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A special meeting of the Crosslake City Council was called to order at 7:30 P.M. on March 30, 1976 by Mayor Fogelberg. Present, in addition to the Mayor, were Councilmen Foss, Peterson, Andolshek, Olson and Clerk Whisler. Also present were twelve members of the community.

Mr. Gordon Haglund approached the Council with a request that they direct a letter to the Board of County Commissioners expressing a desire to have a stretch of County Road 6, from the approximate area of the Fire Hall to the Jensen property, altered. Before beginning to present his case, Mr. Haglund filled the Council in on his business background. He then proceeded to explain that his reason for wanting the course of the road changed was so that there would be a more orderly development of the property on either side of the road. This land, approximately eighty acres, is owned by Metro, Inc. Mr. Haglund had previously approached the Council (Dec. 22, 1975) with the same thought, but no action had been taken at that time. (This property is sometimes referred to as "the Paster property").

Mr. Haglund, representing Metro, Inc., further proposed that: 1. That the course of the road be changed as shown on a sketch that he presented to the Council; 2. That this change would not cost the City a cent; 3. That Metro, Inc. would deed to the City a plot of ground north of the Fire Barn which would consist of a piece of property with a 200' road frontage and a depth of 600'. However, if this property were not developed by the City by 1984 it would revert to Metro, Inc.) Mr. Haglund further stated that his group would not develop anything on this property for the next five years, except with the approval of the City Council. After five years they would not be restricted, except by the existing building code.

The chair then invited questions from those assembled to be directed to Gordon Haglund and Dean Eggena, both representing Metro, Inc.

A member of the community asked if it were not true that there had been some talk of constructing a marina on the property between Hwy. 6 and the lake. The answer was that this would only be considered if the course of the road remained the same as it is, as this would eliminate the possibility of using the property for anything else.

It was suggested that it would have been well to have had the City Attorney present to express his opinion as to the legality and/or feasibility of the proposed arrangement.

Councilman Peterson spoke out strongly in favor of Metro, Inc.'s plan.

Ernie Starkka, proprietor of the Standard Station in the area, expressed the thought that he would be losing some of his property.

Councilman Foss stated that there would be more property on the tax rolls, and that it would appear that both Mr. Starkka and Mr. Agrell, proprietor of The Loft, would benefit by acquiring additional property.

Mr. Starkka, when asked his opinion, said that he would like more time to think it over. He stated that he was in no position to speak for Mr. Jensen, who was also an abutting property owner.

Councilman Olson said that he believed more people should have been made aware of the proposed change.

Mrs. Palazzolo, a member of the community and a writer for the Crow Wing County Review, expressed the same opinion and asked why there was such a great rush to conclude this item of business. Mr. Haglund stated that this was the appropriate time for the County to get started on the road work if it were to be done this year.

Councilman Peterson asked who would pay the taxes on the 200' X 600' plot that Metro intended deeding to the City. Mr. Haglund stated that Metro would until the time that the City developed the property.

Mr. Benson, a member of the community, expressed the thought that the plan sounded good to him, but that there should have been an open meeting so that more people would have an opportunity to express an opinion.

Councilman Foss began to propose a motion but withdrew it when Peterson stated that he already had a motion written up.

Councilman Peterson then moved that the City request the County to move the road, as requested by Metro, Inc., subject to the following conditions:

1. It be moved as per drawings submitted by the City.
2. There is no cost to the City in the moving.
3. Metro, Inc. shall deed to the City a parcel of land adjacent to the Fire Barn, measuring 200' on the highway by 600' deep to be used as a community medical facility or any other use mutually agreed upon by the parties. Metro shall have use of the property until developed by the City. If land herein deeded is not developed by January 1, 1984 then it shall revert back to Metro, Inc.
4. Metro, Inc. shall enter into a legally binding agreement with the City, which shall also bind any subsequent purchaser with an effective date to January 1, 1981:
 - (a) That upon movement of the road the property shall be zoned commercial unless both parties agree to some other zoning.
 - (b) Metro, Inc. will not request a building permit on any commercially-zoned property unless the Planning Committee and City Council approve the specific use of the permit.
 - (c) All buildings shall meet the uniform building code.

After Jan. 1, 1981 any undeveloped property shall not be subject to any restrictions, other than those regulations then currently in effect.

5. All of the above shall be contingent upon the City Attorney's opinion on the legality of the agreement, and also subject to the approval of the adjacent property owners only as far as it affects their property. The motion was seconded by Foss. When it came to a vote the Clerk polled the Council. The voting was: Foss, YES; Peterson, YES; Fogelberg, YES; Andolshek, NO; Olson, NO. The motion carried.


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Expressing the minority opinion, Andolshek and Olson stressed the fact that they were not necessarily against the proposition but they both thought further consideration should be given and more opinions sought before proceeding.

There were other matters to come before the Council but after some discussion it was decided to hold them over until the next regular meeting, April 9, 1976.

On a motion by Olson and a second by Andolshek, all members voting "AYE", the meeting was adjourned at 8:56 P.M.



Chas. E. Whisler, City Clerk