

The Cresco City Council met January 6, 2014, 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 December 11, 2013 and December 16, 2013 meetings; tax abatement under the Urban Revitalization Plan for Wayne Mashek and also for Gerald & Barbara O'Donnell. Bouska seconded and it passed all ayes.

Public Works Director Rod Freidhof reported: (a) street department busy clearing snow and will take down Christmas decorations when it warms up; (b) water department repaired a watermain break Saturday on the Granger Road and will fix one tomorrow on Vernon Road; (c) watermain break on Highway 9 but not sure if it is our watermain or the service line for the carwash. We will initiate the digging and if it is the carwash then Mr. Brincks will pay for the repairs. Because it will be exposed, Mr. Brincks will also upgrade the carwash tap which will increase his water pressure; (d) asbestos should be abated this week; (e) CFT had a spill on January 3, 2014 and we are in the early stages of investigations. The DNR has been informed of the situation.

Police Chief Tim Ruroden presented the monthly and annual report. Total arrests & charges filed for the year were 342 of which 138 were narcotic arrests/charges. Officer Hollenbeck resigned to take a position with the Howard County Sheriff's Department and he wished him good luck.

City Clerk Michelle Girolamo reported (a) appreciation to Cresco Bank & Trust for allowing the City to use their community room for the informational meeting for the Granger Road assessments; (b) busy with the budget. Budget meetings with Council and Department Heads will be January 9th at 1:00 pm.

The applications received for Travel & Tourism Grants from the Hotel/Motel tax requested \$7,000. Hotel/Motel tax received was \$6,139.14 this quarter. Carman made the motion to approve the recommendations of the Cresco Tourism Advisory Committee and award the Travel and Tourism Grants as follows: (a) \$2,000 Driftrunners Snowfest; (b) \$3,000 Opera House 100th Celebration; (c) \$1,500 Jaycees Dirty Dash. Loveless seconded and it passed all ayes.

Brent and Sarah Holten requested the City pay for repair of a collapsed sewer line due to settling of the street that caused stormwater to undermine the backfill for the sewer. Freidhof declared that it is hard to know the exact cause of the damage. He suggested the City pay for all the cost to replace the curb and gutter because we would have had to replace that curb whether or not they had a sewer issue. Loveless made the motion to pay half of the excavation and sewer repairs for \$509.35 and all of the cost to replace the curb. Bouska seconded and it passed all ayes.

Bouska made the motion to approve the resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Engagement Agreement with Ahlers & Cooney, P.C. for professional services relating to the project described as the 3rd Street West (Granger Road) Reconstruction. McGee seconded and it passed all ayes.

Carman made the motion to approve the preliminary resolution for the construction of street, water, sanitary sewer and storm sewer improvements in the City of Cresco, State of Iowa, for the 3rd Street West (Granger Road) Reconstruction Project. McGee seconded and it passed all ayes.

Carman made the motion to approve the resolution fixing values of lots. Bouska seconded and it passed all ayes.

McGee made the motion to approve the resolution adopting preliminary plat and schedule, estimate of cost and proposed plans and specifications for the construction of the 3rd Street West (Granger Road) Reconstruction Project. Carman seconded and it passed all ayes.

Loveless made the motion to approve the resolution of necessity (proposed). Bouska seconded and it passed all ayes.

Loveless made the motion to set February 3, 2014 as the date for a Public Hearing for purpose of hearing property owners subject to assessment and interested parties for or against the project and to instruct the City Clerk to cause notice to be published and mailed as required by law. McGee seconded and it passed all ayes.

McCarville made the motion to appoint Jason Passmore as the City representative for the Upper Explorerland Regional Housing Authority Board for a three year term starting January 1, 2014. Carman seconded and it passed all ayes.

Committee members were assigned: Public Works Committee – McCarville, Loveless, Bohle, Freidhof, Girolamo; Personnel Committee – Bouska, McGee, Bohle; Fire Committee – McCarville, Carman, Bohle; Tourism – Bouska, McGee; CIDC – Bouska; Chamber – Carman; HCED – McCarville; Revolving Loan – Girolamo; IRP – McCarville, Bohle; Park & Rec – Loveless; Library – Bouska; Theatre – Carman; Airport – McCarville, Freidhof; Board of Adjustments – Freidhof; Planning & Zoning – Freidhof; Cresco Broadband Telecommunications Commission – wait to determine the need for this.

