

The Cresco City Council met April 6, 2015, at 7:00 pm at City Hall. Council Members Carman, Bouska, McGee and McCarville were present. Loveless was absent.

McCarville made the motion to approve the consent agenda which included approval of the: agenda; claims; minutes of the March 16, 2015 meeting; Class C Beer Permit and Class B Native Wine Permit to Julie Langreck d/b/a The Stone Path; Tree Surgeon License for Total Tree Care LLC. McGee seconded and it passed all ayes.

Public Works Director Rod Freidhof reported (a) Street: sweeping the streets again after the last snowfall. They have been busy taking down trees and grinding stumps. Dean and Rod have been working on spring planting plans. We received grants of \$750 each from Alliant Energy and Black Hills Energy for the tree planting. Vac truck will be here for a demonstration on Thursday; (b) Sewer: jetter stuck in a sewer main and had to dig it up on Saturday. We will need to have it televised to see what the problem is. DNR was here for an inspection and that went well. A discrepancy with BOD and Flow limits has been corrected; (c) Water: filling in dirt and fixing concrete where water mains were repaired. We finally found the watermain leak so pumpage is back to normal; (d) Matt Brace thanked the City for sweeping the streets so good for the Brew & Stew route. The City thanks the Brew & Stew for donating \$8,000 to the Fire Department and \$1,000 to Thor.

Police Chief Ruroden reported that March had 36 arrests and charges filed with 12 of them narcotic related. Officer Cox was in Des Moines for three days of narcotic training. Last week they had a presentation with Thor at the North Fayette High School. This week there will be a mock crash presentation at the Crestwood High School. Next week the Eddie Eagle program will be at the preschools. Bouska asked about the Forfeitures that have been collected and Ruroden responded that these were criminal forfeitures and not civil forfeitures.

City Clerk Girolamo reported (a) the Howard County Housing Needs Assessment Report is available for anyone to review; (b) the Ordinance will be changed to reflect rate changes and verified with Council to increase them as discussed during the budget worksessions with capital improvement charge increasing to \$2.50/month; water rates 5%; sewer rate 1%; (c) insurance premium increased 4% to about \$150,000 with 9 of the 13 departments higher than budgeted. We will be changing the policy year to start October 1st next year so it will make budgeting more accurate; (d) Howard Community Foundation Grants were received of \$3,000 for the Fire Department handheld radios; \$3,000 for the Theatre Marquee; \$1,500 for the Police National Night Out; \$1,500 for the Chamber's Flag Beautification program; (e) the new cover for the spa is working really good and should be helping with the energy efficiency.

Mayor Bohle opened the public hearing to amend the Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015. There were no written or oral comments. The public hearing was closed. Bouska made the motion to approve the resolution to amend the budget. McGee seconded and it passed all ayes.

McCarville made the motion to approve the recommendation of the Tourism Advisory Committee to award: (a) \$2,500 to the Mighty Howard County Fair for advertising; (b) \$500 to Notre Dame for the Family 5K Run Walk; (c) \$1,414.20 to the Cresco Chamber of Commerce for Family Fun Nights. The Police request for purchasing an Eddie Eagle Costume was denied because it did not meet the Tourism definition. The Theatre request for restoring the marquee was tabled until next quarter. Carman seconded and it passed all ayes.

McCarville made the motion to approve a sewer credit of \$672.50 for a broken waterline because the water did not enter the sanitary sewer system. Bouska seconded and it passed all ayes.

Bill Angerman from WHKS explained that the Council needs to direct composition of a change order to address the failure to complete the Granger Road Project by the contract

date. The Public Works Committee met with Skyline Construction last week. Skyline submitted a proposed completion date of June 6, 2015 with an offer of \$50,000 contract adjustment. The Council met at a worksession to discuss the offer and to come up with a counter-offer.

The contract states that liquidated damages of \$1,500 per day could be charged for each day that the project is late. This amounts to \$148,500 if it is completed on June 6, 2015. Liquidated damages are an estimate of the actual cost to the City due to the project not being finished on time. The City will be incurring a loss of interest revenue because assessments will be delayed for one year since it cannot be certified by May 31, 2015. The City will also incur additional staff time and engineering expenses due to the delay as well as potential attorney fees for reviewing of contracts.

The proposed change order that the Council presented was to accept the new completion date of June 6, 2015 and a contract adjustment of \$100,000. Jesse Delaney of Skyline Construction addressed Council and explained some of the additional work and costs that Skyline encountered and that inclement weather in November prohibited more of the work to be completed. They worked with the City to get the water installed before they quit working for the winter and have tried to cooperate with the City. He acknowledged that they did get started late but that \$100,000 is a really big hit. They want to continue to work with the City in the future. He feels that June 6th is very attainable.

Council members pointed out that they have received many complaints that it wasn't finished last fall, the road condition was poor over the winter, and especially that work had not started in June as expected. McCarville made the motion to have WHKS draft a change order accepting the June 6, 2015 completion date with \$100,000 contract reduction. Skyline should contact the PWD, Mayor and City Clerk to discuss the change order. Bouska seconded and it passed all ayes.

