

The Cresco City Council met in special session on November 17, 2014, at 6:15 pm at City Hall. Council members Carman, Bouska, McGee and McCarville were present. Loveless arrived at 6:17 pm. No Council Members were absent. Also present were Mayor Bohle, PWD Freidhof, Police Chief Ruroden and City Clerk Girolamo.

This worksession was held to prepare for a joint meeting to be held with the Howard County Supervisors on November 24, 2014. The meeting is to work on agreements with the funding of the dispatchers at the Law Enforcement Center and also the maintenance of shared roads with Howard County.

Discussion was held regarding funding the dispatchers at the Law Enforcement Center. Currently the City of Cresco pays 24% of the dispatchers' wages and benefits which is budgeted to be \$81,600 for this year. This is a reduction from 48% which was \$148,046 paid in the prior year. In researching other cities and counties, it appears that the City is paying more for dispatching services than other cities. The residents of Cresco are already contributing to the LEC costs through the County's tax levy. For the 2015/2016 budget year, the consensus was to cut the payment but how much was the question. Ruroden reminded Council that we want to work with the County because they are providing dispatcher services for the City of Cresco Police Department and housing City of Cresco inmates in the County Jail. Council agreed that we need to pay something for the extra services they are providing for the City of Cresco. It was decided to discuss the matter with the Supervisors before finalizing the decision.

Girolamo reported that the County has been discussing maintenance work on the Vernon Road and were wondering if the City wanted to do some work at the same time. Consensus was that we are not doing a major street project next year and that the next major street project would be to address the alleys and parking lots downtown in the summer of 2016. The City and County need to update the 28E agreement regarding the shared streets.

Carman moved to adjourn at 6:48 pm. Bouska seconded and it passed all ayes. The next regular Cresco City Council meeting will be at 7:00 pm on November 17, 2014 at Cresco City Hall.

Mayor Mark Bohle

City Clerk Michelle Girolamo