

BUDGET WORKSHOP  
CITY OF CROSSLAKE  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2022  
3:00 P.M. – CITY HALL

The Council for the City of Crosslake held a Budget Workshop on September 7, 2022. The following Council Members were present: Mayor Dave Nevin, John Andrews, Marcia Seibert-Volz, Aaron Herzog, and Dave Schrupp. Also present were City Administrator/Treasurer Mike Lyonais, City Clerk Char Nelson, Fire Chief Chip Lohmiller, Park Director TJ Graumann, Police Chief Erik Lee, Public Works Director Patrick Wehner and Zoning Administrator Pete Gansen.

Mayor Nevin called the meeting to order at 3:00 P.M. and turned the meeting over to Mike Lyonais. Mike Lyonais presented the draft budget dated September 7, 2022 and reviewed the changes that were made since the last meeting. Mr. Lyonais stated that he is still waiting for information before he can present the bond issue, including sewer project change orders, engineering fees, and assessment amounts. The clarifier project will begin the end of September. Mr. Lyonais stated that it is still unknown how many properties will be required to hook up this year and stated that the Council could use the connection fees to offset the clarifier bond. Mr. Lyonais stated that the Soil and Water Conservation District awarded an additional \$35,000 grant for the stormwater portion of the sewer extension project and that he is working to get more funding. Dave Schrupp asked what would happen to the connection fee revenue if it were not used to reduce the bond. Mike Lyonais replied that it would be used for sewer plant repairs, maintenance and then operating costs.

Marcia Seibert-Volz suggested levying for the new fire truck, rather than bonding for it. Mr. Lyonais stated that the Council would need to add \$135,000 to the levy to pay for the truck. Ms. Seibert-Volz stated that the Council could cut \$135,000 from other places in the budget so there would be no need to raise the levy.

Dave Schrupp stated that he was in favor of approving the Preliminary Levy on Monday night at the high number and then work on reducing it by December. Aaron Herzog agreed. Dave Nevin asked what the impact of no road assessments would have on the levy and suggested that the Council could perhaps lower the amount of the assessments.

Erik Lee stated that he contacted Ford today and was told he needed to order the 2023 squad by tomorrow. The squads have increased \$8,000 over last year and when outfitted with all equipment, the cost will be approximately \$60,000. Dave Nevin asked how many miles are put on a squad car in 5 years. Erik Lee replied that it varied from 80,000 to 130,000 and that the squads are well maintained. Mr. Lee stated that he is placing the order for the 2023 squad tomorrow and will get formal approval on Monday night. If necessary, the order can be canceled.

Patrick Wehner stated that he would like to purchase a sickle mower attachment and would like to order the Chevy 4500 truck. Aaron Herzog stated that those could come before the Council Monday night.

Dave Nevin asked the cost of mobile speed limit signs because people have been asking for more. Erik Lee replied that they are approximately \$3,200 but could bring a quote to Monday's meeting.

Dave Nevin asked the cost to put a sprinkler at the pond at Manhattan Point Blvd and County Road 66 because the trees are dying there. Patrick Wehner stated that he would look into it.

MOTION 09SP2-01-22 WAS MADE BY MARCIA SEIBERT-VOLZ AND SECONDED BY DAVE NEVIN TO REMOVE \$5,000 FROM THE 2023 PUBLIC WORKS BUDGET FOR DUCT CLEANING. Dave Schrupp stated that Council should let staff decide whether or not that is needed. MOTION CARRIED 3-2 WITH SCHRUPP AND ANDREWS OPPOSED.

MOTION WAS MADE BY MARCIA SEIBERT-VOLZ TO REMOVE \$80,000 FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS 2023 BUDGET FOR THE 1-TON TRUCK. Mike Lyonais stated that the truck was not levied twice. The \$80,000 in the 2023 Budget is showing when the City would pay for the truck.

Aaron Herzog asked staff to get a quote for redesigning the Council table and to add the cost to the 2023 Budget.

TJ Graumann reported that he needed to replace two HVAC units this year and two next year. There was only one unit included in the 2023 Budget and asked that another be added.

Marcia Seibert-Volz had questions regarding the Sewer Capital Expenditures and asked if \$60,000 would cover the cost to repair the roofs. Patrick Wehner stated that the \$60,000 was for the improvements to the Oxidation Building and that they would use \$32,300 to repair the roofs and continue with the other improvements next year. Ms. Seibert-Volz asked about \$49,980 for lift station controls and Mr. Wehner stated that is what has been paid so far for the clarifier project. Ms. Seibert-Volz asked if \$100,000 was excessive for sewer plant maintenance. Mr. Wehner stated that was a reasonable amount and that when things break, they are very expensive to repair in that department. Chip Lohmiller stated that the City needs to create a Building Maintenance Fund which would cover the upkeep and repairs of all city buildings.

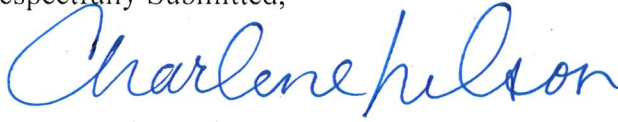
Council agreed to cancel the Budget Workshop scheduled for Monday, September 12, 2022 at 1:00 P.M.

MOTION 09SP2-02-22 WAS MADE BY JOHN ANDREWS AND SECONDED BY AARON HERZOG TO DIRECT STAFF TO ORDER THE FIRE TRUCK. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding how the truck would be paid for and Marcia Seibert-Volz stated that she was not in favor of bonding for it. Ms. Seibert-Volz stated that Mr. Lohmiller was working with the company to spread out payments, with last payment due in 2024. Dave Schrupp stated that the Council did not know that yet or whether they wanted to add \$135,000 to the levy. John Andrews said the Council could figure the funding out later. Char Nelson repeated the motion for clarification. MOTION CARRIED 4-1 WITH NEVIN OPPOSED.

MOTION 09SP2-03-22 WAS MADE BY AARON HERZOG AND SECONDED BY DAVE SCHRUPP TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A 9' SICKLE MOWER AT A COST OF \$11,381.56. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 4:36 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,



Charlene Nelson  
City Clerk