

The Cresco City Council met February 17, 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 February 3, 2014 meeting; Class C beer permit (BC) and Class B wine permit with Sunday sales to Dolgencorp, LLC d/b/a Dollar General Store #2400. McGee seconded and it passed all ayes.

Public Works Director Rod Freidhof reported: (a) emerald ash borer is getting closer to Cresco so Dean & Rod will attend a symposium about how other cities dealt with the ash trees. The City has 512 ash trees on City property and we will start removing about 50 trees this year; (b) Street Department busy with snow removal; (c) stripped down old Christmas decorations and sold the iron to LeRoy for about \$324; (d) we published a notice of violation in the paper for the January 2, 2014 spill at Cresco Food Technology; (e) Blazek will work on another digester and they will also set a blower that is too heavy for us to set; (f) Municipal Pipe will do the annual cleaning of the 5 lift stations; (g) we know of about 20 houses & 4 businesses that had frozen service lines. There are about 165 houses that are running their water and we are asking them to monitor the temperature and only running it if it less than 40 degrees. If we have a major watermain break, it could cause a problem keeping up with the increased pumping.

Police Chief Tim Ruroden reported that they are still investigating the vandalism calls and working with the Decorah police on tips and leads. They are also working on the postal and parcel thefts that occurred around Christmas time and they have a suspect in that case. They are working on forfeitures from drug search warrants. Officers are getting Hazardous Materials training.

City Clerk Michelle Girolamo reported (a) busy getting the budget finished; (b) filling out forms for Standard & Poors bonds; (c) worksession with the Police will be February 19th at 3:00.

Eric Johnson from Kirkham Michael cancelled due to the snow storm. A worksession may be scheduled to get it done.

It was determined that Tony Halverson would need to appeal the fence permit to the Board of Adjustments so this was removed from the agenda.

Jason Passmore explained that the resolution for Home Base Iowa shows support for this partnership to welcome and match military veterans with jobs available across Iowa. Cresco needs to have 10% or more businesses also showing their support and using their website. Saturday will be another meeting at NICC at 9:00 to work on Connect Iowa. Carman made the motion to approve the resolution supporting Home Base Iowa. Bouska seconded and it passed all ayes.

Library Director Carmen Buss asked the Council to allow the Library to use Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) for different projects than originally budgeted. Unexpected repairs that need to be done are \$6,000 roof repairs, \$1,000 furnace repairs, \$500 restroom locks and problems with the locks on the south doors. The Library Board decided that while replacing the locking mechanisms on the south doors that ADA compliant doors should be put in with automatic door openers. The cost will be \$9,150. The Library asked if they could use all of the current LOST for the listed projects and part of next year's LOST allocation. If all of the LOST is allocated to these projects then the scheduled maintenance would be postponed. Council felt that the ADA doors are a good project and asked the Library Board to use donations in the Foundation balance to pay for this capital improvement project instead of using LOST funds.

Mayor Bohle read a retirement letter from Street Superintendent John Schmauss. John will officially retire on April 16, 2014. The council and staff thanked John for his 30 years of dedicated service to the City.

McCarville made the motion to set the public hearing for March 3, 2014 on the proposed budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2015. Loveless seconded and it passed all ayes.

The City will do a promotion encouraging residents to sign up for email billing and paying bills by ACH. Residents may elect to receive their City utility bills by email instead of the postcard. By electing to pay bills by ACH the amount is automatically withdrawn from their bank account on the 11th of each month. This eliminates the City from having to individually process each payment. This also helps the customer by eliminating late charges and disconnect notices. The City will have a drawing for two \$25 Cresco Bucks for customers signing up for either of these services from now until April 30, 2014. Sign up for both to be entered twice. Forms will be mailed to all customers or are available online at www.cityofcresco.com.

Bouska made the motion to credit sewer and water bills for the March 1st and April 1st bills based on prior averages for customers who contacted the City and are running their water because the water temperature is lower than 40 degrees. McCarville seconded and McCarville, McGee, Carman and Bouska voted aye. Loveless abstained from voting.

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

Carman moved to adjourn at 7:58 pm. McGee seconded and it passed all ayes. The next regular Cresco City Council meeting will be at 7:00 pm on March 3, 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	589.00
BAKER&TAYLOR	Books	1,275.50
BLACK HILLS	Nat gas	566.71
BC / BS	Insur	24,848.05
BOB'S ELECT	Srvc	2,623.23
BROWN	Supp	754.93
BRUENING ROCK	Srvc, rock	4,652.73
CARD CENTER	Postage,trng	1,428.08
CARDMEMBER	DVDs	56.75
CARQUEST	Supp	69.63
CITY OF CRES	Util, insur	3,024.82
CPU	Equip	2,055.67
COUNSELING&ASSMT	Srvc	110.00
COURTNEY LAWN SNOW	Srvc	615.00
CRESCO SHOPPER	Advert	197.44
DATA TECH	Srvc	257.50
DOUGH AND JOE	Prgm supp	18.00
FAREWAY	Supp	41.02
FENCL OIL	LP gas	582.64
FENCO	Supp	79.38
FIRE SERVICE	Training	500.00
FOLEY'S CONST	Srvc	180.55
FOLLETT	Maint	480.00
GOSCH'S	Srvc	129.00
GROUP SERVC	Fee	317.75
HAWKEYE REC	Elect	7,249.88
HAWKEYE SAN	Garbage/recyl	45,511.42
HEALTHY CONTRI	Fee	19.15
HOLSTROM JEWELERS	Supp	67.50
HOVDEN OIL	Supp	864.35
HOW COUNTY	Shared LEC	12,006.47
K & H COOP	LP	96.65
KEYSTONE LABS	Analys	1,096.95
KWIK TRIP	Gas	102.59
MCDANIEL, PATRICIA	Book	22.00
MEHMERT TILING	Srvc	63.75
MERCHANT SRVC	Fees	84.39
MUNICIPAL MANGT	Srvc	1,200.00
NE IA MOTORS	Srvc	38.13
NORTHWAY WELL	Rprs	1,597.22
PAYROLL		59,317.38
PECINOVSKY,CLAIR	Reimb	19.40
PETTY CASH	Postage	25.15
POOL TECH	Supp	544.31
POSTMASTER	Postage	100.00
RACOM CORP	Supp	14.50
RICOH	Copies	77.75
RILEY'S	Supp	136.90
RUPPERT	Supp	203.63
SANDRY FIRE	Equip	1,442.39
SCHUMACHER ELEV	Maint	137.21
SKYLINE CONST	Srvc	9,438.29
SPORTSMITH	Supp	276.55
TASER	Supp	175.96

U.S. CELL	Phone	235.58
WEBER PAPER	Supp	132.49
WINDRIDGE	Supp	19.70
WINDSTREAM	Phone	122.60
ZEE MEDICAL	Supp	297.45

GENERAL	97,603.89
LOST	522.33
MEDIACOM	592.60
OFFICE EQUIP	128.75
DRUG DOG	286.76
CRESCO COMM FIRE	2,147.71
ROAD USE TAX	12,106.25
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	22,457.90
FC TRUST	2,026.61
STREET ASSESS	85.20
WATER	29,946.21
SEWER	20,173.92
PROPRIETARY CAP	16.94
YARDWASTE	166.49

EXPENDITURES	188,261.56
Revenues 2/4 to 2/17/14	133,425.65