

The Cresco City Council met July 16, 2012, at 7:00 pm at City Hall. Council members Carman, Bouska, McGee, McCarville and Loveless were present. No council members were absent.

Loveless moved to approve the consent agenda which included approval of the: agenda; claims; July 2, 2012 minutes; excavator license for James Henry dba Henry Backhoe Service; street closing permit for alley north of Farm Bureau on 9/12/12; street closing permit for Cresco Wildlife Club for a portion of 6th Ave W on 8/1/12. Bouska seconded and it passed all ayes.

Public Works Director Rod Freidhof reported: (a) 2nd Avenue project has been paved and will backfill this week but will probably wait for fall to seed it down; (b) Street Dept has been painting and chip sealing; (c) Water Dept is still fixing patches and will be refilling the big water tower after an inspection of the inside and outside. The inspection went good so the tower will be refilled. After the water analysis tests are run, it will be put back online; (d) WHKS is working on the water storage study and GIS mapping; (e) Sewer Dept is doing manhole rehab and changing the diffusers; (f) sludge storage project is finished.

Police Chief Tim Ruroden distributed some golf cart ordinance discussion points for Council to review and discuss later. They have been awarded grants for breathalyzers, cameras, women against violence, and bullet-proof vests. He is reviewing sample pursuit policies to update our policy. They are preparing for the National Night Out.

City Clerk Michelle Girolamo reported: (a) that a worksession will be held July 18th at 5:00 regarding watermain looping in the Campsite subdivision; (b) Public Works Committee will meet with Bill Angerman at 4:00 on July 18th to discuss Cresco Food Technologies; (c) airport grant was approved for a grant to update the master plan. The grant is for \$42,500 which is 85% of the \$50,000 project; (d) we received information regarding Ragbrai next year if we are interested in applying to be an overnight stay; (e) been busy doing yearend analysis and reports; (f) Auditors will be here July 23rd -25th.

Bids were received for two City Hall air conditioners. Gosch's Inc bid \$3,490 with no coils replaced; Northeast Iowa Appliance bid \$4,280 replacing one coil; Cresco Heating and Ventilating bid \$4,202.95 replacing one coil. Colby Rissman from Cresco Heating & Ventilating explained that the coil on one is over 30 years old but the other coil is only 9 years old so does not need replacing. Council felt that since the coil is 30 years old that it should be replaced now so McCarville made the motion to approve the bid from Cresco Heating & Ventilating. Bouska seconded and it passed all ayes.

Freidhof explained that 300 feet of the bike trail near the tree dump needs replacing. The County and the City will cost share it and Balk's are willing to remove the existing blacktop and also reduce the price on the concrete. The City and County will pay for the concrete and supply the labor. The City will also replace a bad portion near Fareway and the County has agreed to help with labor on that concrete as well.

Bouska made the motion to accept the WWTP Biosolids Handling and Storage Improvements Project and to approve change order no. 2. Loveless seconded and it passed all ayes.

Loveless made the motion to appoint Rod Freidhof as the alternate representative for the Turkey River Watershed Authority. Ron Hyberger will remain the official representative and Freidhof will fill in during his absences. Carman seconded and it passed all ayes.

The Mayor introduced a resolution accepting the Iowa DOT grant for updating the airport master plan. McCarville expressed concerns about sticking more money into the airport before having discussions about the airport and the number of aircraft utilizing it. Council will discuss the airport at the worksession on July 18th. This resolution will be on the next Council meeting agenda on August 6th.

Girolamo presented the yearend financials. The net profit was \$388,619 for fiscal year ended June 30, 2012 leaving a cash balance of \$5.6 million. The big question is how much should we keep in reserves. The new fire truck will cost another \$170,000 in addition to the \$70,000 that has already been paid. Should we borrow the money or use the reserves to pay for it? Next year's budget is a \$382,000 loss which includes \$230,000 for the 2nd Ave project which is just a timing issue. Additional expenses that have come up after the budget was completed are about \$300,000 including the fire truck. If the watermain loop is approved it will be an additional cost of \$258,000 bringing our loss next year to almost a million dollars. Consensus of the Council was to use reserves because we are earning very little interest on our money and the bonding costs to borrow are high.

Ruroden mentioned that he would start accepting sealed bids on the old squad cars.

Mayor asked if there were any comments from the audience. Darwin Kueker thanked John Schmauss and the Street Department for getting everything setup for the trap shooting road closure. The event was a huge success and the Boy Scouts have also requested a day of shooting. Joe Busta asked what was learned about the noise and the odor from Cresco Food Technology. Freidhof discussed it with CFT management and they were going to try a muffler that would help the noise. The smell is a part of doing their business.

