

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
CITY OF CROSSLAKE MINNESOTA
REGULAR COUNCIL SESSION
OCTOBER 9, 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, October 9, 1995. The following Councilmembers were present: Mayor David M. Kolesar, Jane M. Michaud, Charles O. Miller, Raymond P. Smyth and John R. (Jack) Webster. Also present was City Clerk Arlene A. Buchite, City Attorney Paul Sandelin, Superintendent Jim Oraskovich along with three persons representing the Pequot Lakes School Board and approximately 14 citizens.

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

Brad Wallace, representing the School Board, gave a short presentation and then introduced Superintendent Jim Oraskovich who completed the presentation. All residents were encouraged to vote on October 17th.

CRITICAL ISSUES - None

CONSENT CALENDAR -

MOTION 10R-01-95 WAS MADE BY CHUCK MILLER AND SECONDED BY JANE MICHAUD TO APPROVE ALL ITEMS ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR CONSISTING OF: (1) MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 11, 1995 REGULAR COUNCIL SESSION; (2) CLERK/TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT FOR AUGUST, 1995; (3) CABLEVISION FINANCIAL REPORT FOR AUGUST, 1995; (4) TELEPHONE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR AUGUST, 1995; AND (5) A STATEMENT FROM THE JOINT MEETING ON OCTOBER 2, 1995 WITH THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE AND THE CITY COUNCIL ON TAX INCREMENT FINANCING. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CLERK'S REPORT -

MOTION 10R-02-95 WAS MADE BY JACK WEBSTER AND SECONDED BY JANE MICHAUD TO APPROVE ALL BILLS FOR PAYMENT CONSISTING OF: (1) NORTH PINE RIVER TIRE FOR TWO GRADER TIRES FOR \$1,473.00; (2) CROSSLAKE SANITATION FOR RECYCLING FOR \$950.00; (3) GAMMELLO AND SANDELIN, P.A. FOR ATTORNEY FEES OF \$1,002.50. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION 10R-03-95 WAS MADE BY JANE MICHAUD AND SECONDED BY RAY SMYTH TO PAY THE LEAGUE OF MINNESOTA DUES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$786.00. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Game and Fish Club had requested approval for their 1996 Transient Merchant License, however, no one was present in the audience to answer questions from the Council.

MOTION 10R-04-95 WAS MADE BY JACK WEBSTER AND SECONDED BY CHUCK MILLER TO TABLE THE GAME AND FISH CLUB TRANSIENT MERCHANT PERMIT REQUEST UNTIL THE NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING IN NOVEMBER. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

It was suggested that the curbs in the area of the Game and Fish

Club be painted yellow to help alleviate the parking problems. Jane Michaud will contact the County to inquire about a painting schedule.

MAYOR'S REPORT -

A public meeting to explain the increase in the tax levy will be held on Wednesday, November 1, 1995 at 7:00 P.M. at the Emergency Services Center. A Special Council meeting will be held October 25, 1995 at 3:00 P.M. at City Hall to review the budget and to hold a closed meeting to discuss Union negotiations.

The City has received notification from David Nelson that the road going into the Emergency Services Center parking lot crosses his property and the Mayor suggested that the City obtain an easement from Mr. Nelson.

A meeting at Breezy Point regarding new visions of the lakes area into the year 2050 and the changes that will occur in the next few years will be attended by Jack Webster.

PLANNING AND ZONING -

The Planning and Zoning Commission held discussions on Ordinance 75 regarding pole barns in the City and landscaping thereof. A workshop was held October 3, 1995 at City Hall with the City Engineer and other interested parties. A second meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, November 2, 1995, at 8:15 A.M. to continue discussion on this Ordinance.

PUBLIC WORKS -

Gas and diesel quotes were obtained from five area companies including Brainerd Oil Company, Brainerd Mobil, Oasis Oil, Pine River Oil and Ernie's Amoco.

