

**SPECIAL COUNCIL SESSION
CITY OF CROSSLAKE
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1997
7:00 P.M. - CITY HALL**

The Council for the City of Crosslake met in a special session in the Council Chambers of City Hall on Monday, February 3, 1997 at 7:00 P.M. The following Councilmembers were present: Mayor Robert Scott, Donna Keiffer, Charles Miller and Raymond Smyth. Absent was Richard Upton. Also present was City Clerk Arlene Buchite, Mark Hallan and Dave Reese of Widseth Smith Nolting & Associates and members of the Public Works Commission. There were approximately 18 other individuals in the audience.

Mayor Scott called the special session to order at 7:05 P.M. He stated that the previous Council had authorized an extensive road inventory study which has now been completed by Widseth Smith Nolting & Associates. Mayor Scott turned the meeting over to Dean Swanson, Chairman of the Public Works Commission.

Dean Swanson stated that the Public Works Commission had reviewed the study and requested City Council adoption of the study.

Mark Hallan and Dave Reese presented a brief overview of the study. They explained the purpose of the study and how it was developed in keeping with the intent of the Comprehensive Plan. The study contains information regarding existing conditions of the roads, a classification of the roads, proposed roadway improvements, estimated project costs, maintenance costs, project implementation and road policies.

The cost estimating categories include surveying, clearing, ditching, road widening, road construction, overlay, cul-de-sacs and miscellaneous.

The City has spent \$43,000 to \$93,000 annually between 1989 and 1993 to maintain the existing gravel roads. To bring the existing gravel roads up to standard, the cost to the City would be approximately \$4700 per mile per year. The total cost for bringing all of the City roads up to recommended standards for paved roads would cost \$4.6 million dollars.

Financial options need to be considered, public meetings held and initial surveying and design implemented in coordination with the sewer project.

MOTION 02S-01-97 WAS MADE BY CHUCK MILLER AND SECONDED BY DONNA KEIFFER TO APPROVE THE ROAD STUDY AND ROAD POLICY. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Dean Swanson asked for some thoughts on the financial portion of the project so the Public Works Commission can proceed.

Mayor Scott stated that we can either accept the study and do nothing or proceed to educate the public by holding public meetings to discuss how to proceed.

Chuck Miller stated that two years ago the levy was increased by \$150,000 a year to achieve the goal outlined in the study.

Dave Reese commented that approximately \$3,200 per year, per mile could be saved by converting a gravel road to a paved road. And in looking at 22 to 23 miles of gravel roads, the savings would be approximately \$70,000.

Ray Smyth felt input from a financial advisor would be beneficial and suggested assistance from Sid Inman of Ehlers and Associates as one contact. He also stated that the Park and Recreation Commission was concerned about safety on Daggett Pine Road because of the number of children who are anticipated to ride bikes to Community Center programs.

MOTION 02S-02-97 WAS MADE BY RAY SMYTH AND SECONDED BY DONNA KEIFFER TO AUTHORIZE THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION'S WORKING IN COLLABORATION WITH THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO BEGIN THE PROCESS OF INTERVIEWING AND RECOMMENDING A FINANCIAL ADVISOR FOR THIS PROJECT. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION 02S-03-97 WAS MADE BY CHUCK MILLER AND SECONDED BY RAY SMYTH TO ADJOURN THIS SPECIAL SESSION AT 8:06 P.M. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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