

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
CITY OF CROSSLAKE MINNESOTA
PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR COUNCIL SESSION
December 14, 1987 - 7:30 p.m. at City Hall

The City Council of Crosslake Minnesota met in a regular session on Monday, December 14, 1987 in the Council Chambers of the new City Hall. The following members were present: Mayor Oliver Courts, Councilmembers Elizabeth Andolshek, Lyle Arends, and Diana Gallaway. Councilmember - Oliver Yates was absent. There were approximately twenty members of the community present.

Mayor Courts called this Public Hearing to order at 7:30 p.m. and welcomed everyone present. Mayor Courts stated that the reason for this Public Hearing was to adopt or reject Ordinance No. 15, Third Series. Mayor Courts stated that this ordinance had been read at the last Council meeting but some changes had been made and that was the reason for another public hearing. Mayor Courts proceeded to read the Ordinance aloud.

There were no question or comments from the audience until Section 9 was read setting forth payments to the City of Crosslake. A citizen present asked if the amount to be paid monthly to the City was to be an additional sum added to ~~the present bill and was informed that it would not be an~~ additional fee but ~~the bills would be broken down so as to identify the~~ monthly service charge the City receives.

Mayor Courts said the City would receive monthly amounts which would be helpful in budgeting ~~and would also receive a lump sum of \$60,000.00 in~~ 1988 for a dividend from 1987. It was stated by the Mayor that the Council does have the right to raise or lower the monthly rate per subscriber but if the amount is raised it would increase the telephone bills.

After the entire ordinance was read Mayor Courts asked for any comments or questions from the audience stating this was a public hearing. With no comments being made MOTION NO. 12PH-01-87 WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER GALLAWAY AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER ANDOLSHEK TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 15, THIRD SERIES, ESTABLISHING A UTILITIES ORDINANCE, AS READ. COUNCILMEMBERS ANDOLSHEK AND GALLAWAY VOTED AYE. COUNCILMEMBER ARENDS VOTED NAY. MAYOR COURTS VOTED AYE AFTER HANDING THE GAVEL TO ASSISTANT MAYOR ANDOLSHEK WHO THEN DECLARED THE MOTION PASSED.

MOTION NO. 12PH-02-87 WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER GALLAWAY AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER ANDOLSHEK TO ADJOURN THIS PUBLIC HEARING AT 7:48 P.M. MOTION PASSED WITH COUNCILMEMBERS ANDOLSHEK, ARENDS AND GALLAWAY VOTING AYE. MAYOR COURTS DECLARED THIS PUBLIC HEARING ADJOURNED.

Mayor Courts called this regular council session to order immediately following the Public Hearing. The first item on the agenda was the Consent Calendar. Mayor Courts said he had a correction to the minutes of the November 17, 1987 minutes in paragraph 3. The minutes state that the Mayor approves appointments on the Telephone Commission and they should read that the Mayor makes the appointments and the whole Council

approves them. MOTION NO 12R-01-87 WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER GALLAWAY AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER ARENDS TO AMEND THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 17, 1987 SPECIAL COUNCIL SESSION TO READ "THE MAYOR MAKES COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS AND THE WHOLE COUNCIL APPROVES THEM". MOTION PASSED WITH COUNCILMEMBERS ANDOLSHEK, ARENDS AND GALLAWAY VOTING AYE.

MOTION NO. 12R-02-87 WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER ARENDS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER GALLAWAY TO APPROVE ALL ITEMS ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR CONSISTING OF (1) THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 9, 1987 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING; (2) THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 17, 1987 SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING; (3) THE CLERK/TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT FOR NOVEMBER, 1987; (4) THE TELEPHONE COMPANY'S FINANCIAL REPORT FOR NOVEMBER, 1987; AND (5) THE CABLEVISION'S FINANCIAL REPORT FOR NOVEMBER, 1987 AND WITH THE CHANGES MADE IN THE NOVEMBER 17, 1987 MINUTES. MOTION PASSED WITH COUNCILMEMBERS ANDOLSHEK, ARENDS AND GALLAWAY VOTING AYE.

CLERK'S REPORT - MOTION NO. 12R-03-87 WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER ANDOLSHEK AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER GALLAWAY TO PAY BILLS CONSISTING OF (1) F.A. PETERSON CONSTRUCTION FOR \$675.00; (2) DAVID SYZMANSKI TRUCK SERVICE FOR \$910.00; (3) CROW WING COUNTY FOR \$768.98; AND (4) WANNEBO EXCAVATING FOR \$1428.00. MOTION PASSED WITH COUNCILMEMBERS ANDOLSHEK ARENDS AND GALLAWAY VOTING AYE.

