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A regular meeting of the Crosslake City Council was called to order by Mayor Fogelberg at 7:30 P.M. on October 10, 1977, in City Hall. Present were Councilmen Olson, Arends, Benson, Andolshek, Clerk Whisler and City Attorney Fritz. Also attending were sixteen members of the community.

On a motion by Olson and a second by Andolshek, all members voting "AYE", the minutes of the meetings of September 26th and September 29th were approved as written.

The Treasurer's financial report for the City was approved on a motion by Andolshek with a second by Olson, all members voting "AYE".

On a motion by Andolshek and a second by Olson, all members voting "AYE", the financial report of the Crosslake Telephone Co. was accepted.

The Clerk reported he had received letters from three insurance agencies indicating an interest in bidding on the City's insurance business when the specifications are available. There was also a letter from the Citizens Agency of Brainerd asking for a letter of record so they might be able to approach the Agent's Assistance Corporation for help in formulating their bid. There was no objection to this request.

Acting as spokesman for the Planning and Zoning Commission, Chairman William Shields expressed his concern because of the statement made at an earlier Council meeting that the Commission be self-sustaining. Mr. Shields said in order to be self-sustaining the fees for building permits would have to be raised approximately 260%. He then displayed a comparison chart showing the rates being charged by Crow Wing County, Nisswa, Crosby, Brainerd, the State of Minnesota, Crosslake's current charges and the new rates Crosslake would have to charge if the suggested rate changes were to be made. He further stated it would be difficult to be self-sustaining on the basis of 170 to 190 permits being issued each year. There are tentative plans to raise the fees by approximately 20%.

Jan Mezzenga, Zoning Coordinator, suggested that when the State building code goes into effect it might be proper to raise the rates but at this point to raise the fees 260% with no additional services would meet with a lot of resistance from the public.

Councilman Olson moved to rescind the action taken at the September 21st budget meeting in which it was moved the Council go on record as recommending a change in fees sufficient to make the Planning and Zoning Commission self-sustaining. Andolshek seconded the motion. When the motion was put to a vote Olson, Andolshek and Fogelberg voted "AYE". Benson and Arends abstained.

Zoning Coordinator Mezzenga then called attention to a letter which had been sent to each member of the Council by Chairman Shields of the Planning Commission. Four items were discussed in this letter:

(a) Final approval was given to the Crosslake Telephone Company for their building.

(b) The Commission voted to approve all plans for the Lakeland State Bank branch facility. Arends moved the Council concur in this decision. Andolshek seconded the motion. All voted "AYE". Approved.

(c) The Commission approved plans for Culver Whitcomb's "Parkview Court" allowing a variance. Andolshek moved the Council approve the Commission's action. Olson seconded the motion. All voted "AYE". Approved. Councilman Arends suggested a 30-foot roadway be included in the plans to facilitate parking and the flow of traffic.

(d) The Commission approved a preliminary plat for Jack Felber. As the plat met all requirements, it was decided no action was necessary.

Reporting for the Telephone Commission, Andolshek stated the Commission had recommended a 7% raise in salary for Manager Gary Fread. Andolshek then moved the Council approve the Commission's recommendation. Benson seconded the motion. All voted "AYE". Approved.

Andolshek reported Northwestern Bell would be agreeable to the Crosslake Telephone Company providing the toll terminals for the Crosslake Exchange. This would entail a cost of approximately \$62,000.00. Both the engineers and the Telephone Company's accounting firm had agreed it would be beneficial for the Telephone Company to make this purchase.

Telephone Company Manager Fread explained the Company would be able to retain a larger portion of the tolls and would be getting their investment back in a period of about four years as estimated by the accounting firm.

Andolshek then moved Mr. Fread be instructed to inform Northwestern Bell the Telephone Company was interested in providing the toll terminals. Benson seconded the motion. All voted "AYE". So ordered.

For the Public Buildings Commission, Councilman Olson announced he had received a bid for \$486.44 for the carpentry work on the City Hall roof which would be necessary before further work could be done. He also stated L.F. "Pete" Ranum had submitted a bid of \$915.81 for covering the roof. Olson then moved these bids be accepted. Benson suggested the Council should have another bid. Olson said it was impossible to get any other bids on a job that small. Andolshek seconded the motion. When it was put to a vote, Olson, Andolshek, Fogelberg and Arends voted "AYE". Benson voted "NO". Motion carried.

For the Roads Commission, Arends reported the tractor he had been instructed to purchase would be available next week. He also reported there would be one more road grading before winter sets in.

Arends then commented on the fine work Police Officer Reilly was doing and recommended that, as his probationary time would soon be up, he should receive a raise in salary. It was suggested Chief Backdahl submit his suggestions on this matter.

Elmer Pearson then reported for the Parks Commission. He told of an informational meeting that had been held at the Crosslake Game & Fish Club on Friday, October 7th, relative to the grant for the proposed Community Building. He asked the Council to take action on the acceptance of the grant. Andolshek moved the grant be accepted. Benson seconded the motion. All voted "AYE". So ordered.

It was announced there would be no public offices in the new building.

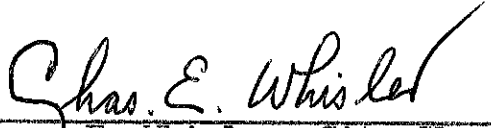
Benson moved Carl Nordquist be approved as the architect for this project. Andolshek seconded the motion. All voted "AYE". So ordered.

Pearson announced the names of the members of the Parks Commission. The members of the executive board are Walter Kocon, Hildor Foss and Elmer Pearson. Other members of the Commission are Jack Felber, Mary Kay Kendall, Doris Fraser, Lowell Perkins, Bill Reed, Herb Schuess, and Gary Fread.

Pearson then asked that more definite rules be drawn up as to who had the responsibility and the authority to make decisions regarding the construction of the Community Center. He wanted to be assured the Commission would not have to approach the Council on every minor decision that had to be made. He was told that after the Commission had submitted their plans to the Council and received approval they could make their own decisions. However, disbursements would still have to be handled through City channels as the funds had been granted to the City.

Under the heading of New Business, Dick Delmonico asked to be recognized. He then stated he resented a statement made by Councilman Arends at an earlier meeting in which he referred to the Police Reserve as "playing cops and robbers". Delmonico went on to tell of the interest and dedication of the nine members of the Reserve. He cited a recent incident in which one of the Reserve members had been threatened by a member of the community and had had a firearm pointed at his head. Delmonico used this example to show that it was a serious business and that the members of the Reserve did not believe they were playing games. When asked why the Reserve held their meetings in private, Delmonico responded by saying they were not meetings, but rather drills. They were held the second Sunday of each month at 7:00 P.M. in the City Hall and anyone was welcome to attend.

There being no further business, Olson moved the meeting be adjourned. Andolshek seconded the motion. All voted "AYE". The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

  
Chas. E. Whisler, City Clerk