

PROPOSED MINUTES OF THE CROOKSTON CITY COUNCIL, POLK COUNTY, MINNESOTA. THE SECOND REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 26, 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 Sprague. Council Member absent: Genereux.

Staff present were: Gene Wisness, Rusty Miller, Pat Kelly, Chad Palm, Richard Rock, Aaron Parrish and Betty Arvidson.

**CROOKSTON FORUM**

Hector Santellanes, along with Abdul Alam, students at UMC, are taking a Marketing/Research class and they are working on developing a survey about how people feel about Wal-Mart coming to town. They are at this meeting to gather input from the Council. They feel that the survey will be helpful for the community and Wal-Mart. Mayor Osborne suggested visiting with the Council Members after the meeting adjourns.

Rusty Miller asked about the projects on the river. He stated that he is concerned about the rock dams and the opening of the channels. Mayor Osborne referred Miller to the next Street Committee meeting being held at 8:00 PM on Tuesday, November 2, 2004.

Jerry Reitmeier stated that he has met with several of the staff and council regarding his concerns on the dike and dam project in the Sampson's addition. He stated that he is not going to "kick a dead skunk and make it stink more" as they have gone over it several times. He wanted to make sure that all of the council is aware of this. He stated that he does appreciate the time the council members and staff have spent with him and that he just wants to make sure that the project is done right. Mayor Osborne also invited him to the Street Committee meeting to discuss any further issues with the project.

**PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLIC INFORMATION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- 6.01 Minutes of October 12, 2004 Council Meeting
- 6.02 Resolution approving City of Crookston bills and disbursements in the amount of \$445,572.98. Check Nos. 24365 through 24490. (RES. No. 23998)
- 6.03 Resolution to approve sale of Lot 13, Block 7 Evergreen Estates. (RES No. 23999)
- 6.04 Resolution to approve sale of Lot 6, Block 5 Evergreen Estates (RES No. 24000)
- 6.05 Resolution to approve setting a public hearing to consider Tax Abatement for parcels qualifying for the Housing Incentive Program. (RES No. 24001)

- 6.06 Resolution to approve setting a public hearing to consider sanitation rate increases. (RES No. 24002)
- 6.07 Resolution to approve dissolving the Valley Technology Park Board of Directors. (RES No. 24003)

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

7.01 Mayor Osborne opened the public hearing on the 8<sup>th</sup> Street Vacation and asked if anyone wished to be heard to stand and state their name and address.

Donald Desrosier, 802 N Front Street, asked how the vacated street will be divided up. Pat Kelly, Public Works Director, stated that the old street or right of way is divided down the center line and half goes to each adjacent property owner.

Council Member Mykleseth asked about how the vacated street on the East side of the railroad will be maintained - like snow removal, etc. Kelly stated that as a general rule when something is vacated it reverts back to private property.

Mykleseth suggested that this be discussed at the next Street/Utility Committee meeting.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

8.01 On motion by Council Member Mykleseth, seconded by Council Member Mjoen and duly carried to approve vacating 8<sup>th</sup> Street from the easterly line of North Front Street to the westerly line of Main Street in the Townsite of Crookston to Crookston, Minnesota. (RES No. 24004)

**REPORTS AND STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS**

Tom Vedbraaten, Council Member 6th Ward, asked Pat Kelly if there was any way to hold “Clean Up” week the 1<sup>st</sup> week of November instead of the last week of October so that the leaf bags could be picked up at the same time. Kelly stated that it is a manpower issue. The first week of the month is recycling week so there is not enough personnel to do both at the same time. Plus the chance of bad weather is greater the longer they wait.

Harry Manole, Council Member 5th Ward - no report.

Wayne Melbye, Council Member 4th Ward, wanted to commend the “clean up” crew as his ward looks much better today than it did yesterday.

Mavis Sprague, Council Member-at-Large asked about those places that don’t clean up as there are several in her area that are in need of attention. Council Member Melbye stated that he has been working with Richard Rock on those issues, it is a slow process but there is progress being made.

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

Marlys Mjoen, Council Member 2nd Ward, wanted to encourage everyone to get out and vote next Tuesday.

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

Richard Rock, Fire Chief, stated there is a meeting going on at the Armory until 9:00 pm tonight that has some HAZMAT equipment at it. He encouraged anyone who was interested to stop out and take a look. He also commented on the clean up issue, that what may seem like junk to some is important to others. We have to go through the proper channels to deal with these issues.

Chad Palm, IT Director, stated the re-broadcast of the Candidate Forum will be shown on Wednesday, October 27, 2004 at 1:00 pm on channel 3.

Mayor Osborne stated that we have a great America and a great Minnesota and to get out and vote. He stated that every vote counts as he won by one vote during his first election as a write in candidate.

On motion by Council Member Melbye, seconded by Council Member Vedbraaten 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

Betty Arvidson, City Clerk-Treasurer