

The Cresco City Council met December 16, 2013, at 7:00 pm at City Hall. Council members Carman, Bouska, McGee, McCarville and Loveless were present. No council members were absent.

Bouska made the motion to approve the consent agenda which included approval of the: agenda; claims; minutes of the December 2, 2013 meeting and worksession and December 11, 2013 worksession; class C Liquor license (LC) (commercial) with outdoor service and Sunday sales for Howard County Agricultural Society d/b/a Mighty Howard County Fair – Howard County Expo Center; class C Liquor license (LC) (commercial) with Sunday sales for Derek Deden d/b/a The Pitt Stop; class C Liquor license (LC) (commercial) with Sunday sales for Big Daddy Hideaway Corp d/b/a Hideaway Lounge; tax abatement under the Urban Revitalization Plan for Nordschow Family Associates LP and for Judy Kerian; final pay request from Skyline Construction for \$9,879.83 for the Watermain Looping Project; Excavators Licenses for MB Inc, Kitchen Construction LLC, Mracek Plumbing, Heating & Electric LLC, Mehmert Tiling Inc, and Skyline Construction Inc. McGee seconded and it passed all ayes.

Public Works Director Rod Freidhof reported (a) the Street Department has been out plowing snow and have had a few repairs; (b) T&W Grinding ground most of the pile at the Yardwaste site. It was not budgeted so they just did enough for \$3,000 and we will budget for next fall to come again and grind more; (c) sewer department has an issue with settling in the clarifiers. We can't find the cause but by injecting ferric chloride will help the settling. We will temporarily inject this solution so will get a temporary DNR permit. This will also help us get a baseline for when we are mandated to remove phosphorus since this is a chemical that can be used; (d) digester pipes need to be replaced for about \$9200; (e) Tuesday the asbestos should be abated on the old waterworks building. Bruening has removed most of the junk and took it to LeRoy. Skyline will be here in early January to demolish the building. It was supposed to be done this week, but the asbestos needs to be abated first; (f) a spool used to inject chemicals in wellhouse #4 is leaking so Northway Pump replaced the pipe and are waiting for parts to rebuild the chlorinator.

Police Chief Tim Ruroden reported there has been some maintenance on police cars due to the cold weather. There have also been some minor incidents around town.

Carman made the motion to approve tax abatement under the Urban Revitalization Plan for John & Peggy Loveless. Bouska seconded and Carman, Bouska, McGee and McCarville voted aye. Loveless abstained due to conflict of interest.

A letter from Mike Carey requested a credit on his sewer bill due to a leak in the water softener and the water went down the floor drain in his basement. Freidhof pointed out that the drain would be hooked to the sanitary sewer. Carman made the motion to deny the request for a sewer credit. McGee seconded and it passed all ayes.

Mayor Bohle and Council thanked Jeff Freidhof for his 20 years of service on the Park Board. He did a good job and it was very much appreciated. Jeff was presented a plaque at the Park Board meeting.

Chief Ruroden presented a Cresco PD Citizen Appreciation Award to Brad Burke for all of his hard work on organizing the Thor-a-Thon fundraiser for the drug dog.

Iowa DOT sent a letter notifying the City of Cresco that they plan to let an HMA resurfacing project on Iowa Highway 9 from the east corporation limits of Cresco east to 2 miles east of Ridgeway. The project is proposed for construction during 2014.

McCarville made a motion to approve the resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into an Industrial Sewer Rental Agreement with Cresco Food Technologies LLC effective August 1, 2013 through July 31, 2014. McGee seconded and it passed all ayes.

Loveless made the motion to approve a resolution to accept the 5th Avenue SW, Vernon Road & Highway 9 Watermain Improvements Project. Bouska seconded and it passed all ayes.

Mayor Bohle asked for comments from the audience. Matt Miner, on behalf of the Iowa Snowmobile Association and Cresco Driftrunners Club wanted to thank the City of Cresco for being a snowmobile friendly community and presented two signs. Matt said they have received complaints of snowmobilers driving across yards in town so the Driftrunners are putting it on Facebook, ads in the paper and talking to people to get them to stop doing that.

McCarville said he has been receiving complaints about the increases in the Mediacom bills. Mediacom is blaming it on City's taxes but there has not been any change in the City's tax. Customers are encouraged to keep calling and complaining to Mediacom. Staff will look into options but not sure what the City can do about it.

Property owners were reminded to keep their sidewalks shoveled.