Mayor asked if there were any comments from the audience. Freidhof stated that a notice will be put in the paper reminding people to let their water run at a trickle if they are prone to pipes freezing up. We have had many frozen pipe calls already. Jason Passmore reported that Howard County is hoping to expand the broadband communications. A meeting will be held Saturday, January 18, 2014 at Featherlite at Davis Corners from 9 am to noon to meet with a Connect Iowa Representative. School Superintendent John Carver is heading up the movement and is a co-chair on the Governors Broadband Committee. Broadband would help businesses as well as recruiting new people to Howard County. HCB&T new website is now operational and much improved. Passmore thanked the wrestlers who helped take down the Christmas decorations. He also reported \$345,400 was loaned out of the revolving loan fund programs providing 26 new jobs and retaining 45 jobs. About \$850,000 has been loaned out to local businesses in the past two years.

Carman moved to adjourn at 7:35 pm. McGee seconded and it passed all ayes. The next regular Cresco City Council meeting will be at 7:00 pm on January 20, 2014 at Cresco City Hall.

Mayor Mark Bohle

City Clerk Michelle Girolamo

Following is a list of claims approved for payment:

ALLIANT	Elect	14,807.84
AUTOMATIC SYS	Srvc	1,081.71
BACKFLOW PREV	Srce	390.00
BARCO MUNICIPAL	Supp	153.22
BELORE, DAN & SUZANNAH DAVIDSON	Dep ref	47.75
BLASER, RON	Dep ref	50.68
BLACK HILLS	Nat gas	8,517.96
BC / BS	Insur	1,197.00
BROWN	Supp	524.46
C.H. MCGUINESS	Srvc	472.20
CARD CENTER	Supp	224.42
CITY LAUNDERING	Srvc	382.96
CITY OF CRES	Util,dep ref ap	2,050.76
CPU	Supp	186.46
COURTNEY, TIM	Safety unif	112.25
CRES SMALL ENG	Supp	14.25
CRES TPD	Publ	136.13
CRITTERS & SUCH	Srvc	41.81
CULLIGAN	Supp	154.17
DALCO	Supp	979.84
DATA TECH	Supp	181.83
FENCL OIL	LP gas	496.49
GILLUND ENT	Supp	48.74
GOSCH'S	Srvc	780.10
H & S	Supp	50.63
HACH	Supp	174.07
HANSON TIRE	Maint	1,107.90
HAWKEYE SAN	Garbage	44,467.74
HEARTLAND THEAT	Supp	1,179.82
HOLSTROM JEW	Supp	48.00
HOVEY OIL	Supp	397.85
HOW CO AUDITOR	Election	2,524.17
HYDRITE	Supp	4,498.56
IA ASSOC MUNICIPAL	Dues	906.44
IA LAW ENFOR	Srvc	140.00
IA MUNICIPAL FIN	Dues	55.00
JOHN DEERE FIN	Supp	1,367.44
KEYSTONE LAB	Analys	1,076.95
LT MECHANICAL	Supp	2,376.00
MERCHANT SRVC	Fee	169.39
MUNICIPAL MGT	Srvc	600.00
OFF of ST AUDITOR	Fee	425.00
O'HENRY'S	Srvc	10.00
OMNISITE	Srvc	1,380.00
PAYROLL		132,100.35
PECINOVSKY, CLAIR R.	Supp	12.28
PEPSI-COLA	Concessions	415.63
POOL TECH	Supp	263.97
POSTMASTER	Postage	831.86
PRINCIPAL LIFE	Insur	82.94
PUSH PEDAL PULL	Rprs	410.32
RICOH	Copier	131.18
SAM'S DISCOVER	Supp	2,234.64
SANDRY FIRE	Equip	325.91
SEC OF STATE	Fee	30.00
SPAHN & ROSE	Supp	72.48
STOREY KEN	Supp	98.26

T & W GRINDING	Srvc	3,000.00
TECH GEEK	Dep ref	100.00
THE STEEL SHOP	Srvc	682.59
TRACKING PROD	Supp	59.00
TREAS, ST OF IA	Sales Tax	6,460.03
TRUCK COUNTRY	Rprs	450.34
U.S. CELL	Phone	138.50
WINDSTREAM	Phone	1,089.11
ZEE MEDICAL	Supp	71.90

GENERAL	152,189.12
LOST PROJECT	3,985.96
FIRE STATION BLDG	687.71
MEDIACOM	510.14
DRUG DOG	41.81
CRESKO COMM FIRE	6,949.61
ROAD USE	25,357.25
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	922.20
WATER	26,270.69
WATER DEP	1,282.31
WATER EQUIP REPL	7.94
SEWER	22,602.38
SEWER REPL	710.90
CAP IMPROVE	208.44
YARDWASTE	3,322.82
EXPENDITURES	245,049.28
Revenues 12/17/13 to 1/6/14	253,800.66