

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF CROSSLAKE
WEDNESDAY, MAY 26, 2021
3:00 P.M. – CITY HALL

The Council for the City of Crosslake held a Special Meeting on Wednesday, May 26, 2021. The following Council Members were present: Mayor Dave Nevin, Dave Schrupp, Marcia Seibert-Volz, John Andrews and Aaron Herzog. Also in attendance were City Administrator Mike Lyonais, City Clerk Char Nelson, Park Director TJ Graumann, Police Chief Erik Lee, Zoning Administrator Jon Kolstad, and Public Works Director Ted Strand. There were six people in the audience.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Nevin at 3:00 P.M. Mayor Nevin stated that the Public Safety Committee had discussed improving the crosswalks on County Road 66 and noted that some were repainted yesterday. Ted Strand stated that he included the striping of crosswalks in the 2021 budget and scheduled those to be painted before the holiday weekend. The cost was approximately \$300 each.

Cindy Myogeto of the Chamber stated that she was thankful for the painting. Ms. Myogeto stated that the Greater Lakes Association of Realtors conducted a Walkability Study in Crosslake in 2017 and encouraged the Council to review it. Ms. Myogeto stated that there is still a need for a crosswalk on County Road 66 at Lake Country Crafts and Cones to the Exchange parking lot. Ted Strand replied that State law requires an ADA Compliant curb cut for new crosswalks. Dave Nevin stated that he does not think painting the crosswalks is enough and asked the Council what more they should do. John Andrews stated that he was in favor of more crosswalks and of making them more visible. Ted Strand stated that the cost for one side of the ADA compliant curb cut ramp is approximately \$50,000.

Aaron Herzog stated that the City would need permission from the County to make changes on the County road. Dave Nevin stated that he has a message in to County Commissioner Bill Brekken to request a meeting with him, Rob Hall and Tim Bray. Dave Nevin stated that the County should participate in the upgrades and the City should demand that they help pay.

Mike Lyonais noted that the City worked with the County on a Parking and Pedestrian Study and worked together to apply for a transportation grant to fund the project that was estimated at \$1 million dollars. The City was not awarded the grant this year but could apply again next year for funding in 2026. Dave Nevin asked if the City could pay for projects now and use the grant money to reimburse itself later. Mike Lyonais stated that was not allowed.

Dave Schrupp stated that the City should add funds in the 2022 Budget for improving crosswalks and suggested that the City do small parts of the project each year. It was the consensus of the Council that the City supports enhancements to crosswalks. A discussion ensued regarding options for blinky signs, temporary signs, volunteer crossing

guards, and city liability. The County would need to approve any improvement. Chief Lee stated that he would have patrol officers monitor the crosswalks on Saturday and Sunday this weekend.

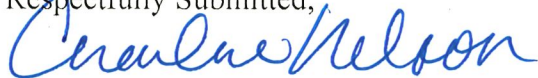
Marcia Seibert-Volz stated that the Planning and Zoning Department just got a penalty payment of \$28,000 that was not expected in the 2021 Budget and the City could use that for the ADA compliant curb cut and the County could pay the other half. Dave Nevin asked if the Council would want to meet with County officials in a special meeting and the consensus of the Council was yes, they would.

Corrine Hodapp of the Corps of Engineers stated that the crosswalk at the intersection of County Roads 66 and 3 is extremely dangerous and she is surprised that no serious accident has happened there. Chief Lee suggested improving the existing crosswalks first and then add more crosswalks as funding permits. Chief Lee suggested adding lights to the crosswalk at 66 and 3 first. John Grothe stated that the City needs to start with the County because they have control over crosswalks on the county roads. The Mayor stated he will try to set up a meeting with the County.

Mayor Nevin stated that he would like to purchase a water cooler to put in the hallway at City Hall for public use. Dave Schrupp stated that he contacted Thomas Gray at the State regarding the need to have a drinking fountain in a public building. Mr. Gray told Mr. Schrupp that a water cooler would not meet State Standards and that the City should install two drinking fountains, one of which should meet the accessibility code. Marcia Seibert-Volz stated that the City does not have the building code so we don't need to follow those requirements. Jon Kolstad stated that the City is still required to follow the law even though the City does not enforce the building code. John Grothe of Ideal stated that his background is in this field and that the City should install two drinking fountains to be in compliance. It was the consensus of the Council to have Mike Lyonais contact Hytec Construction to get a price for installing two drinking fountains and to ask why drinking fountains were not part of the plans. Ted Strand noted that one plumber told him the cost is approximately \$2,300 each and that the timeline was 5-6 weeks for installation. MOTION 05SP3-01-21 WAS MADE BY JOHN ANDREWS AND SECONDED BY AARON HERZOG TO PURCHASE A WATER COOLER FOR PUBLIC USE AT CITY HALL UNTIL DRINKING FOUNTAINS ARE INSTALLED. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.

MOTION 05SP3-02-21 WAS MADE BY DAVE SCHRUPP AND SECONDED BY JOHN ANDREWS TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 3:55 P.M. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.

Respectfully Submitted,



Charlene Nelson
City Clerk