

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE CROOKSTON CITY COUNCIL, POLK COUNTY, MINNESOTA. THE SECOND REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 22, 2004, COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL.**

Mayor Don Osborne called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and requested all present to stand for a moment of silence.

Council Members present in answer to roll call were: Smulan, Mjoen, Mykleseth, Melbye, Manole, Vedbraaten and Genereux. Council Members absent: Sprague.

Staff present were: Pat Kelly, Tim Motherway, Scott Kleven, Mike MacDonald, Arlene Tucker, Richard Rock, Chad Palm, Perry Hart, Aaron Parrish and Betty Arvidson.

Others present were: Judi Bruggeman, Robin Carter, Attorney Charles Fitzgerald, Rich Clauson and Dave Kildahl – Widseth Smith Nolting, Mike Christopherson – Crookston Daily Times, MaryAnn Simmons – KROX, and Susan Mills - Polk County.

On motion by Council Member Genereux, seconded by Council Member Manole and duly carried that the Minutes of the first regular meeting of June 8, 2004, be approved and that the reading in full of the minutes of said meeting be dispensed with and placed on file.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Mayor Osborne opened the public hearing on the improvement of Golf Terrace by reconstruction.

Mayor Osborne stated the estimates sent out did not include sidewalks. The residents that contacted him were not in favor of sidewalks and he agrees with them.

Mayor Osborne asked the Council Members for comments on the project.

Council Member Manole stated that he is not in favor of putting in sidewalks on Golf Terrace.

Council Member Mjoen stated that she has spoken with many of the residents on Golf Terrace and most of them said they were very much against having sidewalks put in. She hasn't had much concern expressed about the reconstruction but the sidewalks are a definite "no".

Council Member Vedbraaten stated that most of the residents he talked to in his addition are not in favor of sidewalks.

Mayor Osborne stated that if anyone wished to be heard to come to the microphone and state their name and address.

Gene Miller, 304 Golf Terrace, stated he was glad to hear the comments from the Council. He went on to say if it isn't raining he walks the loop of Golf Terrace every day so he sees the condition of the street and sees the beauty of the trees and flowers in that addition. He has talked to a lot of people and has found no one in favor of adding sidewalks.

Charles Larson, 404 Golf Terrace, questioned the two notices of work to be done on Golf Terrace. They received the first one in January for a proposed amount of \$1200 on his parcel and then in June they received another one for a proposed amount of \$4400. What is the difference?

Mayor Osborne stated the first one was for an overlay and after reviewing the conditions of the curb, gutter and street it was decided to propose a reconstruction.

Larson asked who makes that decision to do that.

Mayor Osborne stated that the engineers do.

Larson asked if the City was going to contact the residents about this.

Mayor Osborne stated that is why we are having this public hearing.

Larson stated at this point in time he would like to see the bituminous overlay and forget about tearing up the whole street and all of the other work they are thinking about.

Mayor Osborne stated the majority of the people that have contacted him are concerned about the curb and gutter and the water standing. He told Larson that he was the first one against the reconstruction.

Larson stated that he has lived there 28-29 years and hasn't seen any problems with water standing more than a day or so.

Miles Whethem, 115 Golf Terrace, stated he is more in favor of just the overlay. The main problem he has seen, as far as water, is out along Highway 2. He doesn't feel that it is necessary to tear up and re-gutter the whole street when there might be a possibility of a culvert or something to allow the two corners along the main highway to drain. Aside from that he is not aware of any water problems.

Mayor Osborne stated that MnDOT will be taking care of the water situation and the ditches in 2007. He asked Public Works Director Pat Kelly if that is correct.

Kelly stated that it would be done in 2005.

Whethem stated that he felt the main water problem is on Golf Terrace as there are two spots where it doesn't drain into the ditch from Golf Terrace. He asked if that is highway or not.

Mayor Osborne asked Kelly to explain why it went from an overlay to reconstruction.

Kelly stated that the project was originally proposed as an overlay. They generally do some minor curb and gutter repair. As they inspected the curb and gutter to determine where they were going to do their spot repairs there was no start and no stopping. It is all relatively poor curb and gutter. Drainage is one of the issues on the East end. At that point they decided to propose a reconstruction to the residents and see how the people feel. Kelly wanted to make it clear that he feels the residents won't be happy with an overlay. Golf Terrace has had a previous overlay that has filled in a majority of the curb and gutter. When they mill the face of the gutter line out the excess asphalt is going to break out and you will have driveway approaches very similar to the ones by Hugo's. You will have a big thump every time you go in and out of your driveway unless you redo your approach. This is why we are proposing the reconstruction and holding this public hearing – to hear what the residents think.

Bill Markovich, 402 Golf Terrace, feels the same way Charles Larson feels. He would like to see the overlay instead of the reconstruction.

Council Member Mykleseth stated that his past jobs were working as an inspector for WSN and the County, and originally this was set up for an overlay, then was changed. He drove the road and this is just his opinion, and he realizes that nobody likes to pay extra taxes, but there is grass growing through the road and a lot of the issues Pat Kelly talks about. Mykleseth felt that if we just overlay this road the residents would not be happy as it would be a short-term fix. If you reconstruct the street you get your curb lined up and you will have a road that is going to last a long time. Nobody wants to come back in ten years to do this again. Mykleseth just wanted to caution the residents on where we are going with this.