Sheryl Zweibohmer commented on the garbage that litters our City. She often picks up bags full of litter while out walking around town and she encouraged the City Officials and residents to take pride and help keep our City cleaned up. She suggested having a cleanup day in the spring each year. Bohle suggested she write a letter to the editor, and also to talk to the Chamber and the Retail Committee. McGee agreed that citizens need to care and that all residents need to pitch in because it is more than what one person can do. Council thanked Sheryl for bringing it to their attention and encouraged her to keep making people aware of the issue.

Bouska moved to adjourn at 7:51 pm. Carman seconded and it passed all ayes. The next regular Cresco City Council meeting will be August 6, 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
ALEXIS FIRE	TRUCK DOWNPMT	35,000.00
ALLIANT	ELECT	608.46
ARAMARK	SRVC	369.56
BAKER & TAYLOR	BOOKS	468.89
BC / BS	INSUR	25,313.13
BOB'S ELECT	SRVC	173.51
BODENSTEINER	MOWER	22,800.00
BROWN SUPP	SUPP	273.75
BRUENING'S	ROCK	4,899.60
CARDMEMBER	SUPP	28.23
CARQUEST	SUPP	222.09
CHOPPER'S PC SALES	SRV	35.00
CITY OF CRES	UTIL, REFS	259.27
CITY OF CRES	INSUR	3,147.86
CRES BLD SRVC	SUPP	2,073.35
CRES FIRE SAFETY	SRVC	312.70
CRES SHOPPER	SUPP	229.30
CRES SMALL ENG	SUPP	120.18
D & J SPORTS	CLOTHING	42.45
DALCO	SUPP	792.75
ELECT ENGRG	MAINT	1,360.65
EMORY WESTCOTT	MILEAGE	35.70
FAREWAY	SUPP	6.99
FOLEY'S BACKHOE	SUPP	173.35
FOLLETT SOFTWA	SRVC	508.21
GALLS	EQUIP	459.98
GROUP SRVC	FEE	348.50
GRUBE LAWN	SUPP	2.89
H & S	MAINT	38.81
HACH	SUPP	325.45
HANSON TIRE	REPAIRS	1,239.20
HAWKEYE REC	ELECT	7,420.91
HAWKEYE SAN	SRVC	98.61
HO CO AGRI	TOURISM	2,000.00
IDALS	FEE	75.00
IA DNR	FEE	456.01
IA ONE	SRVC	45.90
JIM'S AUTO	SUPP	65.90
JOAN BLACKBURN	SUPP	91.94
K & H ENER	LP SUPP	270.02
KEYSTONE LAB	ANYLS	162.30
KWIK TRIP	GAS	5,699.70
LOUIE BALK	REPAIRS	2,888.50
LYDIA PACHECO	DEP REF	16.40
MODERN MRKT	SUPP	277.47
NAT ASO CH POLI	DUES	110.00
NEIACA	DEP REFUND	5.88
NE IA MOTORS	TOWING	54.02
NE IA SRVC	REPAIRS	342.38
NE IA TASK FORCE	DUES	525.00
O'HENRY'S	UNIFORM	1,169.49
PAYROLL(s)		70,766.56
PEPSI	SUPP	181.70
PETTY CASH	POSTAGE	52.24
POOL TECH	SUPP	3,370.17
POSTMASTER	POSTAGE	100.00
RACOM	SIREN REPR	1,082.13
RICOH	COPIES	45.46
RILEY'S	SUPP	259.76
RIVER CITY	COLD MIX	540.51
RYAN BECKER	MAINT	90.00
SANDRY FIRE	SUPP	286.85
STATE HYG LAB	ANYLS	132.00

STOREY KEN	SUPP	157.99
TECH GEEK 2.0	SRVC	118.90
TEL-COMM	SRVC	100.00
TPD	ADVERT	190.00
U.S. CELLULAR	PHONE	134.71
UNIFORM & ACC	SUPP	282.51
UPPER EXPLORE	SUPP	10.00
WEBER PAPER	SUPP	67.95
WHKS	ENGINEERING	2,332.54
WINDRIDGE	FEE	20.13
WINDSTREAM	PHONE	53.83
WINN COOP	SUPP	39.17
	General Fund	57,097.58
	Hotel / Motel	2,000.00
	Road Use Tax	12,127.49
	Emp Benefits	26,808.94
	Emergency Fund	858.17
	Local Option Tax	63,908.43
	Cresco Telecom	452.75
	Water Utility	17,031.64
	Water Deposits	240.00
	Water utility repair	2,073.35
	MSSU Operation	20,739.22
	Water & Sewer C.I.	7.57
	Yard Waste	571.41
	EXPENDITURES	203,916.55
	Revenues 07/03 to 07/16/12	148,474.57