

CITY OF CROSSLAKE  
SPECIAL MEETING  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2019  
9:00 A.M. - CITY HALL

The Council for the City of Crosslake met in a Special Session on Monday, December 16, 2019 at City Hall. The following Council Members were present: Mayor Dave Nevin, John Andrews, Dave Schrupp, and Aaron Herzog. Gary Heacox was absent. Also present were City Administrator Mike Lyonais, City Clerk Char Nelson, Public Works Director Ted Strand, City Engineer Phil Martin, Cindy Myogeto, Darrell Swanson, Leah Heggerston, MN House of Representatives Dale Lueck and MN State Senator Carrie Ruud.

Mayor Nevin called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. and introductions were made. Mike Lyonais gave a brief recap of the City's capital improvement projects and why the Council was in favor of seeking a local option sales tax. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the process of obtaining approval for the implementation of sales tax. Representative Lueck and Senator Ruud stated that they were in favor of shepherding the Resolution through legislature as long as the final decision comes from the voters but cautioned that there is not a tax bill every year. If there is no tax bill in 2020, approval from the State would need to wait until 2021. The earliest the City would know if it received State approval would be mid-May. Representative Lueck added that the City has a huge environmental story to tell which will be good in considering the need for sales tax. Senator Carrie Ruud suggested that the City do a thorough job of informing the voters of the pros and cons of the tax. Representative Lueck stated that the seasonal residents could contact their representatives in the cities to support the bill as well.

Cindy Myogeto stated that there is not a lot of support from the business community, especially stores that sell high-priced items, such as boats or lumber. Dave Schrupp stated that he is in favor of slowing down the proposed sewer projects until the City knows whether or not a sales tax can be implemented to offset costs. Senator Ruud agreed that it is better to plan ahead than to be relying on funds that may not come through. Mike Lyonais suggested allowing the potential sales tax proceeds to build up before the City starts the next sewer project.

It was the consensus of the Council to submit the Resolution supporting the authority to impose a local sales and use tax to fund specific capital improvements providing regional significance, to establish the duration of the tax and the revenue to be raised by the tax, and to authorize the city to issue bonds supported by the sales tax revenue to Senator Carrie Ruud as soon as possible so that she can present it to the State revisor. The Legislators begin their 2020 session on February 11 and she would like to have the resolution back from the revisors so that it can be presented the first day.

There being no further discussion, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 10:15 A.M.

Respectfully submitted by,



Charlene Nelson  
City Clerk