MOTION 10R-05-95 WAS MADE BY CHUCK MILLER AND SECONDED BY JACK WEBSTER TO GIVE THE CONTRACT TO PURCHASE GAS AND FUEL OIL FOR PUBLIC WORKS VEHICLES TO PINE RIVER OIL AS THE LOWEST BIDDER. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

An opinion was received from the City Attorney regarding Wilderness Park Road which indicated the City could improve the trail as it presently exists, but if the City wanted to widen the road they would have to acquire the property from the adjacent owners.

MOTION 10R-06-95 WAS MADE BY CHUCK MILLER AND SECONDED BY JANE MICHAUD THAT PUBLIC WORKS NOT PROCEED WITH ANY NEW ROAD PROJECTS OTHER THAN REGULAR MAINTENANCE UNTIL APPROVAL IS RECEIVED FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION AND IT COMES BEFORE THE COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL IF NECESSARY. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The computer, previously used in the City Clerk's Office, will go

to the Public Works Department.

MOTION 10R-07-95 WAS MADE BY CHUCK MILLER AND SECONDED BY JANE MICHAUD TO PAY FOR ANY REMODELING NECESSARY AT THE PUBLIC WORKS GARAGE TO GET A DUST FREE AREA TO ACCOMMODATE THE COMPUTER. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

It was requested that the posts placed at the end of White Oak Drive be removed to allow better access by emergency vehicles and snow plow equipment.

MOTION 10R-08-95 WAS MADE BY CHUCK MILLER AND SECONDED BY JANE MICHAUD TO REMOVE POSTS AT THE END OF WHITE OAK DRIVE. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Public Works supervisor had requested attendance at an asphalt seminar.

MOTION 10R-09-95 WAS MADE BY CHUCK MILLER AND SECONDED BY RAY SMYTH TO ALLOW PAT HOAG TO ATTEND AN ASPHALT REHABILITATION TECHNIQUE SEMINAR IN DULUTH ON OCTOBER 26TH. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

UTILITIES -

Tom Mezzenga, Chairman of the Utilities Commission, read a Resolution making BLADC the recipient of the Rural Utilities Service grant to build the Community Center if the grant is approved. (A copy of the resolution is attached.)

MOTION 10R-10-95 WAS MADE BY RAY SMYTH AND SECONDED BY JACK WEBSTER TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH BLADC TO RECEIVE THE LOAN FROM THE REVOLVING LOAN FUND TO CONSTRUCT A COMMUNITY CENTER BUILDING AND TO LEASE IT BACK TO THE CITY OF CROSSLAKE FOR A PERIOD OF TEN YEARS UNDER A BUY-BACK LEASE AGREEMENT. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The next Commission Meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 31st at 7:30 A.M.

PUBLIC SAFETY -

The Police Department reported 119 incident reports for Crosslake and 15 for Mission Township in September.

There were 14 fire calls in September including 10 medical calls, one false fire alarm, one automobile fire, one automobile accident and one missing person search.

The ambulance report was not available.

The October Public Safety Meeting was cancelled and the next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 2nd at 7:00 P.M.

A financial confirmation letter had been received from Washington, D.C. for the COPS FAST program. The money will be dispersed no later than December, 1995. An advance for 1996 will be requested.

A request had been received from Pelican Township to contract with Crosslake for fire service for seven sections of the township.

MOTION 10R-11-95 WAS MADE BY JANE MICHAUD AND SECONDED BY CHUCK MILLER TO HAVE JANE MICHAUD PURSUE THE FIRE CONTRACT WITH PELICAN TOWNSHIP. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Jane Michaud will discuss the proposed contract with the Fire Department at their meeting on Wednesday.

Since the old pump was moved from the old fire hall to the Emergency Services Center, there have been problems due to the well being deeper and the pump having less capacity than needed. Traut Wells has suggested that a 20 HP pump would do the job with an automatic air charger on top of the tank to hold air pressure.

MOTION 10R-12-95 WAS MADE BY JACK WEBSTER AND SECONDED BY CHUCK MILLER TO NEGOTIATE WITH TRAUT WELLS TO INSTALL AN AUTOMATIC AIR CHARGER AND UPDATE TO A 20 HP PUMP AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$4,650.00 AT THE EMERGENCY SERVICES CENTER BUILDING UPON REVIEW WITH MIKE AMSDEN AND PROVIDED CAPITAL OUTLAY FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Several of the firemen's wives are planning a Halloween party for October 28th at the Emergency Services Center and Don Henderson was present to request a donation from the City.

