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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 September 12, 1977 in City Hall. Present were Councilmen Benson, Arends, Olson, Andolshek, Clerk Whisler and City Attorney Fritz. At the outset of the meeting there were twenty members of the community present, but ten minutes into the meeting there were thirty-seven present.

On a motion by Andolshek and a second by Olson, with all members voting "AYE", the minutes of the August 22nd meeting were approved as written.

On a motion by Andolshek and a second by Arends, with all members voting "AYE", the minutes of the special budget meeting of September 2nd were approved as written.

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

Olson moved the financial report of the Telephone Company be approved. Arends seconded the motion. All voted "AYE". Report approved.

The Clerk read a letter from the Mayor of Grand Rapids, MN. in which he announced a regional meeting of the League of Minnesota Cities would be held in his city on Wednesday, September 21st. Any member of the Council interested in attending was asked to contact the City Clerk.

The Clerk was instructed to order City stationery with some minor changes being made in the heading.

L.F. "Pete" Ranum gave a report on the condition of the roof of City Hall. He announced he would be able to give a firm quote on work needed at the Council meeting of September 26th.

For the Telephone Commission, Andolshek reported there would be two special Council meetings held. One would be on Wednesday, September 14, 1977 at 11:00 A.M. This meeting would be held for the purpose of opening bids for Central Office equipment. The Clerk would open the bids but would immediately turn them over to Communication Consultants for consideration and evaluation. The other special meeting would be held on Thursday, Sept. 29, 1977 at 11:00 A.M. for the purpose of opening bids on the construction of the building itself. These bids would be evaluated by Carl Nordquist, architect for the project.

Andolshek announced Orval Nelson, a member of the Telephone Commission, had resigned. His resignation had been accepted with regret. It was recommended by the Commission that Howard Hagman be appointed to fill the unexpired term. Andolshek so moved. Olson seconded the motion. All members voted "AYE". So ordered.

Andolshek stated the City garage was insufficient to house the two Telephone Company trucks and the Ditch Witch, and that a search was being conducted to try to find adequate housing for these vehicles.

Councilman Olson announced there was nothing to report for the Cemetery Commission, and as far as public buildings were concerned, Mr. Ranum's earlier report had pretty well covered that.

For the Roads Commission, Councilman Arends announced he had been looking at tractors with front loader and weed cutter and the best he had been able to find was a 1973 tractor priced at \$8,700.00. Olson then moved Arends be allowed to purchase the tractor if it proves to be acceptable. Andolshek seconded the motion. All voted "AYE". Arends was so instructed.

There was nothing to report for the Police Commission, the Ambulance Commission or the Planning and Zoning Commission.

The Mayor then recognized Sterling Hoff, a member of the community, who wished to register a complaint. Mr. Hoff then described, in some detail, an incident which had occurred three weeks ago in which he and his wife, on returning home, had interrupted a burglary in progress at their home. He went on to explain the difficulty he had experienced in contacting a police officer. This had involved calling the County Sheriff's office, being referred to the Police Department's number in City Hall, etc., The time lapse between the first call and the eventual response was, in Mr. Hoff's words, "indefensible". The Mayor then asked Mr. Hoff and Police Chief Backdahl to be members of a committee which would bring recommendations back to the Council as to how this matter could best be handled.

Councilman Arends suggested it might be worth looking into the method employed by Pine City in which two private citizens, who are in radio contact with the police, patrol the streets.

The Mayor then observed there was a sizeable group in attendance, and she presumed they were there to discuss the probability of the City receiving a \$186,000.00 grant for the construction of a multipurpose community building. The Mayor then went on to explain how the grant had been applied for a couple of years ago and had originally been denied. Then, recently, she received a message from the Governor's office that the application had been reconsidered and the City would receive the money with no expense to the City involved. She further stated the building could be used for practically any purpose, even for housing some of the City offices.

Mr. Hildor Foss, who had been instrumental in drawing up the grant request, spoke on how this project would help to stimulate the economy, particularly in the area of construction work.

Also speaking in favor of the grant were Alvin Petersen, George Kocon and Elmer Pearson.

Councilman Benson suggested the first step would be to find out what time schedule was involved, to see if it wouldn't be possible to give more thought and prior planning to the idea rather than plunging into it unprepared.


Elmer Pearson then warned the group against going the way Brainerd had gone--letting themselves be influenced by a vocal minority who were constantly fighting progress.

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Councilman Benson stated he favored the grant, if it were to be used to effect a consolidation of City activities. However, he was not in favor of the preliminary plans as they now stood.

Benson then moved to table consideration of the matter until the next meeting, September 26, 1977, explaining that this would allow time for additional thought and consideration of the matter. Arends seconded the motion. All voted "AYE".

Benson then moved the meeting be adjourned. Arends seconded the motion. All voted "AYE". Meeting was adjourned at 9:26 P.M.


Chas. E. Whisler, City Clerk