

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF CROSSLAKE
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2023
3:00 P.M. – CITY HALL

The Council for the City of Crosslake held a Special Meeting on Wednesday, August 9, 2023. The following Council Members were present: Mayor Dave Nevin, Aaron Herzog, Jackson Purfeerst, Sandy Farder, and Marcia Seibert-Volz. Also in attendance were City Administrator Mike Lyonais, City Clerk Char Nelson, Park Director TJ Graumann, Public Works Director Pat Wehner, Planning and Zoning Director Pete Gansen, and Police Chief Jake Maier. There were three people in the audience.

1. Dave Nevin called the meeting to order at 3:00 P.M.
2. Dave Nevin stated that he was not in attendance at the regular meeting and wanted to discuss the decision made on the right of way (ROW) vacation request between 11797 and 11805 Whitefish Ave. Mr. Nevin did not think the Council was given accurate information. Sandy Farder stated that she voted to vacate the ROW because it will cost a lot of money to fix the erosion issues.

Heather Jones of 12053 Pinedale Street stated that the ROW's are assets to the City and that most of them are not used because people do not know they are there. Ms. Jones stated that the City has allowed property owners to encroach on and maintain the ROW's which causes some of the erosion and drainage issues.

Dave Nevin stated that the ROW in question is not an asset to the City and that he is not convinced there is a way to stop the erosion issues.

Heather Jones stated that the City Council held a public hearing regarding this on September 11 and made a decision to not vacate it. Ms. Jones asked why the Council is bringing the issue up again at 3:00 on a Wednesday afternoon. Ms. Jones called their actions shady and absurd.

Marcia Seibert-Volz stated that staff was asked to bring a quote for repairs to the next meeting and maybe at that time the Council would reconsider their vote.

Mike O'Connell of 34088 White Oak Drive stated that the Council should look at each ROW vacation request individually and that the Council appeared to have their minds made up before the hearing started. Mr. O'Connell stated that this ROW could not be retained for green space because it is already a driveway.

3. There was no update on the Police Chief's contract.
4. Dave Nevin reported that the City Attorney has given notice that he no longer wishes to attend Council Meetings but will complete necessary legal work for the City in his office. MOTION 09SP1-01-23 WAS MADE BY JACKSON PURFEERST AND SECONDED BY SANDY FARDER TO SEND OUT RFP'S FOR CITY ATTORNEY, TO BE RETURNED TO CITY

BY NOVEMBER 10, 2023 SO THAT COUNCIL CAN APPOOINT CITY ATTORNEY ON
DECEMBER 11, 2023. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.

5. Dave Nevin stated that he is not in favor of only allowing two members of the Council permission to contact the labor attorney. Jackson Purfeerst stated that he made the motion at a previous meeting to limit the contact with her to two members because she told him that she was getting direction from too many people. It was suggested that Mr. Herzog and Mr. Nevin contact the attorney and ask if the entire Council could contact her again.
6. Mike Lyonais reported that when the Council eliminated the Personnel Committee on June 13, 2022, the City Council became the Personnel Committee by default. Mr. Lyonais stated that Mr. Nevin was recently offended by an email that Mr. Lyonais sent, referring to Mr. Nevin and Mr. Herzog as members of the Personnel Committee, but that this was the reason for stating that.
7. The Council discussed the Xtona contract that was approved at the last meeting. Mike Lyonais assured them that only the necessary components for the Police Department and one component for the entire City was approved.
8. MOTION 09SP1-02-23 WAS MADE BY JACKSON PURFEERST AND SECONDED BY
SANDY FARDER TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 4:00 P.M. MOTION CARRIED
WITH ALL AYES.

Respectfully Submitted,



Charlene Nelson
City Clerk