

The Cresco City Council met December 7, 2015, at 7:00 pm at City Hall. Council Members Carman, Bouska, McGee, McCarville and Loveless were present. No council members were absent.

Carman made the motion to approve the consent agenda which included approval of the: agenda; claims; minutes of the November 16, 18, and 23, 2015 meetings; Class C Liquor License (LC) (commercial) with outdoor service and Sunday sales to Howard County Agricultural Society d/b/a Mighty Howard County Fair – Howard County Expo; Class C Liquor License (LC) (commercial) with Sunday sales to Big Daddy Hideaway Corp. d/b/a Hideaway Lounge; Class C Liquor License (LC) (commercial) with Sunday sales to Wayne Smith d/b/a South Side Bar & Grill; Designated Snowmobile Trail from Driftrunners Inc for December 15, 2015–April 1, 2016; Tax Abatement under the Urban Revitalization Plan for David and Pamela Daley; pay request #6 Final from Skyline Construction Inc for the 3rd Street West (Granger Road) Reconstruction Project for \$136,802.60. Bouska seconded and it passed all ayes.

Public Works Director Rod Freidhof reported (a) they finished grinding the brush pile and cost less than budgeted. There is a large pile of grindings available for the public to use as well as an abundance of composted leaves; (b) cleaning intakes with the new vac truck which is working great; (c) small snow events but not anything major yet and we had some repairs on the maintainer; (d) Sewer plant has been doing some maintenance work; (e) still looking for a break in the water system as accountability still remains low. IAMU spent a day searching for it and has not been back since. We may need to hire a locator to help locate the break; (f) Drew and Rod met with Donaldson's to discuss the maintenance issues and necessity of the reservoir for their fire protection. WHKS will do a study and prepare a report to determine if our watermains could feed their fire protection system so the reservoir could be removed.

Police Chief Tim Ruroden was absent but submitted his monthly report.

City Clerk Girolamo reported (a) assessment letters were mailed to all property owners with payment due by January 8, 2016 to avoid 4.375% interest accruals; (b) Pat Ahern decorated the City Hall tree with her handmade decorations and it looks really nice; (c) working on the budget preparing for the budget workshop December 16th with each Department Head meeting with Council for 25 minute sessions.

Bouska reported the Library Board meeting was held and reported a successful silent auction will allow extra children programming this year. There were more donations received from the community and this was very much appreciated.

Loveless showed the 150th Celebration tri-fold displays that are being put in the businesses promoting the events for next July. The Marketing Committee did a great job.

McCarville reported the Airport Commission met. Johnson will put together some bids for a proposed hangar. Panos will not get the improvements done until spring.

Tim Wolter, president of Prairie Springs Recreation Trail, thanked Rod and the City employees for the repairs made on the trail this year. He came to Council to request that they designate the trail as tobacco free. He introduced Tessa Willie from Helping Services who is working with high school students who support this program. She discussed information presented regarding other communities that have designated parks and trails as tobacco free. The Howard County Conservation Board requested more information and to look into different signs that would just say "Please help us keep our trails smoke-free". This would help eliminate the enforcement problems and make it more of a promotion to keep our trails healthy for users in Howard County. Spiff will work on a grant for signage if Riceville, Cresco and the Howard County Conservation Board agree to promote this.

Loveless made the motion to approve the Airport Commission recommendation to appoint Joseph Lawrence to the Airport Commission for a six year term from January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2021. McGee seconded and it passed all ayes.

Freidhof presented a quote to overlay the entire Theatre parking lot for about \$51,000. We would also remove the four trees in the middle of the parking lot since two are ash trees and then the middle curb could be removed. Two quotes were received for the project. A budget amendment would be necessary for it to use some of the extra gas tax money we will receive and the remainder to come from Local Option Sales Tax. McCarville suggested installing a street light to illuminate the parking lot. Loveless made a motion to determine if an official bidding process needs to be done and to remove the trees and curb. McGee seconded and it passed all ayes.

Because Council is ready to proceed with the solar project, it is time to get legal advice to begin the process of getting investors and installers. Bouska interviewed two different attorneys and recommended Jeff Paulson because of his experience and he specializes in power purchase agreements and renewable energy. Bouska made the motion to approve the Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Paulson Law Office Ltd to provide legal and consulting services. Loveless seconded and it passed all ayes.

Mayor asked if there were any comments from the audience. Tim Wolter asked about the interest in the solar project. There has not been much negative response from the public and since the only initial costs will be legal fees and site preparation, the savings in electrical costs should benefit the City. Bouska reported that we have gotten quotes from three potential installers that we are in the process of comparing to determine if we need to get more quotes.

Carman moved to adjourn at 7:22 pm. McGee seconded and it passed all ayes. The next regular Cresco City Council meeting will be December 21, 2015 at 7:00 pm at Cresco City Hall.

Mayor Mark Bohle

City Clerk Michelle Girolamo

Following is a list of claims approved for payment:

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| 21st CEN FOX | Movie rent | 250.00 |
| ADVANCED SYS | Maint | 88.42 |
| AHLERS COONEY | Srvcs | 8,553.07 |
| ALLIANT | Elect | 13,496.86 |
| ANDERSON,RANDY | DepRefApp | 80.00 |
| APA | 150thBandDep | 15,000.00 |
| BLACK HILLS | Nat gas | 2,431.32 |
| BOB'S ELECT | Srvcs | 2,785.67 |
| BODENSTEINER IMP | Supp | 34.96 |
| BROWN | Equip | 275.50 |
| BRUENING ROCK | Srvc,sand | 1,163.63 |
| C.H.MCGUINESS | Srvc | 1,125.80 |
| CANNONBALL PAUL | 150thBandDep | 250.00 |
| CARD CENTER | Trng,equip,fees | 657.70 |
| CARQUEST | Supp | 17.52 |
| CITY LAUNDERING | Srvc | 345.61 |
| CITY OF CRESCO | Util,trng | 1,097.94 |
| COCCA DEVEL | DepRefApp | 100.00 |
| CPU | Srvc | 660.99 |
| CRESCO BLDG | Srvc | 5,792.00 |
| CRESCO HEAT&VENT | Supp | 254.10 |
| CRESCO SMALL ENG | Equip | 777.80 |
| CRESCO TPD | Advert | 1,043.08 |
| CRICCET | Marquee | 886.20 |
| CROELL REDI-MIX | Concrete | 1,951.50 |
| CULLIGAN | Srvc | 124.80 |
| DALCO | Supp | 257.12 |
| DATA TECH | Fee | 4,630.08 |
| DISNEY STUDIOS | Movie rent | 140.50 |
| ELECTRIC PUMP | Equip | 745.95 |
| FAREWAY | BikeTrailLease | 1.00 |
| FAREWAY | Supp | 16.32 |
| FARM WINN COOP | BikeTrailLease | 1.00 |
| FREESTYLE | Movie rent | 200.00 |
| GALLS | Supp,unif | 924.06 |
| GOSCH'S | Equip | 810.00 |
| H & S MOTORS | Rprs | 210.74 |
| HANSON TIRE | Supp | 706.86 |
| HAWKEYE SAN | Grit pickup | 101.57 |
| HEALTHY CONTRIB | Mbrshps | 20.15 |
| HEWETT WHOLESAL | Conc | 1,627.55 |
| HOLSTROM JEWELER | Supp | 65.00 |
| HOVEY OIL | Supp | 804.35 |
| IOWA CODIFICATION | Srvc | 199.00 |
| IOWA RURAL WATER | Dues | 325.00 |
| IOWA SPORTS | Supp | 444.20 |
| JAGIELLO,MIKE | DepRef | 80.00 |
| JEVNE,EVAN | DepRefApp | 22.71 |
| JIM'S AUTO | Supp | 147.62 |
| JOHN DEERE FIN | Supp,equip | 1,056.60 |
| JOHNSON,DEAN | DepRefApp | 80.00 |
| K & H COOP | Supp | 34.53 |
| KEYSTONE LAB | Analys | 801.00 |
| KWIK TRIP | Gas | 3,278.24 |
| LT MECHANICAL | Srvc | 984.90 |
| MCCARVILLE,STEVE | ReimbMile | 23.00 |
| MEDIACOM | Phone | 205.34 |
| MERCHANT SRVC | Fees | 91.13 |
| METER&TECH | Equip,softwar | 10,533.00 |
| MITKO | Rprs | 294.93 |
| NE IA MOTORS | Srvc | 107.72 |

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| NE IA TELEPHONE | Srvc | 680.00 |
| NORTHWAY WELL | Rprs | 880.33 |
| O'HENRY'S | Unif | 240.27 |
| PAYROLL | | 128,712.29 |
| PEPSI-COLA | Concessions | 1,886.89 |
| POSTMASTER | Postage | 454.60 |
| PRINCIPAL LIFE | Insur | 89.64 |
| PRINT SHOP PL | 150thCalend | 2,120.00 |
| QUILL | Supp | 309.00 |
| REGIONAL HEALTH | Srvc | 138.00 |
| RICOH | Supp | 213.53 |
| RUPPERT'S | Supp | 751.85 |
| SAM'S CLUB DISC | Equip,conc | 3,094.93 |
| SCHUMACHER ELEVA | Maint | 141.06 |
| SCHRABECK,EMILEE | DepRefApp | 80.00 |
| SIGNS&DESIGNS | 150thSign | 521.00 |
| SIGNS&DESIGNS | Supp | 25.00 |
| SKYLINE CONS | PayReq6Fin | 136,802.60 |
| SPAHN&ROSE | 150thSign | 36.29 |
| SPAHN&ROSE | Supp | 312.58 |
| SQUARE TRANS | Fee | 39.72 |
| STATE HYG LAB | Analys | 121.50 |
| T&W GRINDING | Srvc | 10,800.00 |
| TORGERSON,JODY | DepRefApp | 10.64 |
| UNIVERSAL STUD | Movie rent | 300.00 |
| USA BLUE BOOK | Supp | 166.75 |
| VARIETY ATTRACT | 150thDepBand | 1,750.00 |
| WARD,BRITTANY | DepRefApp | 80.00 |
| WARNER BROS | Movie rent | 500.00 |
| WHKS | EngrSvrc | 563.20 |
| WILTGEN CONST | Rock | 1,396.40 |
| WINDRIDGE IMP | Rprs | 1,135.86 |
| WINDSTREAM | Phone | 1,180.69 |
| ZEE MEDICAL | Supp | 503.24 |

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| GENERAL | 115,584.87 |
| LOST PROJECT | 886.20 |
| FIRE STATION BLDG | 302.88 |
| MEDIACOM | 586.32 |
| EQUIP REPLAC | 39.83 |
| DRUG DOG | 53.00 |
| CRESCO COMM FIRE | 1,033.59 |
| ROAD USE | 24,187.47 |
| EMPLOYEE BEN | 16.60 |
| FC TRUST | 862.58 |
| STREET ASSESS | 145,918.87 |
| 150TH CELEBRATE | 19,677.29 |
| WATER | 27,286.15 |
| WATER DEPOSIT | 533.35 |
| WATER EQUIP REPLAC | 6,313.17 |
| SEWER | 28,086.00 |
| CAP IMPROVE | 862.60 |
| YARDWASTE | 13,022.73 |
| EXPENDITURES | 385,253.50 |
| Revenues 11/17 to 12/7/15 | 181,495.88 |