

A regular meeting of the Crosslake City Council was called to order by Mayor Fogelberg at 7:30 P.M. on December 12, 1977, in City Hall. Present were Councilmen Benson, Arends, Olson and Clerk Whisler. Absent were Councilwoman Andolshek and City Attorney Fritz. Eleven members of the community were also in attendance. Mayor Fogelberg announced Andolshek would be a little late due to a previous commitment.

On a motion by Olson with a second by Arends, all members present voting "AYE", the minutes of the November 14th and December 1st meetings were approved as written.

The Treasurer's report for November was accepted on a motion by Olson and a second by Arends, all voting "AYE".

The financial report of the Crosslake Telephone Company was approved on a motion by Olson, with a second by Arends, all members voting "AYE".

The Clerk, in his report, read a letter from County Attorney Rathke in which it was stated the cost to the City for the services of the misdemeanor prosecutor would be \$10.00 for the calendar year 1978. It was agreed by the Council the Clerk should notify the County Attorney's office that the City would like to have the service continued.

The Clerk also announced he and Councilman Benson, in discussing improved office procedures, had agreed that employees' vacations should be adjusted at the beginning of the year so all would receive their fresh vacations on January 1st instead of on the anniversary date of their employment. It was also suggested a log book of long distance phone calls be kept at each phone in City Hall. Arends moved these two plans be adopted. Benson seconded the motion. All voted "AYE". So ordered.

The Clerk reported the Anti-recessional funds given to the City under the Revenue Sharing Plan could legally be used to help pay the salary of the Zoning Coordinator. Arends moved these funds be used for that purpose. Benson seconded the motion. All voted "AYE". So ordered.

The Hospitalization Committee, consisting of Telephone Manager Fread, Councilman Benson and Clerk Whisler, then reported on their findings. Fread and Benson, acting as spokesmen, reported that, after extensive investigation and study, they recommended the City accept the plan which had been proposed by Upper Midwest Employers Group and underwritten by Bankers' Life. This plan would cost each employee one dollar per month. The balance of the cost would be borne by the City.

Councilwoman Andolshek arrived at 7:55 P.M.

Benson moved the recommendation of the Hospitalization Committee be approved. Andolshek seconded the motion. All voted "AYE". Motion carried.

Police Chief Backdahl, reporting for the Police Commission, asked that Police Officer Dennis Reilly be given permission to attend the BCA Police School. The City would be reimbursed by the State for expenses incurred. Andolshek moved permission be granted. Olson seconded the motion. All voted "AYE". Permission granted.

Backdahl then suggested, on the advice of Councilman Arends, an ordinance should be adopted for the establishment of the Police Reserve. Olson moved such a step should be taken. Arends seconded the motion. All voted "AYE". The Clerk was instructed to draw up and publish such an ordinance.

Chief Backdahl then presented specifications for a 1978 patrol car. This would be the same sized car as before, but with a smaller engine. Andolshek moved the Clerk consult with the Chief and then advertise for bids. Arends seconded the motion. All voted "AYE". So ordered.

Andolshek, in reporting for the Telephone Commission, stated that:

(1) The Commission recommended amending the engineering construction contract to include additional expenses incurred with taking over the toll terminals as agreed upon with Northwestern Bell. She then moved the Council approve this recommendation. Olson seconded the motion All voted "AYE". So ordered.

(2) The Commission had approved the budget for the Telephone Company.

(3) They had recommended selling back to the City for \$2,600.00 the pickup which they had previously purchased from them. Andolshek so moved. Benson seconded the motion. All voted "AYE". So ordered.

(4) They recommended Telephone Company Manager Fread be instructed to solicit bids for a new telephone truck. Andolshek then moved the Council approve this recommendation. Arends seconded the motion. All voted "AYE". Fread was so instructed.

(5) The Commission had scheduled an awards dinner after the holidays.

(6) After screening the applicants for the lineman's job, the Commission recommended the hiring of Don Anderson of Emily. This would be funded by C.E.T.A. Andolshek moved the Council approve the recommendation. Benson seconded the motion. All voted "AYE". So ordered.

(7) It had been recommended a resolution be passed establishing a pass-book savings account at the Brainerd National Bank as an accomodation to Telephone Company customers who might want to pay their phone bills there. Andolshek so moved. Benson seconded the motion. When the question was submitted to a vote, all voted "AYE", except Arends who abstained. Motion carried.

(8) The I.R.S. had suggested a rate of 17¢ a mile as reimbursement for an individual's use of his personal car for company business. Andolshek so moved. Arends seconded the motion. All voted "AYE". Motion passed. This would become effective on January 1, 1978.

(9) The terms of Howard Hagman and Elizabeth Andolshek as members of the Telephone Commission having expired, it was the recommendation they be reappointed for the customary three-year period. Andolshek so moved. Benson seconded the motion. All voted "AYE". Recommendation approved.

On a motion by Olson and a second by Benson, all voting "AYE", four delinquent accounts of the Telephone Company were "written off". Gary Fread, manager of the Telephone Company, explained this was primarily for book-keeping purposes. There would still be attempts made to collect.

Councilman Olson had nothing to report for the Cemetery or Public Buildings Commission. However, Councilman Benson addressed some questions to L.F. "Pete" Ranum as to when the work on the roof of City Hall would be completed. Mr. Ranum stated nothing could be done until weather permitted, which would be some months away. He assured the Council he would take care of the matter. He also stated there had been an error in making out the warranty on the work and he would have that corrected.

There was nothing to report from either the Roads or the Ambulance Commissions.

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Elmer Pearson, reporting for the Parks Commission, stated the warming house should be up and ready by next weekend. He also announced the digging for footings for the Community Center should begin this day (12/12/77). Mr. Pearson also said there would be facilities at the park for the flooding of the rink so it should no longer be necessary to call on the Fire Dept. for help in flooding.

Councilman Benson stated the Planning and Zoning Commission had recommended approval for the construction of a hoop-structure type of greenhouse by Perkins Nursery. He then moved the Council approve this recommendation. Arends seconded the motion. All voted "AYE". So ordered.

Under the heading of old business, Andolshek suggested the 1600-gallon Fire Dept. tank truck be kept inside and filled, especially during the winter season when lake water was not readily available. Arends then moved the City buy insulation for the garage, if the Fire Department could arrange to have the work done. He later withdrew the motion until Fire Chief Fraser had an opportunity to study the situation further.

Fire Chief Fraser reported there had been eleven calls during the first eleven months of 1977. These consisted of 3 miscellaneous calls, 2 vehicles, 2 natural fires, 2 false alarms and 2 structures.

Olson moved the meeting be adjourned. Benson seconded the motion. All voted "AYE". Meeting adjourned at 8:50 P.M.



Chas. E. Whisler, City Clerk