Clerk Buchite asked about the status for the maintenance person because he is working enough hours to be classified as full-time. MOTION NO 12R-04-87 WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER GALLAWAY AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER ANDOLSHEK TO ESTABLISH BENEFITS FOR TIM MOFFERS AS FULL TIME ACCORDING TO THE PERSONNEL POLICY. MOTION PASSED WITH COUNCILMEMBERS ANDOLSHEK, ARENDS AND GALLAWAY VOTING AYE.

Councilmember Arends asked about the status for the grader operator who was just hired and was informed that his status is as call-out personnel only.

PARK AND RECREATION - Park Director Patricia Felber said she wanted to thank the fire department for all their help on the skating rinks. Ms. Felber stated that the annual Christmas Party for kids was going to be on Saturday, December 19th at 1:00 p.m. and Santa would be coming. Names were also solicited for the carolers who would be going out to sing carols to the sick and shut-ins.

Councilmember Andolshek said the Park Commission feels that Ms. Felber should get comp time for any overtime she puts in. Bill Souther, Park Board member said Clerk Buchite told Ms. Felber she was only supposed to be working 40 hours a week and she could not take a time card which showed more hours. Clerk Buchite indicated that this was true. Councilmember Andolshek said she thought the reason Ms. Felber was paid a salary was so that she would work any number of hours. Clerk Buchite said that was no longer true because of the fair labor standards act and also the requirements for time keeping now. Discussion ensued regarding salary as opposed to hourly rate. Time cards were also discussed. Mayor Courts stated that all City employees turn in time

cards including the police officers and police chief. Councilmember Gallaway asked if management were in a different category. Clerk Buchite will check on it.

Clerk Buchite said she had received a card from the League of Minnesota Cities stating that the the handbooks were ready at \$80 each. MOTION NO 12R-05-87 WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER ARENDS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER GALLAWAY TO PURCHASE THREE NEW HANDBOOKS AT THE TOTAL COST OF \$240 FROM THE LEAGUE OF MINNESOTA CITIES. MOTION PASSED WITH COUNCILMEMBERS ANDOLSHEK, ARENDS AND GALLAWAY VOTING AYE.

PLANNING AND ZONING - Coordinator Kingstedt said the commission approved his contract for 1988 and he would also like the Council to approve it. Mr. Kingstedt said the contract was the same as for 1987. MOTION NO. 12R-06-87 WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER ARENDS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER ANDOLSHEK TO APPROVE THE PLANNING AND ZONING COORDINATORS CONTRACT FOR 1988 AS PRESENTED WITH NO CHANGES FROM 1987. MOTION PASSED WITH COUNCILMEMBERS ANDOLSHEK, ARENDS AND GALLAWAY VOTING AYE. Mayor Courts thanked Mr. Kingstedt for a job well done this past year.

Mr. Kingstedt said he will have the breakdown of permits ready for the ~~January Council meeting.~~

CEMETERY - No report. New sign is not up yet.

~~PUBLIC SAFETY - Chief John Backdahl asked for permission to let the new car scheduled for purchase in 1988 out for bids. MOTION NO. 12R-07-87 WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER GALLAWAY AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER ARENDS TO PUT THE SPECS FOR THE POLICE CAR OUT FOR BIDS. MOTION PASSED WITH COUNCILMEMBERS ANDOLSHEK, ARENDS AND GALLAWAY VOTING AYE.~~

TELEPHONE - Nothing.

ROADS - Commission Member Scott Gallaway stated that the road commission recommended that the Council accept the bid from Landecker and Associates for the bridge study even though their bid was higher. Mr. Gallaway said the road commission felt that Landeckers bid would cover everything and the bid from Widseth, Smith, Nolting and Associates would only cover up to ten hours according to their representative. The road commission listened to representatives from both engineering firms and since Landecker based their bid on a completed project cost the commission felt more comfortable with that. Mayor Courts said the Commission also discussed federal and state funding and the engineers will make a recommendation on which would be the best way to go. Mayor Courts said that even though Landeckers get the study bid it does not necessarily mean they will get the engineering bid for the project. MOTION NO. 12R-10-87 WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER ARENDS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER GALLAWAY TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION FROM THE ROAD COMMISSION TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL FROM LANDECKER AND ASSOCIATES, INC. AT \$2,500.00 FOR THE BRIDGE STUDY. MOTION PASSED WITH COUNCILMEMBERS ANDOLSHEK, ARENDS AND GALLAWAY VOTING AYE.

Mr. Gallaway said the road commission also recommended that the street supervisor Pat Hoag be allowed to take a city truck home from time to time but not to let it be used as a pleasure vehicle. Councilmember Arends said he does not feel that a city employees should be allowed to take a city vehicle home. Mayor Courts stated that the police officers do it all of the time. Mayor Courts said there are times that it is almost essential in case of a storm or whatever. MOTION NO. 12R-09-87 WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER ARENDS TO DENY THE RECOMMENDATION FROM THE ROAD COMMISSION TO ALLOW CITY EMPLOYEE PAT HOAG TO DRIVE THE CITY VEHICLES BACK AND FORTH FROM WORK TO HIS HOME. MOTION DIED FOR LACK OF A SECOND.

