

PROPOSED MINUTES OF THE CROOKSTON CITY COUNCIL, POLK COUNTY, MINNESOTA. THE SECOND REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 27, 2005, 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: Craig Bunes, Marlys Mjoen, Wayne Melbye, Harry Manole, Tom Vedbraaten, Dave Genereux and Frank Lindgren.

Council Member absent: Keith Mykleseth.

Staff present were: Pat Kelly, Tim Motherway, Scott Kleven, Tim Froeber, Arlene Tucker, Aaron Parrish and Betty Arvidson.

**CROOKSTON FORUM**

No one was present to address the Council.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

On motion by Council Member Lindgren, seconded by Council Member Bunes and duly carried that the Agenda be approved as presented.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

On motion by Council Vedbraaten, seconded by Council Member Genereux and duly carried by roll call vote to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the following items:

- 6.01 Approve proposed City Council Minutes of June 14, 2005.
- 6.02 Approve City of Crookston bills and disbursements in the amount of \$141,578.69. Check Nos. 26416 through 26528. (RES. No. 24150)
- 6.03 Approve deferment of Special Service District annual fee for Parcel No. 82.00987.00. (RES. No. 24151)
- 6.04 Approve entering into grant agreement No. 88240 with the Minnesota Department of Transportation for a snow plow truck, A/D building drainage, and crack sealing for the Crookston Municipal Airport. (RES. No. 24152)
- 6.05 Approve application for Dance permit to D'Anne Johnson to benefit the Crookston skatepark project for June 30 2005, National Guard Armory.
- 6.06 Approve Special Sports Or Convention Facilities License to Amelia Sanchez for a wedding reception at the National Guard Armory, July 23, 2005. Liquor License holder is Irishman's Shanty.
- 6.07 Approve Plumbers License for Krogfoss Plumbing & Heating, Grand Forks.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

7.01 Improvement of Windsor Court by curb & gutter, aggregate base and bituminous pavement.

Mayor Osborne opened the public hearing on the improvement of Windsor Court by curb & gutter, aggregate base and bituminous pavement and asked if anyone wished to be heard to please stand and state his or her name and address.

Dan Rust, 517 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. NE, is the owner of a vacant lot located on Windsor Court. He stated he had talked to Council Member Vedbraaten and Rich Clauson from Widseth Smith Nolting regarding the surface water drainage problem. When the project was done on Walsh Street several years ago, they failed to utilize a stub that was put in place to connect the area to the city storm sewer. Rust and his neighbors have spent over \$1800 to change the drainage ditch that had run across the lots. Now with the homes being built in the northeast corner it does change the flow of water and the water was being trapped on his property. His main concern is that the construction of Windsor Court does not trap water on his property that he has now had fixed. He wanted to go on record stating that he has requested to the city that this project would not trap water on his property. His other concern is the question of the benefit to his property for the assessments. He stated that the law states that the increase in value has to be attributable to the improvement that has been done. His assessments are proposed at \$2,500 and he doesn't feel that his property would increase in value by that amount. At this point he has not done an appraisal on his vacant lot.

Mayor Osborne questioned Rich Clauson if the drainage issue could be addressed.

Clauson stated they plan to take some shots on the property and try to address the issue during the design of the project.

Council Member Vedbraaten questioned if it would help to do a curb cut.

Rust stated he was not sure how much it would help his property or his neighbors. Rust reiterated that he has done work to his property and that it is currently draining and he wants it to continue to drain after the Walsh Street project has been completed.

Council Member Bunes questioned both Rich Clauson and Public Works Director, Pat Kelly, if this is workable.

Kelly stated they would need to complete the survey as Clauson had mentioned and then take a look at the different options available. Kelly stated that when the Walsh Street project was done, the City couldn't get the easements it needed from two property owners to access the sewer stub.

Rust commented that the City could have acquired the land involuntarily, had a public purpose threshold been met.

Mayor Osborne asked if anyone else wished to be heard and upon hearing none closed the Public Hearing.

### **REGULAR AGENDA**

8.01 On motion by Council Member Genereux seconded by Council Member Manole and duly carried; Resolution to approve ordering improvement and preparation of plans and specifications for improvement of Windsor Court. (RES. No. 24153)

### **REPORTS AND STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS**

Frank Lindgren, Council Member-at-Large - No report.

Craig Bunes, Council Member 1<sup>st</sup> Ward, wanted to wish the Mayor and Mike MacDonald "good luck" on their trip to Washington D.C.

Marlys Mjoen, Council Member 2nd Ward - No report.

Wayne Melby, Council Member 4<sup>th</sup> Ward - No report.

Harry Manole, Council Member 5<sup>th</sup> Ward, commented on the recent work that had been done on Main Street and Broadway. He was impressed on how quickly they came in, got their work done and were out in record time.

Tom Vedbraaten, Council Member 6<sup>th</sup> Ward - No report.

Dave Genereux, Council Member-at-Large, commented on the recent Visitors Guide that had been put out by the Convention and Visitor's Bureau (CVB). He reminded Council that the CVB was formed by the City Council a few years back to promote tourism in the City of Crookston. This is the first big project produced by the CVB and congratulated them on a fine product. The plan of the CVB is to send a copy to everyone in town as well as distributing the Visitor's Guide throughout the state and region.

Mayor Osborne commented on his upcoming trip to Washington D.C. Their purpose is to try to convince the Senate to use the same wording as the House in the WRDA Bill.

On Motion by Council Member Bunes, seconded by Council Member Lindgren 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