

PROPOSED MINUTES OF THE CROOKSTON CITY COUNCIL, POLK COUNTY, MINNESOTA. THE SECOND REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 28, 2006, 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: Tim Motherway, Pat Kelly, Scott Kleven, Robin Steinbrink, Chad Palm, Aaron Parrish and Betty Arvidson.

CROOKSTON FORUM

There was no one present to address the Council.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Arvidson asked that Item No. 6.03 be amended to read: Approve calling for public hearing amending Crookston EDA Enabling Resolution by changing the appointment of representation from the Housing Sector to the Manufacturing Sector.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

6.01 Council Minutes of February 14, 2006.

6.02 Resolution to approve City of Crookston bills and disbursements in the amount of \$409,764.81. Check Nos. 28290 through 28391. (RES. No. 24308)

6.03 Resolution calling for public hearing amending Crookston EDA Enabling Resolution by changing the appointment of representation from the Housing Sector to the Manufacturing Sector. (RES. No. 24309)

6.04 Resolution to re-appoint Don Osborne to the Crookston Development Authority Board. (RES. No. 24310)

6.05 Resolution approving support in changing the proposed constitutional amendment in the 2006 legislative session so that 60 percent of the Motor Vehicle Sales Tax revenue is distributed for roads through the Highway User Tax Distribution Fund and 40 percent is dedicated for transit. (RES. No. 24311)

PUBLIC HEARING

7.01 Mayor Osborne opened the public hearing on the 2006 Street Improvements. He asked if anyone wished to be heard to please stand and state their name and address.

Wallace Martin, 913 North Broadway stated he owns a couple of lots on Main Street. The property was recently deeded over to him. He stated that they are partial lots and he has been trying to build on them for the past 5-6 years but he cannot get a permit. He felt the property is no good to him if he can't build on it.

Karen Martin, Wallace's daughter-in-law asked about the substantial amount of assessments being proposed on this property and was wondering how they determine the amount to be assessed.

Pat Kelly, Public Works Director, stated this is an estimate of the amount to be assessed if the project moves forward. This hearing is to determine if they will do the project or not. This project is on a State Aid road, which is assessed at \$35 per front foot.

Martins stated they would not like the project done and asked the Council to reconsider.

Kelly stated that he could take a look at how the property will be assessed due to the unusual layout of the lots when the time comes.

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 Melbye and duly carried: Resolution to approve ordering improvement and preparation of plans and specifications for the 2006 Street Improvements. (RES. No. 24312)

REPORTS AND STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

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

Craig Bunes, Council Member 1st Ward, commended the Street Department on the snow removal from the recent snow fall. He also reminded citizens once again that if they need to purchase flood insurance they should do so, as it has to be in effect 30 days prior to the event.

Marlys Mjoen, Council Member 2nd Ward - No report.
Wayne Melbye, Council Member 4th Ward - No report.
Harry Manole, Council Member 5th Ward - No report.
Tom Vedbraaten, Council Member 6th Ward - No report.
Dave Genereux, Council Member-at-Large - No report.

Robin Steinbrink, Fire Department, stated that after the heavy snow fall the department has been proactive in going around the community and inspecting the fire hydrants to make sure they are clear of snow and debris, and asked residents if they would help out with that, that would be great.

Dave Kildahl, on behalf of his wife, wanted to thank the Street Department for getting the snow removed by Friday evening.

Pat Kelly, Public Works Director, wanted to commend his crew for the good job they did on snow removal. They will be out tonight doing snow removal in the downtown area. Kelly also commented that he had made a sweep of the community for sidewalks and had sent out over 100 notices for snow removal. Since the heavy snow fall it will be a few days before he gets out again and inspects the sidewalks around town. He wanted to remind people to shovel their sidewalks and to help out a neighbor if they can.

Mayor Osborne stated that this was School Board Recognition Week. While at a recent school board meeting he presented the school board members with a certificate of appreciation.

On Motion by Council Member Vedbraaten, 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.

Donald A. Osborne, Mayor

Betty Arvidson, City Clerk-Treasurer