Carman moved to adjourn at 7:18 pm. McGee seconded and it passed all ayes. The next regular Cresco City Council meeting will be at 7:00 pm on January 6, 2014 at Cresco City Hall.

Mayor Mark Bohle

City Clerk Michelle Girolamo

Following is a list of claims approved for payment:

ADVANCED SYS	Maint	70.49
ALLIANT	Elect	455.04
AM PATRIOT PICT	DVDs	19.99
ANDERLIK, KEITH	Park Bd	150.00
ARBOR DAY FD	Dues	15.00
BAKER&TAYLOR	Books	941.86
BECKER, RYAN	Srvc	225.00
BINA, MICHAEL	Park Bd	250.00
BLACK HILLS	Nat gas	196.54
BLOCKHUS,TRAVIS	Park Bd	350.00
BC / BS	Insur	25,731.21
BOB'S ELECT	Rprs	1,275.95
BROWN	Supp	3,334.26
BRUENING	Rock	1,580.48
BUSINESS TECH	Rprs	477.00
CARD CENTER	Trng,Supp	387.81
CARDMEMBER	DVDs	267.48
CARQUEST	Supp	22.41
CITY OF CRES	Util,Insur	3,156.99
CRESCO CHAMBER	Tour-NBF	2,700.00
CRESCO HTG&VENT	Maint	137.45
CRESCO SHOPPER	Publ	228.60
CRESCO TPD	Publ	167.06
DECORAH RENTAL	Srvc	36.00
DEMCO	Supp	142.58
ELITE K-9	Supp	1,119.85
FAREWAY	Supp	25.58
FOLEY'S CONST	Srvc	208.00
FREIDHOF, JEFFREY	Park Bd	600.00
GALLS	Supp	88.97
GOSCH'S	Srvc	371.08
GREAT N ENVIOR	Supp	56.07
GROUP SRVC	Fee	338.25
H & S MOTORS	Srvc	46.76
HANSON TIRE	Supp	725.95
HAWKEYE REC	Elect	6,671.22
HELIX	Equip	3,795.00
HO COUNTY	Shared LEC	11,353.35
IA ASSOC MUNICIPAL	Trng	35.00
IA CODIFICATION	Publ	306.00
IA ONE	Srvc	20.70
JIM'S AUTO	Equip	1,747.99
JOHN DEERE FIN	Supp	823.84
K & H	LP	103.21
KEYSTONE LAB	Analys	621.30
KIRKHAM MICHAEL	Air plan	12,500.00
LANGRECK, RON & JULIE	Refund	20.00
MCDANIEL, PATRICIA	Books	22.00
MERCHANT SRVC	Fees	106.17
MERIT CONTRACT	Rprs	1,361.92
NE IA TELEPHONE	Maint	255.00
O'HENRY'S	Supp	50.00
PAYROLL		60,752.97
PETTY CASH	Postage	5.42
POSTMASTER	Postage	75.00

R.A.D. SYS	Fee	68.00
RACOM	Supp	120.00
RICOH	Copies	37.66
RILEY'S	Supp	72.00
RUPPERT	Supp	258.50
SCHUMACHER ELEV	Maint	134.77
SIGNS & DESIGNS	Supp	15.00
SKYLINE CONST	Srvc WtrLoop	9,879.83
SPAHN & ROSE	Supp	125.86
STATE HYGIEN LAB	Analys	38.00
STI/SPFA	Fee	10.00
STOREY KEN	Supp	39.71
TRUCK COUNTRY	Supp	245.43
TUCHEK, MICHELE	Park Bd	600.00
TUPY, BARBARA	Park Bd	500.00
U.S. POSTAL	Supp	549.35
ULINE	Supp	237.00
UNIFORM & ACCESS	Equip	243.62
WEBER PAPER	Supp	266.44
WESTCOTT, EMORY	Reimb	53.11
WILEY, SCOTT	Park Bd	100.00
WINDSTREAM	Phone	117.83
ZEE MEDICAL	Supp	114.35

GENERAL	66,142.02
HOTEL/MOTEL	2,700.00
LOST PROJECT	1,654.98
FIRE STATION BLDG	73.25
MEDIACOM	465.40
DRUG DOG	1,129.81
CRESCO COMM FIRE	239.23
ROAD USE	14,463.65
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	23,720.86
FITNESS CTR TRUST	4,272.00
WATER MAIN LOOP	9,879.83
WATER	16,566.62
SEWER OPER	19,020.51
PROPRIETARY CAP	12.05
YARDWASTE	12.05

EXPENDITURES	160,352.26
Revenues 12/3 to 12/16/13	152,852.67