

Mayor Bohle called the Cresco City Council meeting to order on January 18, 2016, at 7:00 pm at City Hall. Council Members Carman, Bouska, McGee, McCarville and Brenno were present. No council members were absent.

Brenno made the motion to approve the consent agenda which included approval of the: agenda; claims; minutes of the January 4, 2016 meeting; class C Liquor License (LC) (commercial) with catering privileges and Sunday sales to Michael McAllister d/b/a McAllister Catering; class C Beer Permit (BC) with Class B Wine Permit and Sunday sales to DOLGENCORP, LLC d/b/a Dollar General Store #2400; change of ownership from DOLGENCORP INC. to DOLGENCORP, LLC and change of officers in reference to License BC0029888. Carman seconded and it passed all ayes.

Public Works Director Rod Freidhof reported (a) busy getting caught up on repairs and hauling snow; (b) we got rid of almost all of the chip grindings and hauled them for a farmer; (c) repaired a watermain break today on Vernon Road which caused a big mess; (d) Ron, Michelle and I have been working on the NPDES permit for the WWTP; (e) Ron Steve will be in town this week trying to locate the watermain break; (f) all public works employees will be attending a safety meeting in Decorah on Tuesday.

Police Chief Ruroden had nothing to report.

City Clerk Girolamo reported (a) the financial statements were included in the packet. We are right on budget at midyear with revenues at 53% and expenses at 48% of the budget; (b) working on next year's budget; (c) W-2's have been issued and working on 1099's now.

Mayor Bohle and Brenno attended a meeting at the Law Enforcement Center regarding a potential new LEC and jail. There was an evaluation of the current facility and will come up with an engineering cost for the next meeting next month. The jail is in really poor condition and it appears it really needs to be upgraded. They are looking at going from 10 beds currently to 23 beds with the potential to add on if necessary. They would go to a pod system to allow expansion at a low cost. The Mayor and Brenno believe that it probably needs to be done. Building the new facility may be done in two parts and would require shipping out Howard County inmates during the construction period. This will require a special election to be able to proceed after the plans are developed. The City Police Department may move back in to the LEC if there is room.

Jeff Holmstrom, owner of CPU, introduced Becky Severson from LTD Broadband LLC. LTD Broadband was formed in 2010 to bring wireless internet service to rural areas. They are currently serving Northern Iowa and Southern Minnesota. They mount antennas on grain bins and water towers and have about 400 structures. In exchange for the City to allow them to put an antenna on the water tower, they would supply uncapped internet services to City owned buildings. CPU would sell wireless internet services to residents of Cresco and the surrounding rural area as well. Packages will be available for 3, 6 or 10 Mbps. Customers would need a clear path from a dish on their property to the antenna. Freidhof checked with five cities that were using their services at their City buildings. Three reported no issues and were very satisfied. One reported a few issues but overall was satisfied. One reported connection problems and was not happy with it. McCarville made a motion to lease space on the water tower in exchange for internet services at City buildings. Bouska seconded and it passed all ayes. A lease agreement will be written up and approved at a future council meeting.

Alex Fortune, Theatre Commission Member, reported that as Riehle Decorating was painting and repairing the east wall, they discovered some issues with the ceiling. There was some areas where there was no insulation and therefore will install a reflective, R16 insulation in between the roof and sheetrock on the ceiling. The marquee also had problems with water leaking in during a hard rain in the last few months. Both the roofing company and the sign company inspected the marquee. They will both come back in the spring and try

to figure out how the water is getting into the marquee. Cresco Community Theatre is installing the floor on the stage and updating the lighting system. Alex pointed out that operating income (excluding utilities) during the first 6 months of the fiscal year is \$27,000 compared to the annual rent of \$7,200 that had been received in the past. The building maintenance issues were not all anticipated but they need to be done while the Theatre is shut down and the scaffolding is set up. Bouska requested that they look at trying to blow more insulation in the attic to make the building more energy efficient. Riehle's suggested some color changes while they are painting and the Commission agreed with their recommendations. Due to additional work being done, the Theatre is anticipated to be closed until March 1, 2016.

