

The Cresco City Council met February 16, 2015, at 7:00 pm at City Hall. Council Members Carman, Bouska, McGee, Loveless and McCarville 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 February 2, 2015 meeting and February 5, 2015 special session. Bouska seconded and it passed all ayes.

Public Works Director Rod Freidhof reported (a) Bob's Electric will give us an estimate for replacing the lights in the City Hall sign with LED lights; (b) the oil tank was removed and taken to LeRoy. We netted about \$244 after the crane and trucking expenses were paid; (c) Street Department has been hauling snow out and cleaned out around the school for which we have received a lot of compliments; (d) Maintainer has a bad cylinder which costs \$5,400 for a new one so we are looking at rebuilding the old one. We are borrowing a cylinder from Howard County until we get it fixed; (e) Sewer: replaced a pipe in the big tank. It did not turn out very good so we may look at new piping in the 16/17 budget; (f) Water Department still has not found the watermain leak. It has been too windy to hire Steve again to try to listen to find the leak; (g) everyone has been busy with the snow.

Police Chief Ruroden had nothing to report this time.

City Clerk Michelle Girolamo reported they have been very busy. We are getting server quotes because our server is a 2003 which will not be supported after this summer. Quotes are ranging from \$4,000 to \$10,000. Last week our port that operates the network crashed so our computers were not working for a day. Jim Murphy from the REC loaned us one that we are currently using. We will need to purchase a new one but we may possibly have to install new cables throughout City Hall because of old cables that we have.

Bouska reported that she attended the CIDC meeting where the housing study was discussed. She also attended the Library meeting. The Energy Management meeting had an enthusiastic response for its members. There is a webinar on natural gas vehicles.

Carman attended the Chamber meeting. The Theatre Commission met and discussed the updating they are doing. An open house will be in April. The movie The Rise of the Sea Urchins will be June 12<sup>th</sup> which some local residents were involved with. Freidhof reported that Riehle Decorating looked at the Theatre wall and the moisture was low. However, it was low at this time last year as well. They will have a guy come with an infrared camera to look at it. We may have to fir out the wall and sheetrock over the whole wall with a vapor barrier.

Loveless made the motion to set March 2, 2015 as the date for the Public Hearing for the Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016. McGee seconded and it passed all ayes.

Loveless made the motion to approve a resolution changing the term for the Planning and Zoning Commission to run from July 1<sup>st</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup>. Carman seconded and it passed all ayes.

Freidhof reported that a group met last fall to look at the train. It was suggested maybe we could sell the boxcar to get some money to repair the engine. Because the price of iron is down, it looks like we would not make very much money. However, it would save us the cost of repairing the boxcar which several years ago was estimated to cost \$8,500. Girolamo reported she received a phone call from Donna Thomas representing Cresco Bank & Trust. They would like to donate to a community project and would like to promote a community project for the City of Cresco Parks. If the public wants to keep the train, they will look into different options for the train. They would head up a fundraising campaign to help fix up the parks and the train. A committee will be formed to find someone to fix up the train and to get a cost estimate. John Loveless, Steve McCarville, Rick McCarville, Matt Miner and Rod Freidhof will work with Donna Thomas, Allyn Billmyer and John Mullen to come up with some ideas and a business plan. Willard Balk pointed out that the boxcar was

not part of the original train that was moved in. It was moved in later and was in tough shape when we received it.

Girolamo reported that the City received a \$2,561 royalty check from Utility Service Partners for the City's 10% royalty on premiums collected for their service line warranty program. There are currently 216 policies for water and 272 policies for sewer line warranties. There have been 72 claims of which 69 were for sewer line claims since 2011. Decorah Heating and Plumbing is the local plumber they use. Another company called HomeServe has been mailing letters soliciting business in the Cresco area that appears to offer a similar warranty service but is not endorsed by the National League of Cities nor the City of Cresco.

Utility Service Partners will begin their spring campaign and would like to offer an in-house warranty program for water and sewer lines inside the house. This program is endorsed by the National League of Cities. McCarville made the motion to deny the request to endorse an in-house warranty campaign. McGee seconded and it passed all eyes.

Northeast Iowa Community Action Transit System requested permission to use the Southside Parking Lot as an "EARL" bus stop. After looking at different options, it was decided that the City parking lot west of City Hall would make a better location. Bouska made the motion to allow Northeast Iowa Community Action to have an "EARL" bus stop in the parking lot west of City Hall. Loveless seconded and it passed all eyes.

Mayor asked if there were any comments from the audience. Ernie Martin said he appreciated the efforts of the Council to keep as much of the train as possible. He suggested putting a roof over the train to help protect it from the elements.

