

Mayor Mark Bohle called a special meeting of the Cresco City Council to order at 5:00 pm on May 7, 2012 at City Hall. Council Members Jan Carman, Amy Bouska, Teresa McGee, Steve McCarville and John Loveless were present. No council members were absent.

Charles Reicks and Neal Stapelkamp discussed the proposed merger of the City Fire Department with the Rural Fire Department. Minutes of the committee meetings of the two fire departments were distributed and issues that had been brought up were discussed. There will be a joint meeting with all Trustees and Council Members on May 14th at the Fire Station. Consensus of Council was to support the merger and work with the Trustees in developing a 28E Agreement. The Council agreed to put a down payment on a new pumper truck jointly with the Rural Fire Department.

Attorney Thais Folta discussed the nuisance house ordinance with Council. Council Member Bouska wanted to make stricter rules especially regarding abandoned or vacant houses. Thais believes our Ordinance is broad enough to address the issues if we follow through with the enforcement.

It was moved by Loveless to adjourn at 6:15 pm. The motion was seconded by Bouska, and passed all ayes.

Mayor Mark Bohle

City Clerk Michelle Girolamo

The Cresco City Council met May 7, 2012, at 7:00 pm at City Hall. Council members Carman, Bouska, McGee, McCarville and Loveless were present. No council members were absent.

Loveless moved to approve the consent agenda which included approval of the: agenda; claims; minutes of the April 16, 2012 meeting; class C beer permit (carryout beer) with class B wine permit (carryout wine) and and class E liquor license (LE) to Fareway Stores Inc. d/b/a Fareway Stores Inc #815; tax abatement under the Urban Revitalization Plan for Judy Strike; tax abatement under the Urban Revitalization Plan for Thomas & Michele Tucheck. Bouska seconded and it passed all ayes.

Public Works Director Rod Freidhof reported: (a) Sewer: finished hauling sludge; (b) Bob's Electric changed the electrical panel at the Sewer Plant; (c) Street Shop: waiting to hear from bonding company; (d) Kevin Chesmore submitted his letter of resignation from the Street Department so his last day will be May 18th. Personnel Committee will meet to discuss options; (e) Water: will flush hydrants this week; (f) fire extinguishers were inspected and 11 need to be replaced; (g) Theatre: repairs on the upper roof have been completed and will start on the sidewalk this week; (h) Scene Shop: still waiting for estimates on the roof; (i) 2nd Avenue project will be started this week.

Girolamo explained that there was some concern about the cost of heating the sidewalk at the Theatre. David Gosch addressed some of the concerns and explained how it would work. Gosch's Inc. is willing to donate over \$7,000 in equipment and labor. It is a 96% efficient Power Vent and replaces our old 80% efficiency water heater which should save some money. The heated sidewalk will run in a 13 degree range so it won't run if it is too warm or too cold but it also have a manual switch to turn it off or on if necessary. Gosch believes that the heated sidewalk would be essential for protecting the sidewalk with the stars and glazing and eliminate scraping in the winter. Council was very appreciative of the generous donation and agreed to try to preserve the sidewalk and that we would try using the heated sidewalk.

Police Chief Tim Ruroden submitted his monthly report. He is waiting for the cars to be delivered so he can start installing the equipment into them. He is changing the maintenance on the vehicles and trying to cut some costs. He met with the Fair Board and helped them update their Emergency Response Plan. McGee witnessed a high speed chase in town and pointed out that it had been handled well but commented on the outdated equipment that was used. Ruroden agreed that we need to update equipment and informed them that hopefully some of this will be updated through grants with the Step Program that he has enrolled the City in.

City Clerk Michelle Girolamo reported: (a) letters were sent out to the 1st Avenue residents informing them of their assessments and a few have already paid their assessment; (b) airport grants were submitted for runway repairs and also for the long-term plan; (c) health insurance renewal was done and we have increased the self-insured portion by increasing the limit by \$1,000 per person which saved over \$18,000 in premiums. Based on claim history, this was felt to be a good risk to reduce costs but we are setting aside more money in our self-funded account in case it will be needed; (d) attended a webinar promoting a tool for searching for available grants but the cost seemed too high and Council agreed.

Brad Crawford and Paul Berland from the Northeast Iowa RC&D updated Council on the Turkey River Watershed Project. They explained the program and are requesting cities and counties to sign a 28E Agreement and form a committee to create plans and administer the program. The City of Cresco supports the plan and will look for an interested citizen to represent the City on the committee. They are still in the process of drafting the agreement and submit it to Council in June for approval.

Dusty Burnikel addressed the Council with concerns regarding the tree trimming in the City. Currently the City Street Department does almost all of the trimming and tree removal of

trees in the boulevard. Property owners are responsible for the trimming up to eight feet. The City occasionally hires Walton Tree Service to cut trees that are close to electrical lines or if there is a risk of falling on a house and which is often an emergency situation that needs to be taken down immediately. The average paid was \$1,638 over the past six years. Burnikel felt that the City should be taking bids on tree trimming and also said that if bids were taken out on the trees that he thinks it would be cheaper than the City could do it themselves. He declared that he is the only full-time tree trimmer and deserves a chance to bid on the trees. In the past year, we have only hired Walton for about six trees. It was pointed out that Burnikel had been paid to do the tree trimming in East Park for \$2,520. Freidhof pointed out that if the Emerald Ash Borer gets to Cresco that there will be a major impact since the City has 585 Ash trees in the boulevards and we would go out for bids in that situation. Council agreed to consider the information but would not be going out for bids currently. Burnikel said he would continue to come to Council with his concerns.

