

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
CITY OF CROSSLAKE MINNESOTA
PUBLIC HEARING
OCTOBER 8, 1987

The City Council of Crosslake Minnesota met in a Public Hearing on Thursday, October 8, 1987 in the Council Chambers of City Hall. The following members were present: Mayor Oliver Courts, Councilmembers Elizabeth Andolshek, Lyle Arends, Diana Gallaway and Oliver Yates. Also present was Robert Turner, Chairman of the Telephone Commission.

Mayor Courts called this Public Hearing to order by saying we were short of citizens by quantity but not quality. Mayor Courts said the primary purpose of this Hearing was to act on a Utilities Ordinance and he would like to hear some discussion from the Councilmembers on it. Mayor Courts stated he had a letter in hand from Don Engen who is the city's financial advisor and was quite concerned about some of the items in Mr. Engen's letter.

Councilmember Andolshek said she felt the continuity of the Commission was good because the members stay on usually for a number of years whereas the council gets new members every two years.

Councilmember Arends said he felt with an Ordinance like this they would not need a union any longer.

Councilmember Gallaway asked if the changes in the ordinance and the changes in the policy manual had gone before the Telephone Company attorney. She said that upon reviewing it she could see changes in the managers salary review, the employees recognition and the telephone service provided for employees. She said she wondered why they were changed in the middle of a contract year and not left the way they were for another years negotiations.

Mr. Turner said that the employees recognition was changed because they recognize the fact that it is difficult to buy something for the same amount as a few years ago. Cablevision was added according to Mr. Turner because if a technician is called that the cablevision is not working he can check it out at home to see if the problem is localized or overall. Councilmember Gallaway stated that they would still have to come down to the plant to locate the problem.

Councilmember Gallaway asked Mr. Turner what brought about the changes in the general managers salary review. Mr. Turner stated that it was the consensus of the Commission at their last meeting that the salary adjustment has been a sticking point with some past members of the Council and the Commission feels that the manager should be in line with what the industry is paying. Mr. Turner said they feel the commission would make a management decision and not a political one. Councilmember Arends said he felt the final decision on the managers salary should be the Council's.

Mayor Courts said that on the second paragraph of Mr. Engen's letter he states that the City should not be relinquishing their ownership or decision making process and he could not understand why Mr. Engen felt the ordinance implied that. Mayor Court said a motion was made at our last meeting to have the City Attorney look at the Ordinance and he felt that it may have been a good idea.

MOTION NO. 10PH-01-87 WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER ARENDS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER ANDOLSHEK TO SEND ALL THE INFORMATION LEADING TO THE PROPOSED UTILITIES ORDINANCE AND THE LETTER FROM DON ENGEN TO THE CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE FOR HIS RECOMMENDATIONS. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION NO. 10-PH-02-87 WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER ANDOLSHEK AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER ARENDS TO ADJOURN THIS PUBLIC HEARING AT 7:25 P.M. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mayor Courts called this special council session to order immediately following the Public Hearing. All Councilmembers remained.

Mayor Courts said the reason for this special session was to review the proposed one percent tax on charitable gambling. Mayor Courts said he felt the tax was a mistake and the Council should review it.

Discussion ensued as to the affect of the tax on the budget and changing the budget again. Clerk Buchite said she had spoken to Roy Luukkenon at the County Auditors office and he said we would not really need to redo the budget. If the spending was over the revenues received, some funds would have to be taken out of the general fund. MOTION NO. 10S-01-87 WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER ARENDS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER YATES TO RESCIND MOTION NO. 9S-04-87 WHICH IMPOSED A ONE PERCENT TAX ON ALL CHARITABLE GAMBLING IN THE CITY OF CROSSLAKE. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION NO 10S-02-87 WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER ARENDS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER GALLAWAY TO ADJOURN THIS SPECIAL COUNCIL SESSION AT 7:35 P.M. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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