

CITY OF CROSSLAKE
SPECIAL EMERGENCY MEETING
THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 2020
10:00 A.M. - CITY HALL

The Council for the City of Crosslake met in a Special Emergency Session on Thursday, March 12, 2020 at City Hall. The following Council Members were present: Mayor Dave Nevin, John Andrews, Gary Heacox and Aaron Herzog. Dave Schrupp was present via conference call. Also present were City Administrator Mike Lyonais, City Clerk Char Nelson, Police Chief Erik Lee, Police Sergeant Eric Swanson, Public Works Director Ted Strand, Park Director TJ Graumann, Fire Chief Chip Lohmiller via conference call, Northland Press Reporter Paul Boblett, and Echo Publishing Reporter Travis Grimler. There were approximately forty people in the audience.

Mayor Nevin called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. and announced that no public input would be taken at this special meeting.

Chief Lee presented current facts regarding the outbreak of COVID-19 and stated that the Council wanted to have responsible dialog regarding how the virus could affect the St. Patrick's Day parade on March 14th. Staff stated that they would support the decision of the Council.

Mayor Nevin stated that this is a new normal and that people needed to get educated, make wise decisions based on their individual circumstances, cover mouth when coughing or sneezing and to wash hands.

Aaron Herzog stated that because the parade is an outdoor event, he is not as worried about spreading the virus. Mr. Herzog stated that we were too close to the date of the event to cancel it.

Dave Schrupp stated that individuals must be smart about how the virus spreads and noted that there are no cases in Crow Wing County yet.

John Andrews stated that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is trying to slow the outbreak so that there is enough medical equipment for all patients. Mr. Andrews noted that many people are already in town for the event.

Gary Heacox stated that he agrees with Mr. Andrews and Mr. Herzog and that it is too close to cancel. Mr. Heacox added that if it were last week, he would have canceled the parade.

Mayor Nevin stated that the Council had three options. 1) table the decision until Friday to see if any new information became available. 2) approve the parade to take place. 3) cancel the parade.

MOTION 03SP1-01-20 WAS MADE BY AARON HERZOG AND SECONDED BY DAVE NEVIN TO ALLOW THE ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE TO TAKE PLACE ON MARCH 14, 2020 AS PLANNED. ROLE CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN: HERZOG: AYE. NEVIN: AYE. SCHRUPP: AYE. HEACOX: AYE. ANDREWS: AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

There being no further business at 10:11 A.M., the Mayor adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by,
Charlene Nelson
City Clerk