Harold Opgrand, 407 Golf Terrace, stated for the record, that between house 405 and 411 Golf Terrace there is water standing after every rain regardless of how small amount of rain it is. He hopes that it will be taken into consideration whether we do an overlay or a reconstruction.

Mayor Osborne asked if there was anyone else that wanted to be heard and upon hearing none closed the public hearing

Mayor Osborne asked if there were any changes to the Consent Agenda.

Arvidson asked that Item No. 12-A be struck from the Agenda.

Council Smulan asked that Item No. 5 be moved to the Regular Agenda.

On Motion by Council Member Vedbraaten, Seconded by Council Member Mjoen and duly carried by roll call vote the Consent Agenda Items were approved.

### **CONSENT AGENDA: RESOLUTIONS**

RESOLUTION NO. 23889 DULY PASSED: Approved Crookston Firefighters Association, Crookston, Minnesota application for a Lawful Gambling Premise Permit at Northland Inn.

RESOLUTION NO. 23890 DULY PASSED: Approved Crookston Firefighters Association, Crookston, Minnesota application for a Lawful Gambling Premise Permit at Irishman's Shanty.

RESOLUTION NO. 23891 DULY PASSED: Approved Crookston Firefighters Association, Crookston, Minnesota application for a Lawful Gambling Premise Permit at Captain Crooks.

RESOLUTION NO. 23892 DULY PASSED: Approved change order No. 1 to Davidson Construction adding the improvement of Barrette Street to the 2004 Street Improvements, from Central Avenue to 4th Avenue NE, by an increase of \$19,471.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 23893 DULY PASSED: Approved adopting a Replacement Housing Plan as required by the Department of Employment and Economic Development for grant No. CDAP-03-0108-0-FY04 (acquisition and demolition of homes on 6th Street West).

RESOLUTION NO. 23894 DULY PASSED: Approved adopting an Excessive Force Policy as required by the Department of Employment and Economic Development for grant No. CDAP-03-0108-0-FY04 (acquisition and demolition of homes on 6th Street West).

RESOLUTION NO. 23895 DULY PASSED: Approved adopting a Program Income Plan as required by the Department of Employment and Economic Development for grant No. CDAP-03-0108-0-FY04 (acquisition and demolition of homes on 6th Street West).

RESOLUTION NO. 23896 DULY PASSED: Approved IRP Loan to Red Power International, Inc. in the amount of \$150,000.

RESOLUTION NO. 23897 DULY PASSED: Approved IRP Loan to Dream Quest Homes in the amount of \$55,000.

RESOLUTION NO. 23898 DULY PASSED: Approved IRP Loan to Tyson Siegle in the amount of \$100,000.

RESOLUTION NO. 23899 DULY PASSED: Approved Partial pay estimate No. 6 (final), Municipal Water Supply, to Lako Drilling, Inc., Contract No. 1 – Wells, in the amount of \$7,038.70.

RESOLUTION NO. 23900 DULY PASSED: Approved City of Crookston bills and disbursements in the amount of \$344,072.42. Check Nos. 23219 through 23344.

**REGULAR AGENDA: RESOLUTIONS**

On Motion by Council Member Genereux, seconded by Council Member Melbye:

RESOLUTION NO. 23901 DULY PASSED: Approved ordering improvement and preparation of plans and specifications for the reconstruction of Golf Terrace Drive.

On Motion by Council Member Smulan, seconded by Council Member Melbye:

RESOLUTION NO. 23902 DULY PASSED: Approved adopting a Fair Housing Policy as required by the Department of Employment and Economic Development for grant No. CDAP-03-0108-0-FY04 (acquisition and demolition of homes on 6th Street West).

**COUNCIL MEMBER'S REPORTS:**

Odine Smulan, Council Member 1st Ward - no report.

Marlys Mjoen, Council Member 2nd Ward, in regards to the vote on the reconstruction, stated she was able to call almost everyone and she did not have a lot of people say they were not in favor of the reconstruction and that is why she voted the way she did. She felt that most people thought it was needed and some thought it was a lot of money and she understands that. She felt that a majority was in favor of the reconstruction.

Keith Mykleseth, Council Member 3rd Ward - no report.

Dave Genereux, Council Member-at-Large, commented that it may have been out of the ordinary how people made comments on the Motion, but they did open up so the Council knew what was going on and that was good.

Tom Vedbraaten, Council Member 6th Ward - no report.

Harry Manole, Council Member 5th Ward, stated he was happy to see the amount of people that showed up for the public hearing.

Wayne Melbye, Council Member 4th Ward, commented that the Flood Control Project is still continuing in the Wood's Addition and they are seeing progress every day.

On motion by Council Member Mykleseth, seconded by Council Member Manole and duly carried that there being no further business to come before the City Council that said meeting be adjourned.

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Donald A. Osborne, Mayor

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Betty Arvidson, City Clerk-Treasurer