

The Cresco City Council met August 15, 2011, at 7:00 pm at City Hall. Council members Blake, Bouska, Moore and McCarville were present. Loveless arrived at 7:02 pm. No council members were absent.

It was moved by Bouska to approve the consent agenda which included approval of: the agenda; claims; minutes of the August 1, 2011 City Council meeting; Class C beer permit (BC) with Sunday sales to Kwik Trip Inc. d/b/a Kwik Star #428; Class C liquor license (LC) (Commercial) with Sunday sales to Chris Ator d/b/a Cresco Lanes Sports Bar & Grill; excavator license for Kevin Mracek d/b/a Mracek Plumbing, Heating and Electric LLC. The motion was seconded by Moore and passed all ayes.

Public Works Director Rod Freidhof reported: (a) 1st Avenue project is done and staff with WHKS will do a final checklist; (b) York Street project is almost done; (c) Sewer project is progressing on schedule; (d) Water Dept. is continuing meter replacements, valve boxes and replacing concrete from water main breaks; (e) Street Dept. is finishing street painting and continuing chip sealing; (f) Sewer Dept. is doing maintenance on equipment and marking locations with the GPS; (g) Nuisance house complaints are still being worked on; (h) Utility Service Partners will be mailing out the sewer letters around September 10th so he will put a notice in the paper explaining it to the residents again and is working with them to correct the mailing address problems; (i) Mick Gamez asked if the City would share the expense for dust control where the bike trail crosses the road; (j) Angie will be done this week as summer help for the Street Dept. but Curtis would be available to work longer and with Kevin being deployed they could use the extra help for a while. Blake asked about painting the no bike signs on the sidewalks and they will get it done as soon as possible.

Bill Caffrey presented the annual report for the Fitness Center and Park and Recreation. Parks came in under budget and Fitness Center only needed to use \$12,000 of the \$20,000 budgeted from Local Option Sales Tax to balance their budget. He also reported on the projects that had been completed last year including the Fitness Fix Program where they collected about \$30,000 in donations from individuals and then the banks matched up to \$30,000. Many other projects were also completed including changes recommended by the energy audit program. He also listed several future projects that need to be done sometime. Rick Bush had done a security review and made several suggestions for improvements. Rick McCarville discussed the tennis courts and it was felt that the City needed to have one tennis court at least.

Police Chief Mark Kissinger reported nothing out of the ordinary.

Mayor Bohle asked if the time of Council meetings could be changed. There was no agreement so it will be left at 7:00 for now.

City Clerk Michelle Girolamo reported: (a) a year end summary was provided for review; (b) monthly financial statements were presented and are on budget after one month; (c) received a quote for an electronic version of the Code of Ordinances to be looked at during the next budget; (d) Customer Service training is being offered at NICC Cresco Center; (e) toured the Alliance Store and it was in really bad shape, and will wait for assessment report; (f) airport was shut down Monday & Tuesday due to President Obama's visit; (g) MediaCom will be upgrading to all digital so adapters may be needed; (h) Jeff Schlatter has put in his resignation from the Fire Department; (i) Fire Dept. had a very good training last week on the controlled house burn.

McCarville asked about the status of the sinkhole and Freidhof said the one working on the program had her position cut by the State. He is still working with others on the project.

Daren Sikkink from WHKS presented plans and recommendations from the Public Works Committee to proceed with the 2nd Avenue East project. Watermain would be replaced between 6th and 8th Street and street reconstruction between 6th and 7th Street. Due to timing of

the bids, two alternatives will be offered with a fall 2011 start and completion in spring 2012 or start in spring 2012 and completion fall 2012.

Blake made the motion to approve a resolution ordering bids, approving plans, specifications and form of contract and notice to bidders, fixing amount of bid security, and ordering clerk to publish notice and fixing a date for receiving same, and for a public hearing on plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of costs for the 2nd Avenue East reconstruction project. The public hearing and bid letting is set for Wednesday September 7, 2011. Loveless seconded the motion and it passed all ayes.

Daren Sikkink presented a feasibility study report for 5th Street Southeast as requested by a petition of citizens. The study estimated the cost for just the road to be \$489,000 from 10th Avenue to 110th Street. The Public Works Committee recommended not doing this project due to the high cost to the City because much of the assessments would be deferred until the ag land was developed. The committee recommended reviewing other alternatives for maintaining the road. Discussion was made regarding putting several coats of seal coating on the road and assessing the extra coats to the property owners to build up the base on the road. Teresa McGee requested that this option be explored for next year and will discuss with neighbors regarding cost sharing.

Loveless made the motion to award the housing rehabilitation contract for 328 5th Avenue West to Skoda Home Improvement in the amount of \$28,823.00. Moore seconded the motion and it passed all ayes.

Bouska asked about rehab housing grants available for citizens. Northeast Iowa Regional Housing Trust Fund is still accepting applications and Spiff and Jason would be the contacts.

Loveless made the motion to set a public hearing for September 7, 2011 to amend Chapter 22 in the City of Cresco Code of Ordinances pertaining to the Park Board. Moore seconded the motion and it passed all ayes.

