

The regular meeting of the Crosslake City Council was called to order by Mayor Carol Coulter at 7:30 PM on June 12, 1981. Councilmen Anderson, Arends and Delmonico were present and Andolshek was out of town. There were about 11 members of the community present.

MOTION: By Delmonico and seconded by Arends that the consent calendar be approved. Motion carried and the vote was unanimous. The consent calendar contained the following: the minutes of the meeting of May 8th, Clerk's financial report for May, and the Telephone Company's financial report for May.

The mayor turned the floor over to Anderson, Road Commissioner, who introduced Bruce Buxton of Widseth Smith Nolting & Associates, Inc. who had been invited to explain the Road Assessment Program to up-grade and re-do the streets in our city. Because of the cut-backs in state and federal spending and because of the prohibitive costs of road improvements, he stated that many cities are using this program as a means of passing the cost along to the benefiting taxpayer and not putting the cost on the entire tax rolls. He stated that people seem to prefer paying for what they are receiving as opposed to an increase in the general tax. He stated that although it is recommended that 35% of the benefiting land owners must petition for the improvement, some councils are requiring 50% petition for improvement. After listing the necessary steps that must be taken before an improvement can be made, he asked for questions from the council or the audience. Anderson requested that he explain what can be done if a party is elderly and on a limited income. He explained that anyone 65 years of age, or older, may request that the payment be deferred until the property is sold, which makes it possible for the elderly to stay in their homes.

Anderson requested that the council be prepared to make a decision at the next meeting in regard to the program as presented and after they have had time to consider the material provided. Mr. Buxton will return to the next meeting which will be July 11th, 1981.

CLERK'S REPORT: As the City Clerk was out of town, the mayor stated that a request had been filed with the substitute clerk for a Bingo Permit for the Immaculate Heart Church for the last Thursday of every month commencing June 25th for games to be held in the church hall.

MOTION: By Delmonico and seconded by Anderson that these games be allowed as forestated. Motion carried and the vote was unanimous. Anderson requested approval of the council for the reimbursement of meals not included in the registration for the League of Minnesota Cities Conference in Minneapolis attended by Councilman Anderson, the Mayor and the City Clerk and inadvertently left out of the estimate as submitted by the clerk.

MOTION: By Delmonico and seconded by Anderson that the parties be reimbursed for the meals that were not covered by the registration. Motion carried and the vote was unanimous.

MAYOR'S REPORT: The mayor announced that Bud Whisler, former mayor, had had surgery that morning at University Hospital in Minneapolis and that she had spoken with Ellen Whisler this evening and that they had removed a tumor and he was still in intensive care but prognosis looked good and that anyone wishing to send cards could obtain the address from her.

MOTION: By Delmonico and seconded by Anderson that the council as a body send a plant or something else he might enjoy to Mr. Whisler. Motion carried and the vote was unanimous.

The mayor thanked the council for herself and on behalf of the City Clerk for the privilege of attending the League of Minnesota Cities in Minneapolis and stated that we will submit memos later on containing most of the info we learned at this conference. The mayor announced that the city will be supplied with a copying machine at no cost from the 3M Company if we agree to use their paper at a total cost of the price of the paper which will be .034 per copy. Anderson stated that perhaps the Telephone Company would be interested also. The mayor will supply the councilmen with a copy of the agreement. Even though the Telephone Company has a machine available to the city, there are times when their company is closed and this would be available to all council members at all times for less cost per copy.

The mayor reported that she and the City Clerk had visited with the Codifiers in Minneapolis before the conference in regard to going over the entire post-draft copy which they had been submitted earlier and had had a chance to go over. The codifiers suggested the city drop the sewage ordinance in Chapter 3 and suggested how it could be included in our Planning & Zoning Ordinance when that is revised. They also urged the city to adopt a Bingo Ordinance as we are now issuing a license without an ordinance to cover this. Arends suggested that we charge a nominal fee for the issuing of these licenses to cover the cost of the paper work involved.

MOTION: By Arends and seconded by Delmonico that we drop the sewage ordinance in Chapter 3 and accept the Appendix E suggested by the Codifiers and include it in our Planning & Zoning Ordinance. Motion carried and the vote was unanimous.

MOTION: By Arends and seconded by Delmonico that we adopt the Bingo Ordinance as submitted by the Codifiers and that we charge a fee of \$2.50 for each license. Motion carried and the vote was unanimous. The final copy of the Codification of Ordinances will be examined by the City Attorney this week and it will then be sent to the Codifiers for the final draft to be drawn up which will be ready to submit to the printers.