Patty Shaver reported that she is still experiencing issues with people urinating and vomiting on the sidewalk and step of the Howard County Abstract Office. She believes they are patrons leaving the M&M Lounge and requested that the City enforce public intoxication laws and patrol around this bar more. The Council and Police Chief sympathize with her frustrations but could not come up with a legal solution. The Police Chief has contacted many agencies to see what options the City has. The Hideaway owner is very pro-active in cleaning around his bar every morning. This would be appreciated if all bar owners took this positive approach. The police will continue to patrol the area just as they do the rest of the City and try to catch perpetrators in the act.

Carman made the motion to go into closed session at 7:46 pm pursuant to Iowa Code 20.17 to discuss strategy for Collective Bargaining Negotiations. Bouska seconded and it passed all eyes.

The closed session was closed and the Council went back into open session. Carman moved to adjourn at 9:40 pm. McGee seconded and it passed all eyes. The next regular Cresco City Council meeting will be at 7:00 pm on March 2, 2015 at Cresco City Hall.

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Mayor Mark Bohle

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City Clerk Michelle Girolamo

Following is a list of claims approved for payment:

ADVANCED SYS	Maint	78.95
ALLIANT	Elect	454.68
AM WATER WKS	Trng	40.00
BAKER&TAYLOR	Lib books	936.27
BLAZEK CORP	Pipe stands	560.00
BC / BS	Insur	29,576.16
BOB'S ELECT	Supp/Srvc	716.27
BOHR, WENDY	Reimb supp	272.00
BROWN	Supp	1,247.00
BRUENING ROCK	Srvc	888.50
CANOE RDGE KENNEL	Srvc	84.50
CARD CENTER	Postage	109.44
CARDMEMBER	Equip	124.75
CITY OF CRESCO	Insur,util	2,731.42
CO-OP THEATRES	Fee	200.00
COURTNEY SERVICES	Srvc	520.00
COURTNEY, TIM	Ref vis	10.18
CRESCO SMALL ENG	Supp	17.65
CRESCO TPD	Advert	100.00
DALCO	Supp	167.58
DEMCO	Supp	51.99
DRIFTRUNNERS	Tour grant	2,000.00
FASTENAL	Supp	53.30
FENCO PROD	Rprs	408.65
FIRE SERVICE TRNG	Trng	1,007.00
FOLEY'S CONST	Srvc	453.91
GROUP SRVC	Fee	338.25
HACH	Supp	290.19
HANSON TIRE	Rprs	526.00
HAWKEYE REC	Elect	7,952.77
HAWKEYE SAN	Grbg/Rcyl	46,097.64
HEARTLAND THEATR	Srvc	120.00
HOW CO	Shared LEC costs	5,903.97
HYDRITE CHEM	Srvc	3,494.82
IA MUNIC UTIL	Dues	648.66
IA NACOTICS OFF	Trng	185.00
IA PRISON INDUST	Supp	53.25
JIM'S AUTO	Supp	172.64
K & H COOP	Supp	141.00
KEYSTONE LABS	Analys	761.85
KUBIK	Rprs	364.72
KWIK TRIP	Gas	3,302.14
LIBRARY STORE	Supp	66.77
LICKTEIG, STEVE	Srvc	115.00
MARCO	Shipping	500.00
MERCHANT SRVC	Fees	110.71
NE IA MOTORS	Rprs	510.89
NE IA TELEPHONE	Rprs	340.00
O'HENRY'S	Supp	79.00
PAYROLL		59,653.50
PECINOVSKY,CLAIR	Phone	19.40
PEPSI-COLA	Concessions	858.89
POSTMASTER	Postage	75.00
PRECISION OVRHD	Srvc	1,868.00
RILEY'S	Supp	550.16

RUPPERT'S	Supp	324.23
SCHUMACHER ELEV	Srvc	141.06
SONY PIC CLASS	MovieRent	333.60
STATE HYG LABS	Analys	146.50
STOREY KEN	Supp	1,118.99
TECHNICOLOR	Fee	5.12
TREAS, ST OF IA	Sales Tax	6,507.00
TRUCK COUNTRY	Supp	18.62
U.S. POSTAL	Supp	568.60
UNITYPOINT CLNC	Srvc	124.00
UP AND RUNNING	Supp	29.98
USAQUATICS	Engr	2,190.00
WARNER BROS	MovieRent	350.00
WEBER PAPER	Supp	244.35
WINDSTREAM	Phone	139.82

GENERAL	102,003.67
HOTEL/MOTEL	2,000.00
LOST PROJ	754.22
MEDIACOM	602.86
DRUG DOG	90.34
CRESCO COMM FIRE	1,179.60
ROAD USE	11,942.25
EMPLOYEE BEN	24,955.28
FC TRUST	2,190.00
WATER	17,337.45
SEWER	25,927.14
CAP IMPROVE	958.62
YARDWASTE	210.86
EXPENDITURES	190,152.29
Revenues 2/3 to 2/16/15	147,322.84