McCarville made a motion to appoint Amy Bouska as Mayor Pro Tem if Mayor Bohle is absent. Carman seconded and it passed all ayes.

Mayor asked if Council had conflicts with the February 1st meeting since that night is also the Iowa Caucus. There were no conflicts.

Mayor asked if there were any comments from the audience and there were none.

Carman moved to adjourn at 7:25 pm. Bouska seconded and it passed all ayes. The next regular Cresco City Council meeting will be February 1, 2016 at 7:00 pm at Cresco City Hall.

Mayor Mark Bohle

City Clerk Michelle Girolamo

Following is a list of claims approved for payment:

ALEXIS FIRE EQUIP	Rprs	103.79
ALLIANT	Elect	594.15
BAKER&TAYLOR	Bks&audios	437.54
BC/BS	Insur	27,684.02
BOB'S ELECT	Street lights	504.13
BROWN SUPP	Supp	122.50
BRUENING ROCK	Rock/srvc	2,115.08
CAFFREY, MIKE	Subscript	75.00
CARDMEMBER	DVDs	85.29
CARQUEST AUTO	Supp	45.55
CITY OF CRESCO	Util,insur	2,657.79
CPU	Supp	72.98
COURTNEY SRVCS	Srvc	710.00
CRESCO SHOPPER	Advrt	380.50
CRESCO TPD	Advrt	506.73
DALCO	Supp	715.81
DECORAH GLASS	Equip	634.20
ELWOOD,O'DON,BRAU	Srvc	1,758.25
ENVIRON RES	Srvc	120.83
FENCO	Rprs	60.00
FOLEY'S CONST	Rprs	96.45
FURNITURE RE-DO	Supp	30.00
GRUBE CONST	Rprs	255.00
GRUBE LAWN/GARDEN	Supp	173.00
H & S MOTORS	Rprs	67.60
HANSON TIRE	Rprs,tires	2,783.95
HAWKEYE REC	Elect	6,238.50
HAWKEYE SAN	Grbg/Rcyl	46,127.98
IA MUNICIPAL UTIL	Dues	1,043.29
JIM'S AUTO	Supp	38.47
K & H COOP	LP	91.82
KWIK TRIP	Gas	2,799.24
LICKTEIG, STEVE	Srvc	175.00
LT MECHANICAL	Srvc	265.00
MICHAEL'S TRUCK	Supp	285.21
MID-STATES ORG	Dues	100.00
MOHAWK ELECTRIC	Equip	141.85
MOUDRY ELECTRIC	Rprs	119.02
NE IA MOTORS	Rprs	430.38
O'HENRY'S	Supp	266.10
OMNISITE	Srvc	1,380.00
PAULSON LAW	Srvc	715.00
PAYROLL		61,678.33
PEPSI-COLA	Concessions	256.85
PETTY CASH	Postage	25.34
POSTMASTER	Postage	75.00
RICOH	Supp	122.48
RILEY'S	Supp	29.80
RUPPERT	Supp/postage	596.40
SPORTSMITH	Supp	638.50
STATE HYG LABS	Analys	109.00
STOREY KEN	Supp	171.59
TREAS, ST OF IA	Sales tax	6,634.00
WARNER BROS	Movie rent	1,844.26
WEBER PAPER	Supp	89.94
WHKS	Engrng srvc	105.00
WILTGEN CONST	Rock	921.31

WINDRIDGE IMPL	Rprs	171.67
WINDSTREAM	Phone	127.07
	GENERAL	114,750.83
	LOST PROJECT	634.20
	NUISANCE HSE	645.75
	FIRE BUILDING	119.02
	MEDIACOM	720.14
	DRUG DOG	55.13
	CRESCO COMM FIRE	594.50
	ROAD USE	16,688.36
	EMPLOYEE BEN	6,030.34
	WATER	13,582.87
	SEWER	21,553.24
	CAP IMPROVE	2.09
	YARDWASTE	1,227.07
	EXPENDITURES	176,603.54
	Revenues 1/5 to 1/18/16	232,713.99