

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF CROSSLAKE
MONDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2018
4:00 P.M. – CITY HALL

The Council for the City of Crosslake met for a special meeting on Monday, October 8, 2018. The following Council Members were present: Patty Norgaard, Gary Heacox, Dave Schrupp, Brad Nelson and Dave Nevin. Also present were City Administrator Mike Lyonais, City Clerk Char Nelson, Public Works Director Ted Strand, Police Chief Erik Lee, Fire Chief Chip Lohmiller, Park Director TJ Graumann, Northland Press Reporter Bill Monroe, Echo Publishing Reporter Erin Bormett, and Council Candidates Aaron Herzog and John Andrews. There were approximately ten people in the audience.

Mayor Norgaard called the meeting to order at 4:00 P.M. and gave a brief history of how Five Bugles Design came to present this space needs study to the Council today.

Michael Clark of Five Bugles Design reviewed the report with the Council, noting that parts of the current building are deteriorating and some walls have water damage. The current heating/cooling system is made for residential structures and cannot keep up with the commercial use of the building. If the City chooses to not replace the current building, there will be a cost to clean and repair. Dave Nevin stated that these items are part of normal maintenance issues that all 20 year old buildings would have.

Mr. Clark stated that the current building was built to meet the needs at that time. The City has grown in the last 20-30 years, which makes the building too small for today's needs. It makes sense to plan now for the next 20 years. The fire department needs more space for rigs, cancer prevention cleaning system, sleeping quarters, storage and training area at approximately 26,400 square feet. The current square footage of the department is 9,400.

The police department has no rooms for interviews, no confidential/private office to take complaints, no holding cell, no secure evidence room, and no garage for second squad on duty. The current police department is 1,600 square feet and needs 10,500 square feet.

The total square footage for the proposed new building is 46,700 which includes fire, police, ambulance and city hall offices. The current building has 17,100 square feet. The estimated cost is \$12.7M.

Dave Nevin stated that he thinks the plan is too big. Gary Heacox wondered if the City has enough space on this lot for that size building. Mayor Norgaard noted that there are other parcels of land in the City where it could be built. Dave Schrupp asked how the project could be funded. The Mayor asked if cities are eligible for grants for municipal facilities. Brad Nelson asked if the project could be scaled down by 30%. Mr. Clark stated that they can work within the City's budget. Mike Lyonais stated that the City would have to issue bonds to pay for the project. Fire Chief Chip Lohmiller and Police Chief Erik Lee reported the increase of calls since the building was built in 1987 and added on to in 1996. The addition of the 100-unit senior living complex will add an estimated 100 calls per year.

Ted Strand stated that he has performed maintenance on this building since he started in 2000 and that repairs have not been done and told the Council that now is the time to fix it.

Residents Dan Heggerston, Jim Anderson, Pat Netko, and John Andrews provided input. Mayor Norgaard suggested that the Council hold a workshop to look at other options. Mr. Clark stated that the Council could deliberate on the issue for up to a month. Dave Nevin stated that he does not want to have another workshop and that he would push for a smaller building.

There being no further business at 5:45 P.M. the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,



Charlene Nelson
Administrative Assistant/City Clerk