

A special meeting of the Crosslake City Council was called to order by Mayor Fogelberg at 10:00 A.M. on December 22, 1975. Present in addition to the Mayor were Councilmen Foss, Andolshek, Peterson and Olson and Clerk Whisler. Also attending were four members of the community.

Mayor Fogelberg read a ruling from the City Attorney relative to the paid publication of City Council minutes in the Crosslake Shopper. The ruling stated that publishing the minutes in other than the official paper is outside the scope of the City Council, and therefore the practice of publishing the minutes in the Shopper should cease.

Councilwoman Andolshek reported that Communication Consultants had completed the Area Coverage Survey and were awaiting word to commence the Area Coverage Design.

A motion was made by Andolshek and seconded by Peterson that Mr. Armfield of Communication Consultants be told to go ahead with the design. Councilman Foss moved to amend the motion so that the fact that the ACD was conducted would not preclude the possibility of the sale of the Telephone Co. if that should be the better course to pursue. The motion to amend was lost for want of a second. The motion to instruct Mr. Armfield to go ahead with the ACD was put to a vote. Fogelberg, Andolshek, Peterson and Olson voted "AYE". Foss voted "NO". Motion carried. It was estimated that the design would be concluded by about February 5, 1976.

Andolshek stated that Mr. Bieber, President of the Crosslake Area Associates, had requested that the Telephone Commission initiate a petition soliciting a proposal from Northwestern Bell Telephone Co. for the purchase of Watertown Township Telephone Co. A motion was then made by Andolshek and seconded by Peterson that the Council write a letter to Mr. Bieber stating that the Council was interested in listening to all proposals, and if Northwestern Bell should be one of the companies that submits a proposal, that the Council should have some affirmative word from Northwestern Bell within thirty days. All voted "AYE". Motion carried.

Councilwoman Andolshek stated that she would file a tariff with the Public Services Commission stating that all the public telephones within the jurisdiction of Watertown Township Telephone Co. would be compatible with hearing aids before the deadline of June 30, 1977. Helen Fraser was to contact the Minnesota Telephone Association to clarify the question as to whether there would be any charges for either installation or monthly charges for making this adaptation on private phones.

A motion was made by Councilman Foss with a second by Peterson that Councilwoman Andolshek be authorized to sign Form 569 approving the Area Coverage Survey. All voted "AYE". Motion carried.

Councilman Peterson suggested that the public be kept better informed as to any steps that the Telephone Co. proposed taking, to counteract some of the misinformation that was being spread. He suggested as possible alternatives the taking of an ad in the Shopper, a letter to be enclosed with the telephone billing or a special mailing. Councilman Foss suggested that the Council be allowed to review the contents of the release before it is made public. It was not brought to a vote, but it was the consensus that a special mailing might be the best approach.

Mayor Fogelberg suggested an "open house" type of meeting for some afternoon in January, possibly from 1:00 to 5:00 P.M., to which the general public would be invited and would be free to ask questions of the members of the Council on any subject relating to City activities.

Councilman Foss posed the question as to what information would be available to a company that might be interested in the purchase of the Telephone Co.

Mr. Gordon Haglund, representing Metro, Inc., approached the Council seeking suggestions and advice from them. Metro, Inc. is the owner of the old airport property, approximately 80 acres, and are interested in developing it, but want to do it along lines agreeable to all. Some suggestions that came out of the discussion were apartments, homes for the elderly, a medical center etc., Mr. Haglund also asked if the Council were interested in any of the area for City use. No definite action was taken.

Councilman Peterson reported on the survey that he and Councilman Foss had conducted of the ambulance situation. He stated that the average monthly expenses amounted to \$876.83, and the income was \$469.41 resulting in a monthly loss of \$407.42. He further stated a \$300 monthly subsidy would be required to keep the ambulance in business. Figures quoted by Councilman Foss showed that surrounding towns had derived benefit from the ambulance and he agreed to contact some of them to see if they might not want to underwrite part of the cost of operating the ambulance service. He also stated that the City could not look to the County for assistance until, at least, March of 1977. It was decided to table the matter until Councilmen Foss and Peterson had been able to contact some of the surrounding cities in the area who might benefit from the ambulance service.

A discussion arose as to the salary structure for City employees for the coming year. It was decided to call a special meeting for Monday, January 5, 1976, to discuss the matter further and to try to arrive at some specific figures. The meeting would be at 1:00 P.M. in the City Hall.

A motion was made by Councilman Olson with a second by Andolshek to adjourn. All voted "AYE". Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 12:30 P.M.

  
Chas. E. Whisler, City Clerk