

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF CROSSLAKE
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2024
11:00 A.M. – CITY HALL

The Council for the City of Crosslake met in a Special Session on Monday, February 12, 2024. The following Council Members were present: Mayor Dave Nevin, Aaron Herzog, Marcia Seibert-Volz, Sandy Farder, and Jackson Purfeerst. Also present were City Administrator/Finance Director Mike Lyonais, City Clerk Char Nelson, Police Chief Jake Maier, Park Director TJ Graumann, and Public Works Director Pat Wehner. There were approximately twenty-five people in the audience and on Zoom.

Dave Nevin called the meeting to order at 11:00 A.M.

Jackson Purfeerst read a summary of the results from City Administrator/Finance Director Mike Lyonais' performance evaluation. Mr. Purfeerst stated that 2 came back as unsatisfactory, 1 as good, 1 as very good, and 1 was incomplete. MOTION 02SP3-01-24 WAS MADE SANDY FARDER AND SECONDED BY JACKSON PURFEERST TO APPROVE SEPARATION BETWEEN CITY OF CROSSLAKE AND CITY ADMINISTRATOR/FINANCE DIRECTOR MIKE LYONAI'S BASED ON OTHER REASONS THAN "JUST CAUSE". MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.

MOTION 02SP3-02-24 WAS MADE BY SANDY FARDER AND SECONDED BY JACKSON PURFEERST TO DIRECT STAFF TO ISSUE COBRA LETTER TO MIKE LYONAI'S NO LATER THAN MARCH 1, 2024. Council set date to discuss plans for interim administrative services on Friday, February 16, 2024 at 11:00 A.M. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.

Police Department Administrative Assistant Jen LeBlanc read a statement on behalf of staff stating that despite rumors, Mike was well liked and would be greatly missed.

Tom Swenson asked that the Council take time to think about reorganizing the administration department before hiring new staff. Mr. Swenson gave the Council a handout with his thoughts.

Mike Lyonais read the following statement, "While I disagree with the overall evaluation I received, I would like to say that I have enjoyed the time I have invested in working with the city and its community on many successful projects. I also appreciate the outpouring of support I've received from City staff and community members over the past few days."

Sandy Farder stated that Mike would be missed.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 11:05 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,


Charlene Nelson
City Clerk