

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
Crosslake, Minnesota  
SPECIAL SESSION - September 4, 1984

The City of Crosslake, Minnesota met in a special session on September 4, 1984 at 3:00 p.m. in the Council Room of the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Councilman Anderson, Arends, Nelson and Mayor Bieber. There was employees present from the Police, Park and Street Department and Chairman Pruesser and Fraser were also in attendance.

Mayor Bieber called the meeting and stated the purpose of this special meeting as to receive input from Conrad Bye the County Auditor on our levy and to review the proposed budget as presented.

The proposed budget was introduced as our levy dollars being \$287,675.00 with three full time Police officers or \$280,512.00 with 2.75 police officers. Our 1984 levy dollars was \$262,574. The proposed budget expenses for 1985 are \$383,206.00 with three full time police officers or \$376,043.00 with 2.75 police officers. Mayor Bieber pointed out areas to which he wanted the council to specifically look at in lieu of hopefully cutting such areas back in expenditures: Assessor at \$11,483.00, road maintenance at \$61,919.00 and road construction at \$37,616.00 Fire Department at \$42,476.00, Police Dept. at \$90,718.00 or \$84,001.00, and the Park Department at \$49,877.00. Was stated that this is where the bulk of our expenses lay. Mayor Bieber further emphasized that his objectives are to not raise the levy rate and if possible to use the levy dollar figure of 1984 of \$262,574.00. It was explained that if we go with the three man police department that \$25,101.00 would have to be cut to reach such a goal or \$17,938.00 would have to be cut if we go with the 2.75 man police dept.

Our maximum levy was introduced as \$268,000.00 and the council was asked to review the difference in expenditures that made up our proposed levy for 1985. The present mill rate was introduced as being 12.37 mills and also introduced for review was the 7% increase in payroll. Mayor Bieber at this time introduced our guest speaker as Conrad Bye, County Auditor.

Mr. Bye presented our 1984 mil rate of 12.4 at the levy dollar amount of \$262,574.00 which was levied against the real estate taxes to run the city. The assessed valuation of the area was introduced as \$21,222,538.00 and our maximum levy is figured for 1985 by taking 252.18 time the population. Mr. Bye introduced our proposed levy for 1985 of \$287,675.00 which would put us at approximately 13.6 mills. Mayor Bieber reiterated his objective of maintaining the levy dollar amount of 1984 which would put us at a 11.3 levy rate or 1.1 lower than 1984.

Questions were presented from the council at this time to Mr. Bye regarding the mil rate and what it would do to the community. What the school and county would be doing with the mills we don't use - was determined that they have nothing to do with our levy.

Mayor Bieber directed the council as to the choice they must make regarding the police department manpower for 1985 and also to determine where budget cuts can be made from each area. Wages were discussed again as in relation to the Telephone Co. wages paid to their employees and those paid to the City and the conclusion regarding such that all are City employees.

Councilman Nelson suggested that each department go back and see where we can cut these budgets and bring back to council numbers to look at next monday night.

Chairman Fraser of Public Safty had a report to give regarding those departments under their area and handed each Council member a comparison sheet they made up in regards to the Police Department and their wages. Such report showed the 1984 expenditure on payroll, the 1985 proposed wage increase by commission, the 1985 proposed increase by department, and comparison wages with the Crow Wing Co. Deputies and Brainerd's 22 man dept. 1984 wage comparisons. Chairman Fraser had three recommendations: 1) Stay with the 2.75 man department as present. 2) Give pay increases according to the commission recommendation (Backdahl at .29/hr, Coulter at .23/hr., and Leonard at .60/hr.) and 3) that the motion to pay time and 1/2 for court apperances be rescinded and that comp time be given on an hour for hour basis.

Councilman Nelson questioned Chairman Fraser if the commission was agreeable to the 120 day sick time being requested. Chairman Fraser stated no. A benefit list was requested and what it does in accordance to the employees in addition to their wage.

There was some discussion in regards to the commission's recommendation on the Police Department regarding the wages.

Mayor Bieber introduced some wage differences gathered on a 4% and 5% increase and the savings involved.

The Park Departments budget was reviewed and the Capitol Outlay account was reviewed in detail. Chairman Pruesser and Ms. Felber did verify that cuts within this department was possible and some had already been made.

Concern was expressed about the time frame in which our budgets are to be turned in. County Auditor Bye stated that as long as we definitely had them in by November 1 there should be no problem.

Councilman Anderson stated his concern of dropping the well from the Fire Department's budget and his objective that something else could be dropped.

MOTION NO. 9S-01-84 was introduced by Councilman Nelson that this special session of the City Council adjourn. SECONDED BY Councilman Arends.

Upon roll call vote being taken all members of the council voted in favor of said motion and Mayor Bieber declared the motion carried.

RESPECTFULLY  
SUBMITTED

