

CITY OF CROSSLAKE
SPECIAL EMERGENCY MEETING
FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 2020
9:00 A.M. - CITY HALL

The Council for the City of Crosslake met in a Special Emergency Session on Friday, March 13, 2020 at City Hall. The following Council Members were present: Mayor Dave Nevin, John Andrews, Gary Heacox and Aaron Herzog. Dave Schrupp was present via conference call. Also present were City Clerk Char Nelson, Police Chief Erik Lee, Public Works Director Ted Strand, Park Director TJ Graumann, Fire Chief Chip Lohmiller, Assistant Fire Chief Neil Luzar, and Echo Publishing Reporter Nancy Vogt. There were approximately five people in the audience.

Mayor Nevin called the meeting to order at 9:05 A.M. The Mayor stated that it was unfortunate that this meeting had to be called, but things are changing quickly. Since the meeting yesterday, it is speculated that the Governor will announce later today that gatherings of 50 or more should be canceled. The Mayor said that he contacted a doctor that he personally knows last night at 10pm and the doctor told him it was a good idea to allow the parade to continue. Two hours later, at midnight, he texted the Mayor and said that the City should cancel the parade. Recommendations from the federal and state governments are changing minute by minute. The City could be liable if the virus were spread throughout the community from the parade.

Cindy Myogeto of the Chamber stated that there will be great disappointment but that no one wants the virus to come to our community. Ms. Myogeto warned that many people are already in town for the event and asked if the City was going to order that businesses also be closed. The Mayor responded that they do not have all the answers and that he is in favor of canceling the parade. Ms. Myogeto stated that the Council cannot please everyone. Some will be happy and some will be disappointed. Ms. Myogeto added that the City should have a plan for the stores and restaurants as well.

Chief Lee stated that it is appropriate for the Council to err on the side of caution. The City has no jurisdiction over private businesses. The police will still have high presence on Saturday. The Sheriff said he was also in favor of the parade being canceled. Chief Lee stated that he felt horrible that the parade may be canceled but that there are too many unknowns not to.

Chief Lohmiller stated that he agreed with Chief Lee and that the County Emergency Management team also was in favor of canceling the parade.

Dave Schrupp stated that the City needs to follow orders from the Governor and that there will be many more years for the parade to go on.

John Andrews stated that the only thing new today were recommendations from Governor and Sheriff and that he would follow their advice.

Aaron Herzog stated that he agreed with the rest of the Council.

Cindy Myogeto stated that she needs a statement from Council on what to tell the business community and added that the parade is only ½ mile long. The Mayor responded that there is still time for some people to cancel their plans and that he is uncomfortable to say that Crosslake is special and that we should still have our parade.

MOTION 03SP2-01-20 WAS MADE BY DAVE NEVIN AND SECONDED BY GARY HEACOX TO CANCEL THE ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE ON MARCH 14, 2020. ROLE CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN: ANDREWS: AYE. HERZOG: AYE. NEVIN: AYE. SCHRUPP: AYE. HEACOX: AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION 03SP2-02-20 WAS MADE BY DAVE NEVIN AND SECONDED BY GARY HEACOX TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:25 A.M. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.

Respectfully submitted by,



Charlene Nelson
City Clerk