

The Cresco City Council met March 19, 2012, at 7:00 pm at City Hall. Council members Carman, Bouska, McGee and McCarville were present. Loveless was absent.

Bouska moved to approve the consent agenda which included approval of the: agenda; claims; minutes of the March 5, 2012 meeting; approval of a Tree Surgeon License for Dusty Burnikel d/b/a Dusty's Total Tree Service; approval of pay request #5 for \$14,272.39 to Magney Construction Inc for WWTP Biosolids Handling and Storage Improvements Project; approval of pay request #4 for \$6,840.90 for Skoda Home Improvement for Housing Rehab Project. McGee seconded and it passed all ayes.

Mayor Mark Bohle reminded Council that if they receive complaints from people who are not in their ward to please notify that Ward's Council person to make them aware of the concern.

Public Works Director Rod Freidhof reported: (a) Table-Top Disaster Discussion will be April 9th at 6 pm at the Fire Station; (b) Street: all streets have been swept at least once. We are seeing frost boils and some chip sealed roads are breaking up but they are maintaining the roads the best they can and ask people to be patient; (c) Sewer: sludge storage tank is $\frac{3}{4}$ full so they will be hauling sludge soon. Blazek Corp has two clarifiers done and should finish this week with the third; (d) Water: new chlorine scales were installed and they will begin fixing patches from watermain breaks and will replace the chlorinator in Well #3; (e) Tree Committee meeting is March 21st at 1 pm at City Hall; (f) the new ton truck is in LaCrosse getting the box installed; (g) tripod lift was ordered for manholes for the wastewater department and still researching shoring products for the water department; (h) Certificate of Appreciation was received from the Arbor Day Foundation for being a member for 17 years and planting trees.

Police Chief Tim Ruroden reported that the Brew & Stew went good this weekend with no serious incidents. He received bids for two new police cars with Ankeny being \$1263 less than H&S Motors. Consensus of the Mayor and Council was that we should keep the business local.

City Clerk Michelle Girolamo reported: (a) the Howard County Community Foundation awarded a \$3,000 grant for the Fire & Rescue to purchase hoses and nozzles and also awarded the Cresco Membership Committee/Chamber a \$1,000 grant for a community beautification project along Highway 9; (b) Senior Billing Clerk, Irene Eiffler, turned in her letter of resignation to retire after 22 years of working for the City. Her last day of work will be April 30, 2012.

Mayor Bohle opened the public hearing for the 2009 Housing Rehabilitation Program Update. The City was awarded a 2009 Community Development Block Grant for \$267,200 to assist approximately eight low-and-moderate income persons within a designated neighborhood to make improvements to their homes. To date, four projects have been completed, one is under construction, and two more are ready to begin construction within the next couple of months. It is anticipated, with the remaining budget, that at least one to two more projects can be completed. There have been no changes to the project scope, budget, or project beneficiaries as proposed in the application. To date, \$101,518 of the CDBG allocation has been expended. The City obligated \$40,000 local towards rehabilitation costs. To date, \$20,247 of that has been expended. No written or oral comments were received and the public hearing was closed.

Bouska made the motion to approve the change order and extension deadline for the Housing Rehabilitation contract for 110 4th Street to S&B Construction for the contract originally bid 3/14/11. The new contract amount is \$25,609.39. McGee seconded and it passed all ayes.

Carman made the motion to approve the resolution restricting semi-truck traffic on 10th Ave SW from 3rd St SW to South Elm Street and on 10th Ave SE from South Elm Street to 5th St SE and 5th St SE to 110th Street. Bouska seconded and it passed all ayes.

McGee made the motion to approve the resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into a Lease Agreement for the old City Hall with Howard County Charitable Projects Inc. McCarville seconded and it passed all ayes.

Diane Kueker is working on a grant to make improvements to the building. She asked for permission to do some fixing up of the old City Hall. Consensus was to allow improvements to be made but keep the City informed of the status of the projects.

McCarville made the motion to approve the resolution authorizing the Cresco Fire Department to conduct a controlled house burn for training purposes west of Cresco on Robin Avenue on March 28, 2012. Carman seconded and it passed all ayes.

Carman made the motion to pay the pro-rated property taxes on the two nuisance properties that had been sold because the tax due was not clearly disclosed before the sale. Bouska seconded and it passed all ayes.

Bouska requested that we look into changing our nuisance ordinance to address the problem of long-term vacant houses. Freidhof will discuss with the City Attorney.

The interest rate to be charged for assessments on the street project was discussed. Most cities charge 1% more than the City's bonding rate but legally we can charge up to 9%. The City's bond has a 3.75% rate for the last 5 years of the 15 year bond term. McGee made the motion to charge 4.75% interest for the assessments. Bouska seconded and it passed all ayes.