Bouska made the motion to set a public hearing for May 21, 2012 to amend the budget for fiscal year ended June 30, 2012. Loveless seconded and it passed all ayes.

Loveless made the motion to approve the recommendation of the Board of Adjustments to appoint Dennis Cauwels to finish Bill Ferrie's term ending June 30, 2013. Carman seconded and it passed all ayes.

Bouska made the motion to approve the recommendation of the Board of Adjustments to reappoint Dan Ollendick for a five year term ending June 30, 2017. Carman seconded and it passed all ayes.

Loveless made the motion to approve a resolution allowing a partial tax exemption under the Cresco Urban Revitalization Area for Shawn and Cathy Saltou. Bouska seconded and it passed all ayes.

Mayor asked if there were any comments from the audience. Jason Passmore reminded everyone the first Family Fun Night is Friday May 11th at Kessel Park. CEDA banquet is May 18th at the Country Club. An Ebay class will be offered May 30th from 5:30-7:30 and costs \$20. There have been several ribbon cutting ceremonies for new businesses and a revolving loan was just closed to help keep another business in Cresco

Carman moved to adjourn at 7:35 pm. Bouska seconded and it passed all ayes. The next regular Cresco City Council meeting will be May 21, 2012, at 7:00 pm at Cresco City Hall.

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Following is a list of claims approved for payment:		
ALEXIS FIRE	EQUIP	35,000.00
ALLIANT	ELECT	12,892.39
AMANDA WRIGHT	REFUND	61.42
AM RED CROSS	FEE	90.00
ARAMARK	SRVC	694.25
BANCARD CTR	SUPP	827.92
BLACK HILLS	GAS	2,643.67
BOB'S ELEC	ELECTRIC PANEL	39,343.50
BODENSTEINER	SRVC	2,406.76
CARDMEMBER	SUPP	29.22
CASEY'S	SUPP	153.15
CASPER P&H	SRVC	2,589.28
CITY LAUNDERING	SRVC	126.72
CITY OF CRES	UTIL, REFS	1,000.57
CRES SHOPPER	ADVERT	315.00
CRES SMALL ENG	EQUIP	1,494.91
CULLIGAN	SUPP	27.69
DALCO	SUPP	934.85
DAVID GODMAN	UNIFORM	31.69
DEPT INSPECT & AP	FEE	67.50
ELWOOD, O'DONOHUE,...	SRVC	3,015.25
FAREWAY	SUPP	45.51
FENCO	RPR	1,256.28
FIRE SRVC BURE	TRAINING	175.00
FOLEY'S BACKHOE	SRVC	343.30
GALLS	UNIFORM	637.22
GOSCH'S	SUPP	56.60
GRUBE LAWN	SRVC	39.95
H & S	SUPP	38.94
HAWKEYE	SRVC	42,233.94
HOLSTROM JEWEL	SUPP	48.00
HOVEY OIL	SUPP	464.03
HC	SHARED LEC	12,953.93
IKON	SUPP	1,074.72
IOWA PRISON	SUPP	26.00
JASON MILLER	REIMB UNIFRM	8.05
JIM'S AUTO	SUPP	11.75
JOHN DEERE FIN	SUPP	951.00
JOHNSON ACTG	SUPP	79.00
KATIE ALLEN	REFUND	50.00
KELLY BUEHLER	SUPP	50.00
KWIK TRIP	GAS	4,135.71
MANNING ENVIRO	SUPP	48.75
MERCHANT SRVC	FEE	215.78
MIDWEST CLEAN	SUPP	28.20
MIDWEST RADAR	SRVC	322.50
MVTL	ANALYSIS	683.15
NE IA MOTOR-TOW	SRVC	40.50
PAYROLL		60,542.26
PETTY CASH	POSTAGE	125.39
PLUNKETT'S	SRVC	308.26
POOL TECH	SUPP	411.69
POSTMASTER	POSTAGE	416.08
REG HEALTH	SRVC	79.20
KEVIN REICKS	REFUND	7.84
MARY REICKS	TRAINING	400.00
RIVER CITY PAV	SUPP	478.91
RUPPERT	SUPP	338.60
SAM'S DISCOVER	SUPP	2,069.23
SCHWICKERT'S TECTA	SRVC	4,650.00
SIGNS & DESIGNS	SERV	98.00
SKYLINE CONST	SRVC	16,217.75
SPAHN & ROSE	SUPP	87.58
ST. LUKE'S CTR	TESTING	37.00
STATE HYG LAB	ANAYLSIS	692.00

STOREY KEN	SUPP	84.87
SUN LIFE	INSUR	44.75
TPD	ADVERT	995.49
TREAS ST IA	SALES TAX	4,945.58
UNIFORM & ACC	SUPP	508.96
RICHARD VAN GENDEREN	REFUND	62.57
VERIZON	PHONE	89.69
WHKS	ENGINEERING	32,877.43
WILSON TREE	SRVC	127.26
WILSON'S UPHOL	SRVC	270.00
WINDRIDGE	SUPP	304.36
WINDSTREAM	PHONE	860.80
	General Fund	111,433.68
	Road Use Tax	12,343.04
	Emp Benefits	10,238.60
	Emergency Fund	1,221.86
	Local Option Tax	56,452.42
	CIDC/City RLF	63.75
	Cresco Telecom	303.45
	Sewer Project	59,414.03
	Bicycle Trail 2007	137.50
	Street 1st Ave Project	16,297.56
	Water Utility	15,247.52
	Water Deposits	160.00
	MSSU Operation	12,857.95
	Water & Sewer C.I.	158.85
	Yard Waste	1,564.89
	EXPENDITURES	297,895.10
	Revenues 04/17 to 05/07/12	231,489.51