SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING CITY OF CROSSLAKE MONDAY, MAY 20, 2024 10:00 A.M. – CITY HALL

The Council for the City of Crosslake met in a Special Session on Monday, May 20, 2024. The following Council Members were present: Mayor Dave Nevin, Aaron Herzog, Marcia Seibert-Volz, Jackson Purfeerst and Sandy Farder. Also present were Interim City Administrator Jerry Bohnsack, Mike Bjerkness and Tyler Glynn of BLAEDC, City Clerk Char Nelson, Police Chief Jake Maier, Public Works Director Pat Wehner, and Echo Publishing Reporter Tom Fraki.

The City Council interviewed 3 finalists for City Administrator: Nathan Ehalt, Pat Ohman, and Jenny Max. Tyler Glynn was the moderator and asked each candidate the same questions. The interviews lasted from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

MOTION 05SP4-01-24 WAS MADE BY MARCIA SEIBERT-VOLZ AND SECONDED BY JACKSON PURFEERST TO CLOSE THE MEETING AT 2:00 P.M. FOR PERSONNEL DISCUSSIONS. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.

The Special Meeting was reopened at 2:40 P.M.

MOTION 05SP4-02-24 WAS MADE BY SANDY FARDER AND SECONDED BY JACKSON PURFEERST TO DIRECT MIKE BJERKNESS TO OFFER CITY ADMINISTRATOR POSITION TO NATHAN EHALT, CONTINGENT ON BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION, DRUG TESTING, AND FINANCIAL BACKGROUND CHECK. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.

Sandy Farder noted that the Jerry Bohnsack and Mike Bjerkness were able to negotiate with Mr. Ehalt up to \$125,000. Mr. Bohnsack asked if they could reach out to candidate number 2, if Mr. Ehalt did not accept the offer. The Council decided to schedule a meeting in case there were questions regarding negotiations or moving on to next candidate.

MOTION 05SP4-03-24 WAS MADE BY JACKSON PURFEERST AND SECONDED BY AARON HERZOG TO SCHEDULE SPECIAL MEETING FOR THURSDAY, MAY 23, 2024 AT 9:00 A.M. FOR FOLLOW UP ON HIRING OF CITY ADMINISTRATOR. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.

The meeting adjourned at 2:42 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charlene Nelson

City Clerk