McGee made the motion to approve a resolution allowing for the transfer of funds of \$24,513.19 from the Water Deposit Trust Fund #601 to the Water Utility Repair Replacement Fund #602. Carman seconded and it passed all ayes.

Carman made the motion to approve a resolution for the City of Cresco Comprehensive Solid Waste Reduction Plan. McGee seconded and it passed all ayes. Bouska commented that she is checking on why we have the 2nd highest tipping fees in the State.

The Airport Commission received quotes on a hangar rehabilitation and an office addition. The two projects were quoted separately because we are going to apply for a grant for the office addition. The grant is potentially for 85% of the cost and the City would need to commit to match the 15%. The quotes for the airport office addition were: Jeff Harden Construction \$12,600; Panos Farm Supplies \$8,618; Yoder Custom Builders \$23,877. In addition to the quotes, a bi-fold door will need to be purchased for an estimated cost of \$7,000.

The quotes for the hangar rehabilitation were: Harden \$7,532; Panos \$10,347; Yoder \$23,219. Panos' quote included a 42 foot pre-engineered header and roofing pieces that would lock together. Harden would build the header. There is enough budgeted in the current budget to do the hangar rehab before June 30, 2015. The Airport Commission recommended using the same person for both projects so they combined the quotes and recommended Panos who had the lowest combined quote of \$18,965. McCarville made the motion to award the contract to Panos for the hangar rehabilitation and contingent on the approval of the grant for the office addition. Bouska seconded and it passed all ayes.

Amy and Rod met with a company called Eagle Point Solar regarding solar projects for the City. They are not asking for approval for the project but were asking Council for a consensus on whether to keep meeting with them to gather more information to determine if

this would be something the City may want to pursue in the future. Solar tax credits are 48% and since the City does not pay income taxes we would not benefit from the tax credits. Last summer it became legal in Iowa to have Power Purchase Agreements. This allows investors to purchase and install the solar panels on our buildings and get the tax credits. The City would sign a 10 year contract locking in the cost of electricity and would purchase the solar power. At the end of the contract the City can either purchase the depreciated solar panels or terminate the agreement and have the panels removed, or renew the contract. It is estimated that we could lock in a rate of \$.08 kWh compared to the average cost of \$.13 kWh that we are currently paying. The City would have initial costs of attorney fees and increased insurance expenses but would lock in the electric rate for a number of years. Investors could be local investors if there was interest in this opportunity. The risk would be relatively low for the investors as the City would be bound by contract for a set amount. The sewer plant may not be eligible for this because Hawkeye REC limits installations to 40K and the WWTP would need 722K. Consensus was to continue researching the solar options.

Mayor asked if there were any comments from the audience. Jason Passmore reported that the Howard County Housing Needs Assessment Report is also available at the Chamber and on their website. The City of Cresco does have a need for affordable homes and more rentals. Black Hills Energy and NE Iowa Regional Housing Trust Fund paid for the study. Upper Explorerland also cut their rate on the cost since it was their first time. Staff Appreciation Luncheon April 22nd from 11am to 1pm at the Country Club. A workshop at NICC will be held on April 21st called Managing Multiple Generations from 10am to noon. Another workshop will be held on July 30th called Recruiting 101 from 8am to 10am. Online registration available at NICC\Solutions Link and cost is about \$15-20 per person. A meeting for the 150th Celebration was held and had a great turnout. The next meeting will be at 6:30 on April 15th at the Chamber. Iowa Wrestling Hall of Fame banquet is April 13th. Chamber after 5 at Furniture Redo on April 23rd.

Carman moved to adjourn at 7:50 pm. McGee seconded and it passed all ayes. The next regular Cresco City Council meeting will be at 7:00 pm on April 20, 2015 at Cresco City Hall.

Mayor Mark Bohle

City Clerk Michelle Girolamo

Following is a list of claims approved for payment:

20th CENT FOX	Movie rent	250.00
ALLIANT	Elect	16,556.08
BERG, DOUG	Dep ref	42.07
BERG, MICHAEL	Dep ref	80.00
BERGAN, MICHAEL	Dep ref	33.80
BLACK HILLS	Nat gas	7,818.22
BORN, MICHAEL	Reimb parts	25.74
BRUNS, JOE	Dep ref	15.00
BUGENHAGEN, RICH	Dep ref	30.00
BURKE, SARA	Dep ref	48.19
CANOE RIDGE KENN	Srvc K9	132.25
CAPOUCH, RITA	Dep ref	15.00
CARD CENTER	Trng, equip	581.20
CARQUEST	Supp	67.97
CITY LAUNDERING	Srvc	754.96
CITY OF CRESCO	Util	1,183.55
CPU	Supp	24.99
CRESCO CHAMBER	TourGrnt	744.17
CRESCO HEATING	Srvc	275.00
CRESCO INSUR	Insur	149,859.00
CRESCO SHOPPER	Advrt, publ	369.50
CRESCO SMALL ENG	Supp	92.13
CRESCO TPD	Publ, ads	431.72
CRYSTEEL TRUCK	Supp	195.00
CULLIGAN	Srvc	77.37
DALCO	supp	1,264.60
DASKAM, AL	Dep ref	59.94
DISNEY	Movie Rent	600.00
DRIFTRUNNERS	TourGrnt	1,000.00
ELITE K-9	Supp	107.48
EMERSON, CASANDRA	Dep ref	58.76
ENVIOR RESOURCE	Supp	270.11
FAREWAY	Supp	22.34
FERCH, RON	Dep ref	48.84
FERRIE, ANDREW	Dep ref	51.72
FOLEY'S CONSTR	Srvc	2,476.62
FREIDHOF, LORRAINE	Dep ref	41.49
GALLS	Unifs	859.67
GAUL, DAVID	Dep ref	80.00
GILLUND ENTER	Supp	252.70
HACH	Supp	341.28
HOW CO	Shared LEC cost	5,639.69
HOW CO BUSINESS	TourGrnt	152.20
INTERSTATE POWER	Srvc	2,202.88
IA MUNICIPAL UTI	Dues	539.33
IA PARK & REC	Trng	270.00
JOHN DEERE FIN	Supp	1,625.70
K & H COOP	Supp	82.21
KAPLER, KRISTINA	Dep ref	52.02
KEYSTONE LAB	Analys	1,279.40
KUPKA, DEAN	Dep ref	50.12
KWIK TRIP	Gas	3,826.59
LACROSSE SCALE	Srvc	276.50
LANE, ROBYN	Dep ref	71.61
LEIGH ENVIR EQP	Supp	915.50

MALLI, BRENDA	Dep ref	80.00
MCNABB, NICOLE	Dep ref	80.00
MEIER, EUGENE	Dep ref	41.49
MEIRICK, AMY	Dep ref	49.81
METRO SWIM	Supp	1,630.30
MIDWEST BREATH	Maint	501.20
MILLAGE, AMY	Dep ref	80.00
MILLER, KASSANDRA	Dep ref	80.00
MK SERVICE	Supp	465.00
MYERS, RUSSELL	Dep ref	80.00
NAGEL, MARSHA	Dep ref	48.66
NEUBAUER, BRIAN	Dep ref	54.71
O'HENRY'S	Unifs	171.50
OLSON, BRIANNA	Dep ref	80.00
PARAMOUNT	Movie rent	252.00
PAYROLL		70,848.88
PECINOVSKY, DIANE	Dep ref	15.00
PEPSI-COLA	Concess	647.12
PETTY CASH	Supp	112.48
PLAHT, BRANDON	Dep ref	54.25
PLUNKETT'S PEST	Fee	448.82
POAGE, MELISSA	Dep ref	80.00
POSTMASTER	Postage	447.90
PRINCIPAL LIFE	Insur	85.86
RACOM	Equip	189.00
RECREONICS	Equip	594.45
REED, BRAD	Dep ref	80.00
REIS, BRANDON	Dep ref	60.80
RICOH - CHICAGO	Copies	101.20
RIGEL, ZACK	Dep ref	80.00
SAM'S CLUB	Supp,trng,equip	2,888.18
SCHROEDER, NICK	Dep ref	80.00
SMITH, BRIAN	Dep ref	54.43
SPAHN & ROSE	Supp	265.84
STOREY KEN	Supp	240.73
TECHNICOLOR	Fees	40.22
TESCHLER, DUANE	Dep ref	42.07
TREAS, ST OF IA	Sales Tax	6,036.00
U.S. POSTAL	Supp	2,074.80
UNIVERSAL PUBL	Advrt	120.00
UNIVERSAL STUD	Movie rent	350.00
WEBER PAPER	Supp	73.77
WELLBORN, JIM	Def ref	30.00
WILDFLOWER ART	Supp	756.00
WILLIAMSON, MITCHELL	Reimb unif	137.54
WILSON, BRIAN	Dep ref	80.00
WINDRIDGE IMPL	Supp	112.38
WINDSTREAM	Phone	1,016.83
	GENERAL	182,814.25
	HOTEL/MOTEL	1,896.37
	LOST PROJECT	4,122.83
	FIRE STATION BLDG	3,511.85
	MEDIACOM	339.88
	DRUG DOG	610.50
	CRESCO COMM FIRE	10,956.51

ROAD USE	24,022.58
EMPLOYEE BEN	1,997.99
FC TRUST	2,201.45
PARK TRUST	165.52
WATER	19,963.10
WATER DEP	2,109.78
SEWER	40,463.90
CAP IMPROVE	435.90
YARDWASTE	549.02
EXPENDITURES	296,161.43
Revenues 3/17 to 4/6/15	150,622.37