Moore made the motion to approve a resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with Howard County, Iowa in regards to voting precincts. Bouska seconded the motion and it passed all ayes.

There was discussion on setting a date for open houses at City facilities. It was suggested to have open houses a weekend in mid-October from 1:00 to 4:00 at all buildings at the same time. Volunteers to help organize the event were Bohle, Bouska, Loveless, and McCarville.

Blake made the motion to approve a resolution adopting the Howard County, Iowa multi-jurisdiction (MJ-6) multi-hazard mitigation plan. Bouska seconded the motion and it passed all ayes.

Bohle asked if there were any comments from the audience. Chuck Ollendieck inquired about shutting off the water for themselves or having the water department do it. Girolamo replied that this was the only way to monitor the utilities and bill for garbage and other fees. Ollendieck complimented the street department on all the work they have done to improve the streets in town. Rick McCarville discussed incorporating the Fitness Center promotional weekend event with the open houses. Ollendieck suggested the City try to collect donations from Blue Cross/Blue Shield for the Fitness Center.

It was moved by McCarville to adjourn at 8:05 pm. The motion was seconded by Moore and passed all ayes. Due to the Labor Day Holiday, the next regular Cresco City Council meeting will be Wednesday September 7, 2011, at 7:00 pm at Cresco City Hall.

Mayor Mark Bohle

City Clerk Michelle Girolamo

Following is a list of claims approved for payment:

Advanced Systems	maintenance contract	50.18
Ames Environmental	training	264.00
Baker & Taylor	books	1,678.34
Balk Lime & Ready Mix	repairs	1,281.52
Bancard	training	49.00
Becker, Ryan	maintenance	180.00
Black Hills Energy	natural gas	29.00
Bob's Electric	service call	61.26
Bodensteiner Impl	mower repair	1,161.18
Bruening Rock	rock	617.50
Camp Site RV	lp gas	553.67
Capper's Ins Service	periodical	29.95
Carquest	supply	57.44
City of Cresco	deposit refunds	301.78
City of Cresco	safe-t-fund	2,582.69
City of Cresco	utilities	33.44
CPU of America	equipment	2600.00
Cresco Shopper	supply	10.95
Cresco Small Engine	supply, repair	53.16
Cresco Theatre Commission	tourism grant	3000.00
Easley, Kayla	refund deposit	45.06
Electric Pump	repair	8,559.00
Elwood Law Offices	attorney fees	4,443.10
Erdman Engineering	survey	565.05
Farm Plan aka Fisks	supply	868.64
Grube Construction	down spouts	66.00
Hanson Tire	repair, tires	1,552.75
Hawk Alarm Systems	monitoring fee	264.00
Hawkeye REC	electricity	4,409.84
Howard County Recorder	record mtg releases	14.00
Hygienic Laboratory	pool, spa analysis	57.00
Ikon	copier, copies	1,108.94
Iowa Dept of Natural Resources	annual permit	1,275.00
Iowa One Call	one calls	43.20
Iowa Prison Industries	street signs	42.90
Kwik Trip	gas, diesel fuel	4,802.93
Martinek, Glenn	refund deposit	49.21
Midwest Scientific Inc.	lab supplies	62.62
MVTL	wastewater analysis	162.30
NE IA Comm College	training	150.00
One Source Fitness	equipment	580.20
payroll		60,714.96
Pecinovsky, Clair	reimburse	18.59
Pepsi Cola	concession	344.45
Petroleum Marketers	insurance	750.00
Petschel, Erin	refund deposit	56.40
Petty Cash	postage, supply	304.90
Pitz, Cherrie	refund deposit	34.53
Plantpeddler	memorial	38.99
Pool Tech	chemicals	3,273.00
Post Office	postage	100.00
Print Shop Plus	supplies	19.00

Riley's Inc	tech expense, supply	201.62
Ruppert Inc.	supply, ups	210.86
Schmauss, Tom	wrestling camp	200.00
Schumacher	maintenance contract	127.42
Shimek, Roselyn	refund	13.45
Sodko Turf Inc	sod	241.25
St. Lukes Center	routine drug testing	37.00
State Library of Iowa	subscription	179.72
Storey Kenworthy	office supply	371.08
TASC	admin fee	190.40
Times Plain Dealer	subscription, notices	582.86
Up & Running Electronics	phone case	15.99
US Cellular	cell phones	371.07
USA Blue Book	equipment	289.18
Verizon Wireless	park phone	75.41
WHKS	engineering	1,504.92
Winn Coop	supply	186.79

General Fund	51,044.50
Hotel/Motel Tax	3,000.00
Road Use Tax	10,793.35
Employee Benefits	7,915.86
Streets	553.67
Local Option Tax	1,011.95
Cresco Telecom	256.85
Rehab/Housing Forf/Trust	579.05
Equipment/Repair-Fitness	580.20
Fire Equipment Trust	2,600.00
Street 1st Ave Project	280.75
Water Utility Fund	9,629.41
Water Deposits Trust Fund	480.00
MSSU Operations	24,583.06
Capital Improvement	129.05
Yard Waste Fund	732.94

GRAND TOTAL OF FUNDS	114,170.64
Revenue Total of Funds 8/2/11-8/15/11	157,494.80