Mayor asked if there were any comments from the audience. Jody Torgerson thanked Council again for giving him the chance to purchase the Alliance Building and fix it up. He is getting bids on replacing the roof and is working at bracing the back part of the building.

Jason Passmore invited Council and Mayor to the Annual Banquet for Howard County Business & Tourism on April 11, 2012. Rural-Issues Roundtable Discussion with Bill Menner from USDA Rural Development will be held March 29th at Hawkeye REC from 10-11 am. UNI's Small Business Development Center Director will be conducting one-on-one counseling for small business owners and all but one time slot is filled. The Retail Committee received a demo of a sign that could be placed in crosswalks and will present it to Council for approval at a later date.

Carman moved to adjourn at 7:42 pm. McGee seconded and it passed all ayes. The next regular Cresco City Council meeting will be April 2, 2012, 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 SYS	MAINT	56.20
AM WATER WORKS	TRAINING	149.50
BAKER/TAYLOR BOOKS	SUPP	980.81
BLACK HILLS	GAS	335.82
BC/BS	INSUR	26,451.02
CARDMEMBER SRVC	SUPP	288.89
CARMEN BUSS	TRAVEL	43.40
CARQUEST	REPAIR	161.22
CITY OF CRESCO	UTIL, REFUND	354.69
CITY OF CRESCO	INSUR	3,472.23
CITY OF LIME SPRINGS	SUPP	60.15
CPU	SUPP	1,413.99
COURTNEY LAWN	SRVC	90.00
CRESCO HEATING	SRVC	248.25
CRESCO SHOPPER	ADVERT	205.70
CRESCO SMALL ENG	SRVC	90.96
CUB SCOUTS	SUPP	60.00
D & J SPORTS	SUPP	3,571.00
DAKOTA SUPPLY	SUPP	2,733.32
DECORAH NEWS	SUBSCRIPT	35.00
FAREWAY	SUPP	10.99
FENCL OIL	GAS	486.00
FENCO	SUPP	319.52
GEORGE GROSZ	REFUND	72.03
GROUP SERVICES	FEE	358.75
H & S MOTORS	VEHICLE,RPRS	26,558.17
HAWKEYE REC	ELECT	7,369.12
HAWKEYE	SERV	98.61
HEALTHY CONTRIBUT	FEE	17.80
HOW CO	LAW ENFORCE	11,729.10
HOW CO EMERG MAGT	FEE	13,538.00
HOW CO RECORDER	REHAB HSNG	57.00
HOW CO TREASURER	TAXES	4,874.00
IKON OFFICE	SUPP	32.88
IA ASC.OF MUN UT	FEE	588.56
IA DNR	TRAINING	60.00
IA PARK & REC	TRAINING	220.00
J.P. COOKE	SUPP	49.05
JIM'S AUTO	REPAIR	71.05
JODY TORGERSO	TAXES	809.00
JOHNSON ACCTG	SUPP	32.95
KUBIK	MAINT	187.70
MAGNEY CONST	SERV	14,272.39
MARCO	SUPP	12.95
MERCHANT SERV	FEE	41.23
MIKE GRUBE	TAXES	1,553.00
MVTL	ANALYSIS	377.35
NE IA SERV	REPAIR	3,547.84
O'HENRY'S	SUPP	186.91
PATRICIA MCDANIEL	SUPP	20.00
PAYROLL		59,182.42
PETTY CASH	POSTAGE	58.10
POSTMASTER	POSTAGE	75.00
QUARTERMASTER	SERV	382.98
RACOM	SERV	264.00
RILEY'S	SUPP	125.28
RIVER CITY PAVING	SUPP	200.03
RUPPERT	SUPP	473.58
SIGNS & DESIGNS	SERV	102.50
SKODA HOME IMPRV	REHAB HSNG	6,840.90
LIFEGUARD STORE	SUPP	190.49
U.S. CELLULAR	PHONE	333.11
UNIFORM & ACC	SUPP	132.91
WINDSTREAM	PHONE	53.83

GENERAL FUND	71,462.00	
ROAD USE TAX	17,685.30	
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	31,012.92	
LOCAL OPTION TAX	10,440.50	
CRESCO TELECOM	400.35	
REHAB/HOUSING	6,897.90	
EQUIP/REPAIR-FITNESS	233.92	
STREET TRUST	8,526.81	
SEWER PROJECT	14,272.39	
WATER UTILITY FUND	15,494.41	
WATER DEPOSITS	80.00	
MSSU OPERATION	20,250.02	
WATER / SEWER C.I.	5.48	
YARD WASTE FUND	7.23	
GRAND TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS	196,769.23	
Revenue Total 03/06 thru 03/19/12	128,545.15	