

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF CROSSLAKE
SEPTEMBER 6, 2001
1:00 P.M. – CITY HALL

The Council for the City of Crosslake met in the Council Chambers of City Hall on Thursday, September 6, 2001 at 1:00 P.M. The following Councilmembers were present: Mayor Darrell Swanson, Sandy Eliason, Chuck Miller, Irene Schultz and Dean Swanson. Also present was City Administrator Thomas Swenson, City Attorney Paul Sandelin and Clerk/Treasurer Darlene Roach.

Mayor Swanson called the Special Meeting to order at 1:00 P.M. and turned the meeting over to City Attorney Paul Sandelin to continue review of the proposed changes to the Liquor Ordinance. A chart showing how violations will be counted in a three-year period was reviewed by the Council. City Attorney Sandelin contacted the League of Minnesota Cities regarding licenses made available to the public through the lottery system. Although the League did not have any sample ordinances where this type of procedure was in place, they did indicate there was no problem in selecting applicants in this manner. City Attorney Sandelin asked how extensively the City wanted to review applicants prior to putting the names in a hat. City Administrator Swenson suggested that all of the names be placed in the hat prior to any pre-screening and up to five names be selected. If the first name does not pass the criminal history check or financial information check, the second candidate is reviewed and so on until a candidate is selected. Closing times were reviewed and it was agreed that the time would be changed from twenty minutes to thirty minutes in Section 4.08, Subdivisions 1, 2 and 3. Councilmember Schultz asked if the Council set the hours for serving food. The current ordinance does not allow food to be served after 1:00 P.M. It was the consensus of the Council that the Conditional Use Permit process could handle future requests for the serving of food beyond 1:00 A.M. with the possibility of requiring a separate area.

A "Stipulation of Facts" form was reviewed by the Council. This document would be available to license holders who receive a violation and wish to waive the public hearing process.

It was agreed that the proposed liquor ordinance would be reviewed at a public hearing to be held on October 4, 2001 at 9:00 A.M. City Administrator Tom Swenson was directed to notify all license holders via letter and to include a copy of the proposed revised ordinance.

Review of Revenues, Expenditures and Levy - City Administrator Swenson prepared a breakdown of the 24.93% (or \$301,618) increase in the preliminary levy for the Council's review. It was the consensus of the Council that in various meetings where the levy is discussed, i.e., at the adoption of the preliminary levy and at the Truth in Taxation Hearings, the public should be informed that 9.63% of the increase is for basic services, 2.58% of the increase is due to the road projects, and 12.72% of the increase is the result

of the loss of HACA. Mayor Swanson will include an article in the fall newsletter explaining the increase.

Discussion ensued regarding the purchase of the New Holland tractor for the Public Works Department. Morrison County Tractor and Equipment has agreed to increase the amount of trade in value to \$18,084 on the John Deere 955 tractor which will result in the cost of the new tractor with attachments at \$24,122.25. The Council was in agreement that the new tractor should be purchased in 2001 with funds from the 2001 Public Works Budget. It was noted that the City is also getting a snow blower, backhoe and a front-end loader with the tractor/mower unit included in the price which is covered under the State Bid Contract.

City Administrator Swenson and Staff were directed to proceed with obtaining a sign in front of City Hall. The Council would like to review various designs and pricing this winter with installation in the spring.

City Administrator Swenson reviewed recommendations for items and amounts to be included in the 2002 Needs Assessment Allocations. It was the consensus of the Council that Mayor Swanson and City Administrator Swenson present these items to the Investment Committee who are overseeing the Trust Fund.

There being no further comments regarding the proposed levy, City Administrator will prepare the form which will be presented to the County Auditor after adoption at the Regular Council Meeting on Monday, September 10th.

MOTION 09S1-01-01 WAS MADE BY CHUCK MILLER AND SECONDED BY DEAN SWANSON TO ADJOURN THIS SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING AT 1:56 P.M. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.

Recorded and transcribed by,



Darlene J. Roach
Clerk/Treasurer