

The Cresco City Council met January 21, 2013, at 7:00 pm at City Hall. Council members Carman, Bouska, McGee, McCarville and Loveless were present. No council members were absent.

McGee made the motion to approve the consent agenda which included approval of the agenda; claims; minutes of the January 7, 2013 and January 16, 2013 meetings; and class C beer permit (BC) with class B wine permit (carryout wine) and Sunday sales to DOLGENCORP LLC d/b/a Dollar General Store #2400. Bouska seconded and it passed all ayes.

Police Chief Tim Ruroden had nothing new to report.

City Clerk Michelle Girolamo reported there were two watermain breaks last week on Highway 9. There will be a public input meeting for the Cresco Fit for Life Grant that the City received. We are looking for suggestions for nutrition and physical activity projects. The meeting will be January 28, 2013 at 5:30 pm at Hawkeye REC. The steering Committee will then decide which projects to submit for grant approval on January 30, 2013. Niki has prepared surveys to determine the interest in emailing of water bills to determine whether we should purchase the necessary software so hopefully customers will return these. Surveys are available at City Hall, Library and Fitness Center. We are applying for a Howard County Foundation Grant and an Alliant Energy grant to help purchase new Christmas decorations for Highway 9.

Jason Passmore presented the recommendation of the CIDC/City of Cresco RLF Loan Review Board to loan Plantpeddler, Inc. \$33,000 for 7 years at 3.75%. Mike Gooder explained that the proceeds will be used to build additional Quonset houses that will allow more hanging basket systems as less work is subcontracted out and more can be done in-house. Loveless made the motion to approve the recommendation and award the loan from the Revolving Loan Fund to Plantpeddler, Inc. McGee seconded and it passed all ayes.

Lori Brockway from Upper Explorerland explained the First Time Homebuyers Program and the CDBG Owner Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Programs. If the City is interested in applying for these programs, Upper Explorerland could fill out the applications and administer the programs. She also thanked Council for their pledge of \$5,000 to the Northeast Iowa Regional Housing Trust Fund (NEIRHTF). Nine applications from Cresco are on the waiting list so there is definitely a need in the city. Jason Passmore thanked Council also for their pledge as they see many people come in their office that need help with housing rehabilitation.

Loveless made the motion to approve a resolution allowing for the transfer of funds and closing of the Smart Planning Grant Project Fund #315. This transfer will repay the Local Option Sales Tax Fund for money used to finance the project until grant proceeds were received. Bouska seconded and it passed all ayes.

McGee made the motion to approve a resolution establishing a Fund #318 – Fit For Life Project Fund within the City's accounts. Carman seconded and it passed all ayes.

Loveless made the motion to set the Public Hearing for Budget Amendment #2 for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2013 for February 4, 2013. Bouska seconded and it passed all ayes.

Mayor asked if there were any comments from the audience. Officer Cory Jarchow asked Council to purchase an outside kennel and a transport kennel for the new drug dog. Council asked if there were donations sufficient to purchase it. Jarchow replied that there was just enough for the purchase price of the dog. Council reminded him that all expenses for the drug dog are to be funded by donations and therefore if the City purchases it then it needs to be reimbursed by fundraising.

Jason Passmore thanked Council for their annual contribution to Howard County Business & Tourism to support CIDC, HCED & the Chamber. Revolving loans of almost \$600,000 have been awarded to businesses in the past year. We have invested \$32,500 and \$189,000 has come back in benefits in rehabilitating houses in the past three years for the NEIRHTF. Howard County's Enterprise Zone program has brought in \$350,000 to local

contractors through sales tax refunds and tax credits in the past year. The Enterprise Zone is a great benefit for Howard County and hopefully legislators will continue to support this program.

Bouska moved to adjourn at 7:27 pm. Carman seconded and it passed all ayes. The next regular Cresco City Council meeting will be at 7:00 pm on February 4, 2013 at Cresco City Hall.

Mayor Mark Bohle

City Clerk Michelle Girolamo

Following is a list of claims approved for payment:		
ADVANCED SYS	MAINT	62.94
ALLIANT	ELECT	451.19
AM RED CROSS	FEE	140.00
ARAMARK	SRVC	184.78
BAKER & TAYLOR	BOOKS	694.28
BLACK HILLS	NAT GAS	326.21
BC / BS	INSUR	24,346.98
BOB'S ELECT	SRVC	236.96
BODENSTEINER	SUPP	17.67
BROWN SUPP	SUPP	703.50
CASEY'S GEN	SUPP	86.03
CASPER P & H	SRVC	598.98
CITY OF CRES	DEP REF,UTIL	148.12
CITY OF CRES	INSUR	3,024.63
COURTNEY, CODY	REF	49.92
CRESCO BICYCLES	SUPP	24.98
CRESCO INSUR	INSUR	145.00
CRES SMALL ENG	SUPP	14.85
CRESCO VET	SRVC	55.00
CROWN II BEAUTY	REF	4.27
DAKOTA SUPP	SUPP	262.05
DALCO	SUPP	338.71
FAREWAY	SUPP	22.92
GOSCH'S	SUPP	64.95
GROUP SRVC	FEE	338.25
H & S MOT	VEHICLE	26,114.00
HAWKEYE REC	ELECT	4,702.88
HAWKEYE SAN	GRIT	98.61
HO COUNTY	SHARED LEC	12,471.74
IA DEPT NAT RES	TRNG	30.00
IA POETRY	BOOKS	9.00
KEVIN FONLEY	DEP REF	48.62
KEYSTONE LAB	ANALYS	653.15
MIKE CAFFREY	SUPSCR	75.00
MUNICIPAL MAGT	SRVC	1,200.00
O'HENRY'S	SUPP	117.80
PAYROLL		63,450.65
PEPSI-COLA	SUPP	389.10
PETTY CASH	SUPP	13.54
PLANTPEDDLER	REV LN	33,000.00
POSTMASTER	POSTAGE	75.00
PRECOR CARDI	SUPP	53.82
RILEY'S	SUPP	9.80
RUPPERT ACE	SUPP	144.91
RYAN BECKER	MAINT	15.00
SANDRY FIRE	SUPP	108.00
SHANNON COX	REIMB	38.82
SIGNS & DESIGNS	SRVC	79.00
SPORTSMITH	SUPP	309.67
STOREY KEN	SUPP	71.98
TRI-TECH FOREN	SUPP	89.76
U.S. CELL	PHONE	116.41
WINDSTREAM	PHONE	62.66
ZEE MED	SUPP	247.55
	General Fund	46,292.99
	Road Use Tax	8,593.07
	Emp Benefits	29,342.35
	Local Option Tax	362.45
	CIDC/City Cresco Revol	33,000.00
	Cresco Telecom	502.69
	Equipment / Rpr Fitness	26,193.00
	Water Utility	15,313.75
	Water Dep	160
	MSSU Operation	16,575.25
	EXPENDITURES	176,335.55
	Revenues 1/8 to 1/21/13	170,444.22