MOTION 10R-13-95 WAS MADE BY JANE MICHAUD AND SECONDED BY CHUCK MILLER TO MAKE A DONATION OF \$125.00 FOR THE CHILDREN'S HALLOWEEN PARTY. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

LONG RANGE CAPITAL PLANNING -

The Commission is continuing to work on the road access to the central business district. A resolution approved by the Commission was read by the Mayor which recommends that the Council proceed with the planning and development of a roadway between the Post Office and the Catholic Church. The Mayor requested that the issue be held until the November meeting to allow time to pursue the South side of the Church as an option. The Church had indicated that they had never received a formal letter from the City and the Mayor requested approval to forward a letter of intent.

Attorney Joe Christianson, representing Immaculate Heart Catholic Church, addressed the Council regarding the concerns the Church has with a road being pursued on the North side of the Church. He indicated that the strip of land in question is in fact a private driveway, not a City road, and that the Church is claiming prescriptive easement rights.

PERSONNEL -

The next meeting scheduled with the Union has been set for December 1, 1995.

Employee evaluation forms were approved with some

minor revisions and will be available for employee reviews in October.

PARK AND RECREATION -

On October 5, 1995 at 2:00 P.M. the bids for the Community Center project were opened. Bob Russek of Bonestroo, Rosene, Anderlik & Associates had prepared a summary of all of the bids for Council review and selection.

MOTION 10R-14-95 WAS MADE BY RAY SMYTH AND SECONDED BY JANE MICHAUD TO GIVE THE BID FOR THE CROSSLAKE COMMUNITY CENTER TO GOPHER STATE CONSTRUCTION AS THE LOWEST BIDDER AT \$755,226 WITH BASE BID C WITHOUT THE WELL AND WITHOUT ALTERNATE #1.

There was discussion about the City's bidding the well separate from the construction bids and it was agreed that bids would be obtained from local firms. It was also agreed that Alternate 1, which is the fireplace, would not be approved at this time.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

It was noted that over \$100,000 was saved by going with the complete building (Base Bid C) versus Base Bid A for the gymnasium and Base Bid B for the meeting rooms.

It was suggested that the Council start working on a job description for a park director.

No decision had been made by Sandcrest Association regarding the use of their land for a possible ballfield site for the City.

RECYCLING -

In September, 11,926 pounds of recyclable material was collected from the drop-site and curbside service. This brings the year-to-date total to 62.75 tons.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY -

A joint information workshop was held on October 2, 1995 with the EDA, City Council, Long Range Planning Commission and Sid Inman of Ehlers and Associates in attendance. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss Tax Increment Financing.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE - Nothing

NEW BUSINESS - Nothing

OLD BUSINESS -

Chuck Miller asked what the Public Safety Commission had done in regards to a hunting ordinance. Since the Commission had cancelled their October meeting, it will be on the agenda for the November meeting.

PUBLIC FORUM -

Ray Midlo commented on the need to clear off the sidewalks once the County comes through with their plows.

Ray Smyth, Arlene Buchite and Teri Hastings will meet with representatives of two firms who have submitted quotes to the City for medical and dental insurance.

Jack Webster reviewed a letter dated August 3, 1995 from BLADC requesting an increase from \$1100 to \$1500 for 1996. Jack suggested that no change be made until after more information is known about the RUS grant and what amount will be paid to them for administering this program.

MOTION 10R-15-95 WAS MADE BY JACK WEBSTER AND SECONDED BY RAY SMYTH TO GIVE BLADC \$1,100 FOR 1996. MOTION CARRIED WITH CHUCK MILLER VOTING NAY.

MOTION 10R-16-95 WAS MADE BY CHUCK MILLER AND SECONDED BY RAY SMYTH TO ADJOURN THIS REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AT 9:45 P.M. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Transcribed and edited by:



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