

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
Crosslake, Minnesota
REGULAR SESSION - April 14, 1986

The City Council of Crosslake, Minnesota met in a regular session on April 14, 1986 in the Council Chambers of the City Hall. The following members were present: Mayor August Mezzenga, Councilmen Robert Allen, Oliver Courts, Orval Nelson and Oliver Yates. Also present was City Attorney Tom Fitzpatrick and Bruce Buxton from Widseth Smith Nolting and Associates. There were approximately 40 persons from the community present.

I. Mayor Mezzenga called the meeting to order at approximately 7:30 p.m.

II. CONSENT CALENDAR - Minutes of the Public Hearing on March 1, 1986; Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting on March 10, 1986; the Clerk/Treasurer's Financial Report for March, 1986; and the Telephone Company's Financial Report for March, 1986.

MOTION NO. 4R-01-86 WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN COURTS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN YATES TO APPROVE ALL ITEMS ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of the Preliminary Plat on the Echo Ridge property as presented by Don Counter, Surveyor.

Coulter explained the proposed plat to the Council members by saying only one lot has frontage on County Highway No. 6., and there are five lots and an outlot with 592 feet lakeshore. Outlot E conveys lake access to the new owners of Echo Ridge. MOTION NO. 4R-02-86 WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN NELSON AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN COURTS TO APPROVE THE PRELIMINARY PLAT OF MARGARET ESTATES SUBJECT TO THE CONDITION IN THE PLANNING AND ZONING MOTION REGARDING ANY OBJECTIONS FROM THE COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. Coulter indicated he had spoken to the County Engineers office and that they had no objections to the preliminary plat.

IV. CLERK'S REPORT

A. Bids for 1979 Dodge police car

Clerk Buchite indicated she had received two bids on the 1979 police car. The bids were opened and were noted to be: Bid from John A. Peters for \$750 and bid from Jim C. Couch for \$210. MOTION NO. 4R-03-86 WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN NELSON AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN YATES TO ACCEPT THE BID OF \$750 FROM JOHN A. PETERS FOR THE 1979 DODGE POLICE CAR. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IV. B. License applications for vacant liquor license

Clerk Buchite stated she had received two applications for the vacant liquor license, one from Robert Berglund of Ye Olde Wharf and one from George Keys for his property on Cross Lake near the Daggett channel. Mayor Mezzenga said he had received comments from some city residents saying there were enough off-sale liquor licenses out already. MOTION NO. 4R-04-86 WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN NELSON TO RETIRE THE VACANT OFF-SALE LIQUOR LICENSE. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN COURTS AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Discussion ensued regarding the vacant on-sale liquor license and the \$1250 in revenue the City would not receive if the on-sale license was retired. City Attorney Fitzpatrick said that if the City retired it they should not count on getting it back but that he was not sure the City could not get it back either. After more discussion MOTION NO. 4R-05-86 WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN ALLEN AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN COURTS TO RETIRE THE VACANT ON-SALE LIQUOR LICENSE. COUNCILMEN ALLEN, COURTS AND YATES VOTED IN FAVOR WITH COUNCILMAN NELSON VOTING NAY. MOTION PASSED.

IV. C. Annual Audit from Don Engen, Certified Public Accountant

Councilman Courts said that at the Public Safety meeting he had indicated that the Fire Department was over on their budget but now noted they were actually under budget by \$2100. MOTION NO. 4R-06-86 WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN COURTS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN YATES TO ACCEPT THE 1985 AUDIT AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

VI. D. American Legion Post 500 Bingo at the Community Center

MOTION NO. 4R-07-86 WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN ALLEN AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN NELSON TO PERMIT THE AMERICAN LEGION TO CONDUCT BINGO SESSION AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Clerk Buchite indicated that the Game and Fish Club had requested a bingo permit. MOTION NO. 4R-08-86 WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN COURTS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN YATES TO APPROVE THE GAME AND FISH CLUB BINGO SESSIONS AT THE GAME AND FISH CLUB BUILDING. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IV. E. Annual fire contracts with Manhattan Beach and Fairfield Townships

Clerk Buchite indicated the 1986 fee for the fire contract with Manhattan Beach is \$984.12 compared with \$1,002.81 with the drop in the fee because of the decreased valuation in Manhattan Beach due to the burning of the Manhattan Beach nightclub. The 1986 fee for Fairfield Township is \$636.82 compared to \$625.55 for 1985.

