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The regular meeting of the Crosslake City Council was called to order at 7:35 P.M. on January 14, 1977, in the City Hall by Mayor Fogelberg. Present were Councilmen Benson, Arends, Andolshek, Olson, Clerk Whisler and City Attorney Fritz. Also present were ten members of the community.

Mayor Fogelberg spoke briefly welcoming the new members, Benson and Arends, to the Council. She also encouraged comments and criticisms from the community as a whole.

The Mayor then announced her appointments for the coming year, which consisted of:

Acting Mayor: Leonard Olson.

Health Officers: Leonard Olson and Doctor Charles Pelzl.

Roads: Lyle Arends.

Telephone Commission: Elizabeth Andolshek.

Cemetery: Leonard Olson.

Building Maintenance: Leonard Olson.

Civil Defense: Mayor Fogelberg, Lloyd Lindquist, Police Chief Backdahl.

Police Commissioner: Mayor Fogelberg.

City Attorney: Harold Fritz II.

Accountant (City): Don Engen.

Accountant (Tele.Co.): Olsen-Thielen.

Council Liaison with City Offices: Allen Benson.

Treasurer: Doris Shafer.

City Clerk: Charles Whisler.

Depositories: Lakelank State Bank, Pequot.

Citizens State Bank, Brainerd.

First Federal, Brainerd.

Weed Inspector: Fogelberg, Arends.

Police Chief: John Backdahl.

Airport Commission: Albin Andolshek.

Fire Department: Benson.

Official Publication: Brainerd Daily Dispatch.

The Mayor then asked if there were any objections to these appointments. Hearing none, she declared them duly appointed.

On a motion by Olson and a second by Andolshek, all members voting "AYE", the minutes of the regular meeting of December 10, 1976 were approved as written.

Olson moved that the minutes of the special meeting of December 15, 1976 be approved as written. Andolshek seconded the motion. All voted "AYE". Motion carried.

Olson moved the acceptance of the Treasurer's financial report for the City. Andolshek seconded the motion. All voted "AYE". Motion carried.

On a motion by Olson with a second by Andolshek, all members voting "AYE", the Treasurer's financial report for the Telephone Company was accepted.

The Clerk stated that he had been asked to sound out the City Council on the idea of having a resident game warden in Crosslake. On a motion by Benson with a second by Olson, all voting "AYE", the matter was tabled pending further consideration.

Reporting for the Telephone Commission, Andolshek announced that the Commission meetings would be changed, through April, to the second Friday of the month, at 3:00 P.M. This change was made so they could conduct their business and prepare their recommendations prior to the Council meeting.

Andolshek also announced that the Minnesota Telephone Association would be holding its convention at the Radisson in Minneapolis in February. It was the thought of the Telephone Commission that Crosslake should be represented. Benson moved that Telephone Manager Fread, Telephone Commission Chairman Andolshek and Telephone Company worker Rod Mertens attend, leaving on the 14th of February and returning on the 15th. Olson seconded the motion. All voted "AYE". Motion carried.

It was stated that REA recommended more distinct lines be drawn between City funds accounting and Telephone Company accounting. Manager Fread and Clerk Whisler will be working to accomplish this.

A letter listing delinquent accounts of the Telephone Co. was presented by Andolshek to the Council with a recommendation that they be written off. Benson asked if this action would eliminate the possibility of attempting to collect these accounts at a later date. He was assured that it would not. Andolshek then moved, with a second by Olson, all members voting "AYE", that the accounts be written off. Al Lubben, Emily Telephone Co. manager, said that one approach to collecting these debts would be the small claims court in Brainerd.

Andolshek stated that it was the recommendation of the Telephone Commission that Kurt Anderson be re-appointed to the Commission for another three-year term. Olson moved that the recommendation be approved. Andolshek seconded the motion. All voted "AYE". Motion carried.

Mayor Fogelberg announced that she was appointing a committee consisting of Telephone Manager Fread, Councilman Benson and Clerk Whisler to investigate the possibility of adopting a group insurance plan for City employees.

There was no report from the Cemetery Commission.

Reporting for the Roads Commission, Councilman Olson stated that there had been a request to vacate Lake Avenue. However it was not a formal request, and the matter was referred to the Planning Commission. Olson also announced that he thought Pat Hoag was doing a good job of plowing the streets as he, Olson, had not had any calls of complaint. Those in attendance applauded Hoag.

Jan Mezzenga appeared before the Council with the recommendation of the Planning Commission that the Preliminary Zoning Ordinance, as amended, be approved. After a request by Councilman Benson that two items on Page 29 relating to signs be clarified, it was moved by Benson and seconded by Arends that the Ordinance be adopted. All voted "AYE", and the Ordinance was adopted.

Reporting for the Police Commission, Chief Backdahl submitted a report of all police activity for 1976. This report was broken down by quarters and showed that there had been 896 incidents in 54 separate categories. This reflected a doubling of Police Department activity since 1974.

Chief Backdahl then submitted a list of specifications for a new 1977 patrol car, with the request that the City advertise for bids on such a vehicle.

There was some question, particularly on the part of Councilmen Arends and Olson, as to the need for trading in patrol cars as frequently as they had been traded in the past. The thought was proposed that the vehicles might log 100,000 miles before being traded. After further discussion along these lines, Benson moved that the Clerk be instructed to advertise for bids for the 1977 patrol car. Andolshek seconded the motion. On a roll call vote Benson, Andolshek and Fogelberg voted in favor. Olson and Arends abstained. Motion was carried and the Clerk was so instructed.

For the Fire Department, Fire Chief Fraser submitted a detailed report of departmental activities which included a breakdown of the twenty calls answered in 1976. His reports indicated a total of 1156 man hours had been used during the year. The Chief announced that he had been re-elected Chief by the Department and Phil Bacon had been elected Asst. Chief and Fire Marshal. On a motion by Andolshek with a second by Arends, all voting "AYE", the results of the election were approved. In his closing remarks Chief Fraser congratulated the residents of Crosslake for not having had a serious fire in Crosslake during the recent extremely dry season.

Councilman Arends asked if there couldn't be some type of fire regulations governing chimney construction for wood burning appliances. It was suggested that the Planning Commission might look into this matter.

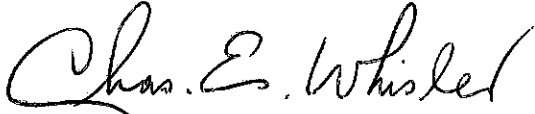
Under the heading of old business, Councilman Andolshek submitted some recommended changes in the City Policy. Each member of the Council was supplied with a copy of the changes. On a motion by Benson with a second by Arends, all members voting "AYE", the changes were approved and adopted.

Councilman Olson brought up the subject of the upcoming election to fill the vacancy in the Seventh Congressional District. The Clerk said that he would contact the County Auditor to see what provisions would have to be made to handle the election locally.

Mayor Fogelberg announced that she intended calling a special meeting of the Council for the purpose of discussing City salaries.

Councilman Benson moved that, beginning with the month of March the Council meetings be held on the second Wednesday of the month at 7:30 P.M. in the City Hall, and that beginning in May meetings be held twice monthly, on the second and fourth Wednesdays. Andolshek seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Olson moved that the meeting be adjourned. Andolshek seconded the motion. All voted "AYE". Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 P.M.


Chas. E. Whisler, City Clerk