MOTION NO. 12R-10-87 WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER GALLAWAY AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER ANDOLSHEK TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION FROM THE ROAD COMMISSION TO ALLOW CITY EMPLOYEE PAT HOAG TO DRIVE THE CITY TRUCKS BACK AND FORTH FROM HIS HOME TO WORK WITH THE STIPULATION THAT IT BE DONE UNDER A NEED. MOTION PASSED WITH COUNCILMEMBERS ANDOLSHEK AND GALLAWAY VOTING AYE. COUNCILMEMBER ARENDS VOTED NAY.

FUNDING AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENT - Dene Carney, Chairman, said he would like to know what the Council wanted to do with the letter he wrote to the post office regarding the old city hall. Mr. Carney said upon further checking they have found that the post office does not buy the land but they have investors who buy it, build the building and then lease it to the post office. Mr. Carney said the post office has indicated they will be doing something by 1988. MOTION NO. 12R-11-87 WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER ARENDS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER GALLAWAY TO KEEP THE OLD CITY HALL PROPERTY AND BUILDING. Councilmember Arends said he would like to see a senior citizen center or something like that in the old city hall.

Councilmember Gallaway asked Mr. Carney what the Funding and Future Development Commission recommended. Mr. Carney said their recommendation stands as stated before to sell the property outright. Ms. Gallaway asked about the driveway between the telephone company and city hall and Mr. Carney said that driveway would probably stay with the telephone company through an easement.

Mayor Courts introduced a new Funding and Future Development member, Mr. Dean Swanson, who is a former post master. Mr. Swanson said that if there is too much opposition in Crosslake the Postal Department may give up and move it to another area.

Councilmember Arends said he felt that north of the fire station would be a good place for the post office. Mr. Arends said he would like to keep it for the senior citizens. COUNCILMEMBER ARENDS VOTED AYE. COUNCILMEMBERS GALLAWAY AND ANDOLSHEK VOTED NAY. MOTION DID NOT PASS.

MOTION NO. 12R-12-87 WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER GALLAWAY AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER ANDOLSHEK TO PURSUE THE SALE OF THE OLD CITY HALL PROPERTY ACCORDING TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE FUNDING AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, TO THE POSTAL DEPARTMENT BUT IF THE POSTAL DEPT IS NOT INTERESTED IN THE PROPERTY IT SHOULD COME BACK BEFORE THE COUNCIL AGAIN FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION AND THE SALE SHOULD BE HANDLED THROUGH THE CITY

ATTORNEY. MOTION PASSED WITH COUNCILMEMBERS GALLAWAY AND ANDOLSHEK VOTING AYE. COUNCILMEMBER ARENDS VOTED NAY. Mr. Carney said the selling price was not indicated or recommended by the commission and the Council should decide on that. Mr. Carney said the Council should remember that if the building is to be torn down that cost should be figured in the asking price. Mr. Carney said that none of the local house movers in Brainerd or Pequot Lakes have equipment to move a building like that and equipment would probably have to be brought up from the Cities if someone wanted to move it.

Doris Fraser said she hated to see the building demolished and so do a lot of other people.

Mayor Courts asked Mr. Carney to draft another letter saying we will sell to the post office and our City Attorney will negotiate a price with them. Mayor Courts asked the Councilmembers to talk to people and get ideas from them for the building.

PERSONNEL - Nothing

~~MAYOR'S REPORT - Mayor Courts said he was appointing Bill Thompson and Dean Swanson to the Funding and Future Development Commission. MOTION NO 12R-12-87 WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER ARENDS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER ANDOLSHEK TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENTS OF BILL THOMPSON AND DEAN SWANSON TO THE FUNDING AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION. MOTION PASSED WITH COUNCILMEMBERS ANDOLSHEK, ARENDS AND GALLAWAY VOTING AYE.~~

Mayor Courts mentioned about a new hospitalization plan through the League of Minnesota Cities and said we would have a special council meeting to see if Councilmembers could buy the insurance as well. The cost for employee coverage will be substantially lower than we are now paying.

NEW BUSINESS - Councilmember Andolshek said she would like to see the Council do something about a dog ordinance. Public Safety Member Jim Gallaway said the Public Safety Commission has addressed this concern and without a dog catcher it is almost impossible to enforce.

OLD BUSINESS - Nothing.

PUBLIC FORUM - Harold Johnson said he would like to see a sign on the south side of city hall because there is no way to identify the building when you are headed North on CSAH #6.

MOTION NO. 12R-14-87 WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER GALLAWAY AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER ARENDS TO ADJOURN THIS REGULAR COUNCIL SESSION AT 9:22 P.M. MOTION PASSED WITH COUNCILMEMBERS ANDOLSHEK, ARENDS AND GALLAWAY VOTING AYE.

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