VI. F. Workman's Compensation insurance premium due and invoice for annual audit from Don Engen, CPA

MOTION NO. 4R-09-86 WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN NELSON AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN COURTS TO PAY INVOICE FOR \$6,664.00 FOR WORKMAN'S COMPENSATION INSURANCE AND \$2,475.00 TO DON ENGEN'S OFFICE FOR ANNUAL AUDIT. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

VI. G. Insurance renewals

Clerk Buchite informed the Council of quotes received to date for insurance coverage for the City for 1986-87 insurance year with cost increases in most of the policies. MOTION NO. 4R-10-86 WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN NELSON AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN YATES TO PAY INSURANCE INVOICES TOTALING \$24,471. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

VI. H. Centennial Celebration

It was the concensus of the persons looking into the centennail celebration for the Corps of Engineers dam that it is not the City's centennial. Mayor Mezzenga asked Councilman Courts to act as liaison for the Council and the Chamber of Commerce in seeing what could be done for the dam's centennial celebration.

VI. I. Election Judges

Clerk Buchite indicted a need for the Council to appoint judges for the upcoming special election on May 6, 1986. MOTION NO. 4R-11-86 WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN NELSON AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN ALLEN TO ALLOW THE CITY CLERK TO SET UP SCHEDULE AND JUDGES FOR THE SPECIAL ELECTION ON MAY 6, 1986 AT BE HELD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IV. J. Fire Dept. Well

Clerk Buchite stated that Fire Chief Robert Garin was requesting that money placed in Capitol Outlay for 1985 be placed in dedicated funds for the new well that is requested by the Fire Department. The matter was referred back to the Public Safety Commission for their input.

IV. K. Off-sale Liquor License for Seeker's Cedar Chest

Clerk Buchite received an application for the off-sale liquor license for the Cedar Chest which is in the name of the previous owner Bill Reed, to be transferred to Mike Seeker the new owner. The off-sale license was not transferred the same time the on-sale license was because the new owner wanted to check on insurance costs, etc. A motion was made by Councilman Allen to transfer the off-sale liquor license from Bill Reed to Mike Seeker but the motion died for lack of a second. MOTION NO. 4R-12-86 WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN COURTS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN NELSON TO TABLE THE TRANSFER OF THE OFF-SALE LICENSE TO MIKE SEEKER UNTIL THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mayor Mezzenga signed a proclamation proclaiming the week of April 20 through the April 27 to be volunteer recognition week in Crosslake. Mayor Mezzenga also signed a proclamation proclaiming May 18, as international museum day.

Mayor Mezzenga also congratulated Fire Chief Garin and all the volunteer firemen because of an article which was printed in the Country Echo regarding a drill at the Brother's Lodge.

Mayor Mezzenga said he would like to attend the League of Minnesota Cities Annual conference in Duluth on June 17 through June 20, 1986. MOTION NO. 4R-13-86 WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN NELSON AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN ALLEN THAT THE MAYOR BE PERMITTED TO ATTEND THE CONFERENCE IN DULUTH JUNE 17 THROUGH JUNE 20, 1986. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

VI. COMMISSION REPORTS

A. Building

Councilman Nelson said the estimated \$85,000 remodeling of City Hall would now run in excess of \$90,000. Remodeling costs would run an estimated \$30 per square foot with new construction running approximately \$40 a square foot. Nelson will come back to the next Council meeting with more information and estimates. Mayor Mezzenga announced that there is approximately \$101,000 available for City Hall remodeling or building.

VI. B. Cemetery

Councilman Courts said the Little Falls Monument company had moved the headstone which had been placed in the walkway at the cemetery and they are checking to see if they are responsible for the monument which is above ground. Courts also said he received some information on fences. The question arose whether a fence was needed at the cemetery and Courts will look into it.

VI. C. Park

Tom Mezzenga, Park Commission member, stated that the leases for the Nature Trails have been renewed and that there will be a luncheon for volunteer appreciation on Thursday, April 24 at 1:00 p.m. at the Community Center.

VI. D. Personnel

Councilman Nelson and Mayor Mezzenga will meet with Alec Donaldson and Marlowe Kingstedt this week to discuss compensation for Alec for the time he filled in as Planning and Zoning Coordinator during Kingstedts illness. They will come back to the Council with their recommendations.

