

BUDGET WORKSHOP
CITY OF CROSSLAKE
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2023
9:00 A.M. – CITY HALL

The Council for the City of Crosslake held a Budget Workshop on October 25, 2023. The following Council Members were present: Mayor Dave Nevin, Sandy Farder, Marcia Seibert-Volz, Aaron Herzog, and Jackson Purfeerst. Also present were City Administrator/Treasurer Mike Lyonais, City Clerk Char Nelson, Fire Chief Chip Lohmiller, Park Director TJ Graumann, Police Chief Jake Maier, and Public Works Director Patrick Wehner. There were two people in the audience.

Mayor Nevin called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

Mike Lyonais stated that there are still some unknowns with next year's budget including 3 wages issues and the roundabout/streetscape project. Mr. Lyonais stated that the City could avoid 3% interest on the shouldering machine if it were paid for in 2023.

Dave Nevin asked if the \$750,000 marked for the roundabout/streetscape project was to be paid in one year or spread out over time. Mike Lyonais stated that the Council decided to use cash from the sale of the phone company to pay for that item. A brief discussion regarding the 2024 road projects ensued. Mr. Lyonais stated that the Public Works Commission needs direction from the Council to move the road plan forward.

Marcia Seibert-Volz asked why Mike Lyonais did not make changes to the budget as directed at the last meeting. Mr. Lyonais showed the Council how the changes to the budget were made and stated that he could add a note on the monthly statements as a reminder.

Marcia Seibert-Volz noted that there was no reserve account for Pickleball Resurfacing and Mike Lyonais stated that he would get that added.

Aaron Herzog asked if the City had received a letter from North Memorial Ambulance regarding the monthly subsidy. Mike Lyonais stated that they plan to have the letter to the City by November 1st, which will state that the City no longer needs to make monthly payment of \$1,100 because the hours of operation are changing.

The Council discussed the Cost Share Agreement with the County for the CSAH 3/66 Pedestrian/Intersection Improvement Project and whether they should add additional funds for the City's share of extra costs. Mike Lyonais suggested that the Council not make a decision until November. Tom Swenson of the Public Works Commission stated that this project is an asset to the community and suggested that the Council use \$550,000 of phone company proceeds and \$200,000 of general funds to pay for the project. Mr. Swenson stated that the Council could buy down the bonds for the road projects with any extra cash. Mr. Swenson stated that the Public Works Commission needs direction from the Council on the road projects.

A brief discussion ensued regarding the lease with the County for the Joint Public Works Facility. Mike Lyonais stated that the bond has been paid off.

Marcia Seibert-Volz asked about the police contract with Mission Township. Chief Maier stated that the contract pays for the cost of an officer to patrol Mission. Dave Nevin stated that the cost of the contract should exceed the City's cost and that Chief Maier should start reviewing costs for the renewal of the contract in May 2024.

It was the consensus of the Council to direct staff to show change in budget of the \$750,000 coming from both phone company fund and general funds after Tim Bray provides a firm cost for the project.

It was the consensus of the Council that the Public Works Commission discuss feasibility reports and appraisals for the 2024 Road Improvements.

Marcia Seibert-Volz asked when part-time employees wages are reviewed. Staff stated that they were last reviewed two years ago. Ms. Seibert-Volz stated that they should be reviewed annually.

There being no further business at 10:35 A.M., MOTION 10SP2-01-23 WAS MADE BY JACKSON PURFEERST AND SECONDED BY AARON HERZOG TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.

Respectfully Submitted,



Charlene Nelson
City Clerk