

CITY OF CROSSLAKE
SPECIAL MEETING
THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2020
8:30 A.M. – CITY HALL

The Council for the City of Crosslake held a Special Meeting on Thursday, May 21, 2020 via Zoom. The following Council Members participated: Mayor Dave Nevin, John Andrews, Gary Heacox, Dave Schrupp, and Aaron Herzog. Also participating were City Administrator Mike Lyonais, City Clerk Char Nelson, Park Director TJ Graumann, Police Chief Erik Lee, Fire Chief Chip Lohmiller, City Engineer Dave Reese and City Attorney Brad Person. There were four audience members.

1. Mayor Nevin called the meeting to order at 8:30 A.M. and turned the meeting over to Dave Reese.
2. Dave Reese presented the one bid that was received for the Wild Wind Ranch Drive Road Improvement Project at \$148,808.94. The engineer's estimate was \$113,045.00. Due to the single bid that was 30% higher than anticipated, Wiseth recommended that the City reject the bid and consider delaying the project until 2021. MOTION 05SP2-01-20 WAS MADE BY DAVE NEVIN AND SECONDED BY JOHN ANDREWS TO REJECT THE BID FROM ANDERSON BROTHERS CONSTRUCTION FOR THE WILD WIND RANCH DRIVE ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AND TO INCLUDE THIS PROJECT IN THE 2021 STREET IMPROVEMENTS. Dave Schrupp stated that the bids probably would have been better if all the roads that were scheduled for 2020 would have been part of bid. Mr. Schrupp noted that Big Pine Trail was removed from the 2020 Street Improvements. Dave Reese agreed and added that this was small project to bid on, that oil prices are high and most companies have full schedules for the year. ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AND MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.
3. No questions or comments were received from the public.
4. Council and staff discussed how and when the city offices shall open to the public and what safety precautions should be required. It was the consensus of the Council to keep the current building closed to the public because staff would be moving to new building on June 1st. Once in the new building there were suggestions to limit number of customers at the counter, keep doors locked and have public make appointments to come in, or limit hours that the doors are unlocked.

Chip Lohmiller stated that although some restrictions are being eased, not much has changed regarding COVID-19 cases. There is still an increase in number of people testing positive and in deaths in Minnesota. Other states that have eased restrictions are having issues with outbreaks. Chip Lohmiller said it is unknown how our community will be affected. Dave Schrupp suggested following County protocols. Mr. Schrupp stated that he is not in favor of keeping City Hall closed but that the opening should happen slowly.

MOTION 05SP2-02-20 WAS MADE BY DAVE NEVIN AND SECONDED BY AARON HERZOG TO HAVE STAFF AND COUNCIL, IF THEY CHOOSE, PRESENT AT CITY HALL STARTING JUNE 1 FOR COUNCIL AND COMMISSION MEETINGS WITH NO MORE THAN 10 PEOPLE PRESENT AT A TIME AND TO ALLOW THE PUBLIC TO

PARTICIPATE VIA ZOOM. John Andrews stated that he is older and more at risk and will not participate in public meetings in person. Dave Nevin stated that he wants to be present at City Hall during meetings and that Council and staff could choose whether to be present or not. Aaron Herzog stated that he would rather be present at City Hall rather than participate via Zoom. Char Nelson noted that by Council choosing to be at City Hall, they are requiring staff to be present as well. Mike Lyonais and Jon Kolstad stated that they are concerned about exposure to COVID-19 and bringing it home to families. Jon Kolstad stated that his daughter who is 6 months pregnant and her family live with him. Mike Lyonais and Jon Kolstad reported that work in both departments is getting done whether staff and customers are physically present or not. Gary Heacox stated that he does not want to use Zoom on his personal devices because it is not secure and suggested that the City supply the Council with equipment to use as long as they are on the Council. Mike Lyonais stated that staff would look into purchasing equipment for Council. ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN: NEVIN VOTED AYE, HEACOX, HERZOG, SCHRUPP AND ANDREWS VOTED NAY. MOTION FAILED.

MOTION 05SP2-03-20 WAS MADE BY AARON HERZOG AND SECONDED BY DAVE SCHRUPP TO DISCUSS AT EACH MEETING HOW TO MOVE FORWARD AND CONDUCT THE FOLLOWING MEETING. ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN: HERZOG, SCHRUPP AND NEVIN VOTED AYE. HEACOX AND ANDREWS VOTED NAY. MOTION PASSED. Gary Heacox stated that it is unnecessary to make a motion on how to conduct business.

A brief discussion regarding the community center ensued. TJ Graumann stated that the City will follow the Governor's guidelines on opening the gym and fitness center and noted that curb side pickup for the Library is working well.

Dave Nevin, Aaron Herzog and Gary Heacox requested the City to purchase tablets for them. MOTION 05SP2-04-20 WAS MADE BY DAVE SCHRUPP AND SECONDED BY AARON HERZOG TO DIRECT STAFF TO PURCHASE LOANER EQUIPMENT FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS TO USE WHILE IN OFFICE IN ORDER TO ATTEND VIDEO CONFERENCE MEETINGS. ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AND MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.

The Council will conduct the next regular meeting on June 8, 2020 via Zoom which will include public forum and discuss how and when to open City buildings. Erik Lee noted that Crow Wing County is opening their buildings to the public with the use of masks and social distancing.

5. MOTION 05SP2-05-20 WAS MADE BY AARON HERZOG AND SECONDED BY DAVE SCHRUPP TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:29 A.M. ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AND MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.

Respectfully submitted by,



Charlene Nelson
City Clerk