VI. E. Public Safety

Mayor Mezzenga explained to the Council the changes in the By-Laws of the Firemens Relief Association. The Relief Association had to abandon the point system they were using and adopt one of three systems proposed by the State to be in compliance with state statutes. MOTION NO. 4R-14-86 WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN NELSON AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN COURTS TO APPROVE THE FINANCIAL REPORT AND CHANGES IN THE BY-LAWS AS PRESENTED BY THE FIREMENS RELIEF ASSOCIATION FOR 1986. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION NO. 4R-15-86 WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN NELSON AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN COURTS TO APPROVE PURCHASE OF TEN NEW COATS BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AT A COST OF \$175 EACH. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

VI. G. Roads

MOTION NO. 4R-16-86 WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN NELSON AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN COURTS TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF \$13,081.46 TO WIDSETH SMITH NOLTING AND ASSOCIATES FOR THEIR MARCH 28, 1986 BILLING. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Bruce Buxton from Widseth Smith Nolting and Associates said he has had two meetings with the Road Commission and two road inspections with City road man Pat Hoag relative to the 1986 road improvements project. Buxton talked about his memo dated April 1 from his office detailing some of the recommendations he proposes regarding (1) South Landing Road, (2) Summit Avenue, (3) Twin Bay Road, (4) Michaelis Drive, (5) Donald Boulevard, (6) West Shore Drive, (7) Fae Avenue, (8) O'Brien Drive, (9) Woodland Drive (Arrowhead Point), (10) Sunrise Boulevard, and (11) Urban's Point. MOTION NO. 4R-17-86 WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN ALLEN AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN NELSON TO ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDATIONS AS MADE BY THE ROAD COMMISSION AND BUXTON'S OFFICE REGARDING THE ELEVEN ROADS AS LISTED ABOVE. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Buxton recommended someone from the City get right-of-ways that are necessary. Buxton will make a detailed drawing showing the tennis court and other problem areas around West Shore Drive. The Council will hold a special meeting on May 5, 1986 to review and discuss the problem areas and a meeting is being planned for May 19, 1986 for West Shore Drive residents at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Center.

Mayor Mezzenga requested that Attorney Fitzpatrick work closely with Bond Counsel Kennedy on the road project.

Residents from Sunrise Island were present to ask whether it would be possible for all the residents of the Island to pay equally for the road improvements because they originally payed equally for the road as they use it equally. It was suggested they could get together and split the cost.

Dean Eggena stated that there is a Minnesota Statute that says a City or Municipality cannot assess property more than it will increase the property

value and asked if a person with a 40 acre plot of land would have their property increased in value as much as it would cost them. Buxton said that is why the City is picking up 60 percent of the cost and each side of a road is only paying 20 percent.

VI. H. Telephone

MOTION NO. 4R-18-86 WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN ALLEN AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN COURTS TO APPROVE \$74,500 DIVIDEND FROM THE TELEPHONE COMPANY FOR THIS YEAR. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Discussion ensued on the color a City vehicle should be. MOTION NO. 4R-19-86 WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN NELSON AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN ALLEN TO RETAIN THE COLOR YELLOW FOR ALL CITY VEHICLES WITH THE EXCEPTION OF POLICE AND FIRE VEHICLES. COUNCILMEN ALLEN, NELSON, AND YATES VOTED IN FAVOR WITH COUNCILMAN COURTS VOTING NAY. MOTION PASSED.

Robert Turner, Telephone Commission Chairman said they have had several inquiries on receiving Channel 9 from the Twin Cities. Turner also stated they have had some complaints about Channel 6, NBC but said nothing can be done to get better reception without obtaining another dish.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Police Department

Nothing

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Road Project

See under item VI. G. Roads.

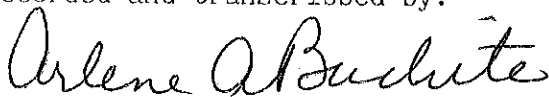
IX. PUBLIC FORUM

Nothing

X. ADJOURN

MOTION NO. 4R-19-86 WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN COURTS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN YATES TO ADJOURN THIS REGULAR COUNCIL SESSION AT 11:16 P.M. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Recorded and transcribed by:



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