

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING  
CITY OF CROSSLAKE  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2020  
6:00 P.M. – CITY HALL

The Council for the City of Crosslake held a Public Information Meeting on December 14, 2020. The following Council Members were present: Mayor Dave Nevin, Dave Schrupp, Marcia Seibert-Volz, Aaron Herzog and John Andrews. Also present were City Administrator Mike Lyonais, City Clerk Char Nelson, Public Works Director Ted Strand, Fire Chief Chip Lohmiller, Park and Recreation Director TJ Graumann, and Zoning Administrator Jon Kolstad. Northland Press Reporter Paul Boblett and Echo Publishing Reporter Nancy Vogt attended via Zoom as well as one individual. There were four people in the audience.

Mayor Nevin called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. and turned the meeting over to Mike Lyonais. Mr. Lyonais reported that the purpose of the meeting was to take public comment and answer questions regarding the 2021 Budget and proposed tax levy.

The City Clerk read into the record an email from Crosslake resident Tom Swenson regarding suggested changes to the budget. Mr. Swenson stated that the 2020 Budget included \$120,000 for Joint Maintenance Facility expenses and that \$56,500 is now being budgeted in 2021 for items that taxes have already been collected to pay for. Mr. Swenson suggested that \$56,500 be removed from the proposed 2021 Budget and to place that amount in a reserve account for future Joint Maintenance Facility expenses. Mr. Swenson also suggested that the 2021 budget for legal fees in the Park Department be reduced from \$5,000 to \$1,000.

There were no other public comments.

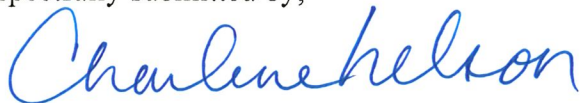
Mike Lyonais explained that the \$56,500 was being moved from 2020 to 2021 and that it was not being levied again. Mr. Lyonais showed that a total of \$164,255 was being transferred from 2020 to 2021 for projects that were not completed. Mr. Lyonais stated that the Council could reduce the legal fees from \$5,000 to \$1,000 but that he is expecting to renegotiate union contracts in 2021 and that there will be legal fees associated with those negotiations.

Mike Lyonais reviewed the sewer budget and carry overs for lift station and clarifier upgrades. In the last three years the City has budgeted for transfer from the General Fund if necessary \$200,000 for sewer maintenance and has a proposed budget of \$200,000 in the 2021 Budget. Priorities have changed on what should be upgraded since the money was held in unassigned General Fund balance and that is why the reserve account did not specify the purpose.

Mike Lyonais and the Council reviewed the current Public Works budget and projects. Perkins Road Improvements totaled approximately \$615,000. TJ Graumann noted that he will carry over \$8,500 to 2021 for an irrigation system that did not get installed in 2020 and that he plans to replace pumps and sprinkler heads at an estimated cost of \$10,000 in 2021.

There being no further business at 6:45 P.M., MOTION 12SP1-01-20 WAS MADE BY AARON HERZOG AND SECONDED BY DAVE SCHRUPP TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.

Respectfully submitted by,



Charlene Nelson  
City Clerk