BY CHUCK MILLER AND SECONDED BY RAY SMYTH TO GET A MONTHLY SCHEDULE FROM PUBLIC WORKS AS TO ROAD WORK AND TREE TRIMMING FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**LONG RANGE CAPITAL PLANNING -**

This Commission is still waiting for costs for adding an addition to the Emergency Services Center to house City Hall. This issue will be discussed at the meeting on December 18th.

A response from the Catholic Church on the 33' of land needed for a public roadway should be coming in the next two weeks.

**PERSONNEL -**

Union negotiations are on-going with only about three items remaining open.

**PARK AND RECREATION -**

Jeff Miller of Widseth Smith and Nolting is working on plans for developing the community center property. He will review these plans at the next Commission meeting scheduled for December 18th.

An ad for a park and recreation director has been placed in the Lake Country Echo, the League of Minnesota Cities Bulletin and in the Recreation and Park Association December Jobs Bulletin. Ray Smyth suggested that two members of the Commission, one Council member and one outside individual be appointed to serve on a screening and interview committee for the hiring process.

Four applicants for warming house attendants had been interviewed by Ray Smyth.

MOTION 12R-11-95 WAS MADE BY RAY SMYTH AND SECONDED BY JACK WEBSTER TO APPROVE HIRING DAVID WARD AS THE WARMING HOUSE ATTENDANT FOR THE 1995/1996 SEASON AT A SALARY OF \$5.50 PER HOUR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The ice rink will be open on Monday - Thursday from 4:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M., Friday from 4:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M., Saturday from 12:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. and on Sunday from 12:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

**RECYCLING -**

There were 42 participants at the November drop site. This was the final Saturday for drop off at the City Garage. The new site is now open for daily drop off on CSAH #3. A total of 80.40 tons have been recycled year-to-date.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY -**

This Commission is looking at becoming more active and working more closely with the Long Range Planning Commission.

The EDA approved the payment of principal and interest for the Emergency Services Center at their last meeting.

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE -**

After the first of the year, this committee will start meeting and talking with school officials.

**NEW BUSINESS -**

The Telephone Company challenged the City Employees to meet or exceed their pledge of \$50.00 to abused children in Crow Wing County. After meeting the challenge, the City Employees challenged the Council to also

meet or exceed the \$50.00. The City Council accepted the challenge and personally pledged \$50.00 as a group.

**OLD BUSINESS -**

Chuck Miller mentioned that he had approved \$360.00 plus mileage in expenses for Jim Kolstad for his work in investigating various machinery for the City.

**PUBLIC FORUM -**

Nothing

MOTION 12R-12-95 WAS MADE BY CHUCK MILLER AND SECONDED BY JANE MICHAUD TO ADJOURN THIS REGULAR SESSION AT 8:05 P.M. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Recorded and edited by:



Arlene A. Buchite  
City Clerk/Treasurer

**CROSSLAKE CITY COUNCIL  
DECEMBER 11, 1995**

**Resolution Regarding RUS Grant Program**

WHEREAS, the City of Crosslake lost its Community Center building by fire in January 1994, and

WHEREAS, the cost of a newly proposed Community Center is estimated at \$800,000, only \$210,000 of which is covered by the insurance on the building, and

WHEREAS, the Crosslake Telephone Company has applied to the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) for a grant in the amount of \$400,000 to establish a Revolving Loan Fund for the City of Crosslake and make possible the construction of a new Community Center, and

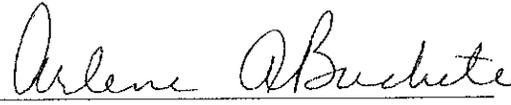
WHEREAS, the Crosslake Utilities Commission has approved a contribution of \$80,000 to the Revolving Loan Fund as required by RUS, and

WHEREAS, the Brainerd Lakes Area Development Corporation (BLADC), a nonprofit (501C) corporation has expressed a willingness to build a new Community Center if eligible to receive a loan from the Revolving Loan Fund,

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the City Council approve entering into an agreement that Brainerd Lakes Area Development Corporation receive a loan from the Revolving Loan Fund, construct a new Community Center and lease the facility to the City of Crosslake for a period of no less than 10 years. Such an agreement to be prepared by the Crosslake City Attorney to the satisfaction of the Crosslake City Council and Brainerd Lakes Area Development Corporation.

The above resolution was moved by Ray Smyth and seconded by Chuck Miller and adopted on a vote of 5/5 on December 11, 1995.

  
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David Kolesar, Mayor

  
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Arlene Buchite, City Clerk