

The Cresco City Council met November 21, 2011, at 7:00 pm at City Hall. Council members Blake, Bouska, Moore and McCarville were present. Loveless arrived at 7:01 pm. No Council members were absent.

It was moved by Bouska to approve the consent agenda which included approval of the: agenda; claims; minutes of the November 7 City Council meeting; pay request #3 to Magney Construction Inc for \$80,360.02; change order #1 for WWTP Biosolids Handling and Storage Improvements Project for \$2,295.31. The motion was seconded by Blake and passed all ayes.

Public Works Director Rod Freidhof reported: (a) a Windstream representative inspected the sidewalks installed in their project and agreed that they needed to be replaced but, due to the weather, it will be done in the spring; (b) Water-watched a demonstration on exercising water valves and discussed that valves may need to be exercised if the DNR mandates this and because our water valves are so old, it could cause them to leak and need to be replaced, so this will be discussed at budget time; (c) Sewer-the new sludge storage unit is now being utilized; (d) Street-cleaning storm sewer intakes, sweeping streets, fixing potholes and repairing manholes; (e) attended a safe routes to school meeting where they gave results of surveys of New Hampton, Waukon and Cresco and we will be working with Upper Explorerland for grants for this program; (f) Dale Andera is checking on a fluorescent retrofit for street lights on North Elm Street because cost savings would be about the same as LED with an easier retrofit.

The Mayor commended the fire department for what they did at the fire last week. Fire Chief Neal Stapelkamp wanted to express his appreciation for all of the help they received during the fire last week. He wanted to publicly recognize the Police Department, Mutual Aid Departments from Protivin and Lime Springs, the ambulance service and the citizens who made donations. It was a big fire that lasted a long time and everyone did an outstanding job. The Mayor and Council thanked everyone involved for the tremendous job.

Police Officer Richard Hollenbeck had nothing to report. Mayor Bohle announced that the new Police Chief, Tim Ruroden, will be starting December 5th. Mark Kissinger will be retiring and his last day of work is November 23rd but will be acting chief until December 5th.

City Clerk Michelle Girolamo reported: (a) Financial statements were given to Council and all departments are currently on budget and cash reserves are still healthy but not earning much interest; (b) Community meeting will be December 1, 2011 with one session at noon and one at 5:00 at City Hall. A public notice will be in the paper describing what will be discussed and asking the public to envision what the City will be like in 2025; (c) Amy and Michelle will be going for budget training on the 30th.

Mayor Bohle opened the public hearing of proposed Ordinance 438 amending Chapter 90, Water Service System, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Cresco, Iowa, 1998, regarding connection regulations and fees for connections outside the City limits. There were no written or oral comments and the public hearing was closed. Mayor Bohle conducted the second reading of proposed Ordinance 438. Loveless made a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance 438. Moore seconded the motion and it passed all ayes.

The Alliance Store building addition was removed and the building is still structurally sound so the building will be sold by sealed bids and auction December 5, 2011.

Blake made the motion to approve the recommendation of the Park Board to reappoint Mike Bina to the Cresco Park Board for a 3 year term ending 12/31/14. Moore seconded the motion and it passed all ayes.

Bouska made the motion to approve the recommendation of the Park Board to appoint Travis Blockhus to the Cresco Park Board for a 3 year term ending 12/31/14. Moore seconded the motion and it passed all ayes.

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

It was moved by McCarville to adjourn at 7:17 pm. The motion was seconded by Moore and passed all ayes. The next regular Cresco City Council meeting will be December 5, 2011, at 7:00 pm at Cresco City Hall.

Mayor Mark Bohle

City Clerk Michelle Girolamo