

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF CROSSLAKE
THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 2018
5:00 P.M. – CITY HALL

The Council for the City of Crosslake met for a Special Meeting on January 18, 2018. The following Council Members were present: Mayor Patty Norgaard, Gary Heacox, and Dave Nevin. Dave Schrupp and Brad Nelson were absent. Also present were City Administrator Mike Lyonais, City Clerk Char Nelson, Public Works Director Ted Strand, Fire Chief Chip Lohmiller, Land Service Specialist Jon Kolstad, and Echo Publishing Reporter Theresa Rourke. There were four people in the audience.

1. Mayor Norgaard called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M.
2. Mike Lyonais reported that the City received eight applications for the Heavy Equipment/Sewer Operator position and that three individuals were interviewed by Ted Strand, Dave Schrupp and himself. The interviewers recommended that the position be offered to Seth Wannebo. MOTION 01SP2-01-18 WAS MADE BY DAVE NEVIN AND SECONDED BY GARY HEACOX TO HIRE SETH WANNEBO AS HEAVY EQUIPMENT/SEWER OPERATOR AT STEP 7 OF THE AFSCME UNION CONTRACT WITH A SIX MONTH PROBATION PERIOD AND A STEP INCREASE AFTER OBTAINING SEWER LICENSE. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.

MOTION 01SP2-02-18 WAS MADE BY PATTY NORGAARD AND SECONDED BY DAVE NEVIN TO APPOINT POLICE CHIEF ERIK LEE TO THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE WITH A TERM ENDING 12/31/18. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.

3. Crosslaker Chair Mike O'Connell asked that the Council support the request to the DNR to create a dog park at 14472 County Road 36. Mr. O'Connell explained that the canoe access is the best location for the park and that the space would be leased from the DNR. Funding for the lease, fence, and well would come from donations. It was the consensus of the Council to direct the Mayor to sign a letter to the DNR in support of the dog park.
4. Skip Duchesneau of DW Jones reported that he spoke with David Drown Associates and obtained City information for the MN Housing Finance application for the apartment development in Town Square. Crosslake has a very low tax rate which makes it difficult to obtain tax abatement or tax increment financing without income restrictions on some of the units in the apartment building. The property owner will put off building for another year in hopes of seeking another route to obtain funding, which may include: seeking out a non-profit to own and construct with bonds to save interest rate, consider module construction to save on County/State wage rates, or find additional match dollars to increase request of the State.
5. There being no further business, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 5:26 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,



Charlene Nelson
City Clerk