The mayor thanked the Garden Club for their donation of the flowers in front of City Hall and stated that a sign will be put up stating the name of the donor club.

The mayor mentioned that she will be giving copies of an insurance proposal as presented to the mayor and clerk and that she would like to have the council go over this plan and come to the next meeting with their ideas.

CEMETERY: Andolshek who was not at the meeting had relayed the following information to the City Clerk and it was not included in the meeting as the clerk was out of town, also. She sent the following message, "I contacted three companies for a quote for well with submersible pump and attached is the only quote I received. The quote was in the amount of \$1515. and was from Plumbing, Etc. of Pine River."

ROADS: In regard to the bad curve on the O'Brien Road will be taken care of with the city expense being only Pat's time and the truck which will be done whenever Pat has the free time to devote to it. Arends

stated that all maintenance be recorded in a book by Pat Hoag so that the city has a complete record of truck maintenance.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Delmonico announced that Anderson is working on the new fire #'s and that the letter will go out to the public after the Fireman's Ball. Delmonico announced that the Annual Police Brunch will be held on Sunday, June 14th at Moonlight Bay from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM and the cost is only \$2. per person.

PARKS: Anderson stated that the Park Department has put together a proposed fee scheduling brochure to be used commencing the first of January next year. He stated that any money raised by this scheduling should be put into a contingency account to be used for any unforeseen maintenance problems that the park may have. Anderson asked that the council go over the brochure and be prepared to act on this at the next meeting. Patty Felber stated that the YCC Group has been working at the Nature Trail park for the last two days and the mayor stated that she would see that they get a thank-you note.

PLANNING & ZONING: Arends reported that Eldon Peterson appeared to appeal a penalty at the last meeting of Planning & Zoning Commission. This penalty was building a garage without a permit. The permit covered the house but not the garage. The commission voted to uphold the penalty and require a garage permit. Arends reported that Mr. Storck appeared to appeal a letter sent him concerning property clean-up and asked for an extension of time. The commission extended the date to October 1, 1981. Arends stated that the commission held a discussion in regard to signs and they felt that ordinance should be upheld, (that is, off-site signs shall be permitted as conditional use only.) Therefore, they would require yearly renewable-use permits. Members felt that this would help limit the amount of signs and help to insure the maintenance of the signs. Arends also stated that the commission passed a motion asking the City Council to rescind any other action that might interfere with this interpretation of the code covering the off-site signs. Arends stated that permission was granted by the coordinator in error to erect an off site sign on the property of another place of business. This does not comply with Sec. 4.03 - General Sign Provisions page 28 of code. Although the coordinator had talked with the party seeking permission and told him he would have to come in and take out a permit the party had never come. The commission decided unanimously that inasmuch as a proper permit had not been applied for, or issued, to erect the sign that they would uphold the code and have the sign removed. Arends stated that a court decision had been handed down in regard to the O'Connor case where a deck was built without a permit. The judge found O'Connor guilty of extending the deck laterally without a permit and assessed O'Connor \$500. to handle city costs of pursuing this matter. Arends asked the council if they wished to pursue this case further and it was decided that this solution was satisfactory. A discussion was held on granting variances on mobile homes that are over three years old and it was decided that this was in conformance with the ordinance due to the variance clause but that the mobile home should be comparable with a newer mobile home. Delmonico mentioned that there some signs that were in disreputable condition along Hwy. #3. Charles Miller, Zoning Coordinator, stated that this would be taken care of shortly when they start enforcing the ordinance on signs.

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FUNDING & FUTURE DEVELOPMENT: The mayor reported on the meeting held at City Hall on Friday, June 5, 1981 at 1:15 PM and that another meeting will be held on June 26, 1981, as Andolshek was out of town. In Andolshek's memo to the City Clerk as mentioned under the Cemetery Report, she also mentioned that the Commission recommended that the City Council give consideration to engaging the services of a consulting firm to make preliminary recommendations about what the City should be doing in looking ahead to possible future sewage program.

Arends mentioned that he had a conversation with someone from the Corps of Engineers in regard to harnessing the power from our dam. Although Delmonico had checked into it through Rep. Samuelson a while ago and found it was not possible, Arends was given the go ahead to check further into the feasibility of this.

As there was nothing that needed to be brought up under "Old Business" and there were no comments from the audience under "Public Forum", the motion was made by Arends and seconded by Anderson to adjourn. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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