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The regular monthly meeting of the Crosslake City Council was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by Mayor Fogelberg. Present were Councilmen Foss, Olson, Andolshek, Peterson, Clerk Whisler and Attorney Fritz. Also in Attendance were twenty-four members of the community.

Moved by Councilman Foss and seconded by Peterson that the minutes of the November 14th meeting be accepted. All voted "AYE". Carried

A motion was made by Councilman Olson and seconded by Foss that the City Financial Report be accepted and bills represented by checks #2522 through 2616 be paid. All voted "AYE". Motion carried.

Moved by Andolshek and seconded by Foss that the financial report of the Watertown Township Telephone Co. be approved and bills represented by checks #3822 through 3878 be paid with the exception of check #3872. All voted "AYE". Motion carried. Check #3872 was written in the amount of \$95.35 to Northwestern Bell for labor on the Watts line. A question was raised as to the propriety of this charge and Councilwoman Andolshek said that she would check into it before instructing the Clerk to release the check.

Councilman Olson promised to check into road conditions of Whitefish Blvd. because of a complaint received.

CPA Don Engen discussed the advisability of having an audit at the end of this year because of the changeover in the City Clerk's position. He also recommended that other units with separate accounts, such as the Planning Commission, should be audited. ADD FIRE DEPT AS PER FOSS CORRECTION 1/9/76

Councilwoman Andolshek reported for the Telephone Commission that an area coverage survey had recently been conducted. She also reported that Rod Mertens, a Watertown Township telephone worker, was attending a telephone workshop to improve his skills. It was announced that there would be a December 18th meeting of the Telephone Commission and that representatives of REA and Communication Consultants of Fargo would be there.. This meeting would be held in the City Hall at 10:30 A.M. An invitation was extended to members of the City Council to attend. Andolshek also read a letter from Attorney Robert Johnson indicating that it would not be necessary to conduct a referendum before securing an REA loan as long as the indebtedness would be paid for by revenue from the Telephone Company.

The hour of 8:30 having arrived, four bids for a 1976 police car were opened. These bids were submitted by Mills Motor Company, Tanner Motors, Brainerd Dodge and Imgrund Auto, Inc., all of Brainerd. On a motion by Peterson and a second by Andolshek consideration of the bids was tabled for thirty minutes in order to give Police Chief Backdahl an opportunity to study the bids to see if they all met specifications.

CPA Don Engen again brought up the matter of the Telephone Company and suggested a study of the two alternatives available to the Telephone Co.-- updating or selling. There was further discussion of the matter with several members of the audience participating.

There was nothing new to report from the Cemetery Commission.

Councilman Olson reported for the Roads Commission that the condition of the roads should improve now that Bob's Excavating was more familiar with the area. The contract for snowplowing had been awarded just prior to the first snow-storm of the year with scant time being allowed for the successful bidder to become acquainted with the roads which were to be maintained.) Mr. Olson announced that he had had a request from Mrs. Maurice Berger that the name "West Shore Drive" be assigned to the street that begins at County Road 103 and parallels the west shore of Cross Lake. She indicated a willingness to provide and erect the signs at no cost to the City. It was announced that the Planning Commission was conducting an extensive survey that could possibly include the naming of streets. It was deemed better to do it this way rather than piecemeal. It was further stated that the Planning Commission was inviting suggestions from everyone.

Police Chief Backdahl requested that the Council allow Officer Coulter to attend a B.C.A. basic police science school at Arden Hills. The course will begin on January 19, 1976, and last for eight weeks. Councilman Foss made a motion to grant the request and allow \$10 per diem and 15¢ per mile. The motion was seconded by Peterson. All voted "AYE". Motion carried.

Police Chief Backdahl announced that the four bids for the 1976 police car all met the specifications. On a motion by Foss and a second by Olson that the low bid of \$4,505.00 by Brainerd Dodge be accepted, the Council voted "AYE" unanimously. This bid included the trade-in of the 1974 police vehicle.

It was announced that the terms of Planning Commission members Backstrom and Cotten would expire as of the end of this year. On a motion by Foss and a second by Olson, Backstrom was reappointed and Arch Pease was appointed in place of James Cotten as Mr. Cotten had expressed a wish to leave the Commission.

Councilman Foss spoke for the ambulance committee stressing the immediate need for volunteers to cover ambulance duty. He also quoted figures showing that 122 ambulance runs had been made between May of 1974 and December of 1975, with 81 of those serviced being from Crosslake.

Mayor Fogelberg announced that she would be attending a meeting of the County Commissioners on January 6, 1976, at Brainerd. She called for suggestions on what might be considered top priorities. Among the priorities mentioned were housing and recreation for the youth of the area.

Councilman Foss announced that tentative plans were being made for Senator Borden and Representative Samuelson to appear in Crosslake at 1:30 P.M. on January 24th to meet with the residents of the area and to answer any questions that anyone might have.

Councilman Foss distributed copies of a newspaper article headed "State Gives Niswaga Park High Priority". He suggested that the Council might do well to investigate the possibilities of Crosslake receiving similar funding.

Councilman Olson brought up the matter of the City plowing the area around the Game and Fish Club. No one dissented, so permission was granted without being brought to a vote.

Clerk Whisler read a letter from the Crow Wing County Land Commissioner stating that a tax of \$52.80 was owed the County on the purchase price of the old dump

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site. Foss moved that the Clerk inquire of the Land Commissioner the reason for the tax (the City being a tax exempt political subdivision) and if there is a legitimate reason and not just an error that the amount should be paid. Andolshek seconded the motion. All voted "AYE". Motion carried.

The Clerk was instructed to contact Minn. C.E.P. telling them not to send any more workers, and also to find out if the present workers would be permitted to work on snowmobile trails as long as they remained within the city limits.

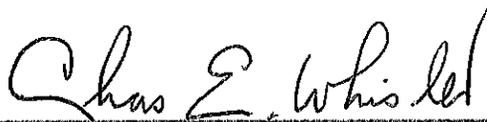
Clerk Whisler requested that, because of the depleted city checking account, he be allowed to cash Certificate of Deposit #11014 which is in excess of \$9,000.00, purchase a CD for \$5,000.00 and transfer the remainder into the checking account. Councilman Foss moved and Andolshek seconded a motion that the Clerk be allowed to do so. All voted "AYE" with no abstentions. Motion carried.

There was a suggestion from the floor that all contractors in the area be licensed. No action was taken on the suggestion.

Councilman Olson was given a vote of thanks for having built and installed pigeon holes in the Clerk's office which made the distribution of mail and other pertinent information much more efficient.

Eighteen applications for cigarette licenses were routinely approved on a motion by Foss and a second by Olson.

On a motion by Andolshek and a second by Foss, the meeting adjourned at 10:08 P.M.


Chas. E. Whisler, City Clerk