

The Cresco City Council met December 1, 2014, at 7:00 pm at City Hall. Council Members Carman, McGee, McCarville and Loveless were present. Council Member Bouska was absent.

Carman made the motion to approve the consent agenda which included approval of the: agenda; claims; minutes of the November 17, 2014 meeting and worksession; minutes of the November 24, 2014 worksession; class C Liquor License (LC) (commercial) with Sunday sales to Big Daddy Hideaway Corp d/b/a Hideaway Lounge. McGee seconded and it passed all ayes.

Public Works Director Rod Freidhof reported: (a) Street: busy plowing and sanding streets. The Compost pile started on fire November 23rd most likely due to ashes from an outdoor wood burner. This happened in the past and it took over 9 hours to put it out. The wind was favorable so we did let it burn this time. The grinding company will still come to grind the leaves and whatever is left. Thompson Truck Company called and will upgrade the transmission to a six speed for no additional cost. This will improve power in the lower gears and fuel efficiency in the higher gears; (b) Water: first watermain break last weekend on Woodland Road; (c) Ron, Michelle & Rod are going to Rochester to meet with WHKS to discuss future sewer projects and CFT; (d) the Short Street storm sewer project is completed per our mediation agreement with Jeff Wilson. The City will be billed \$20,315 by Mehmert. There is some work to be finished in the spring so we will retain about \$2,000; (e) Granger Road is open to traffic. Skyline has some more things to finish up to our satisfaction so they are still paying liquidated damages of \$1,500 per day until the issues are completed.

Police Chief Tim Ruroden reported that last week they had a STEP wave in which several traffic warnings, citations and arrests were issued

City Clerk Michelle Girolamo reported (a) Arla ordered a new camera to videotape the council meetings; (b) busy and trying to work on budget in between everything else.

Mayor Pro-Tem Loveless opened the Public Hearing on the sale of real estate at 134 N Elm Street. Sealed bids were opened. Paul Lovell bid \$5,000 and Steve Stone bid \$8,000. Neither raised the bids so the auction was closed. McGee made the motion to approve the resolution authorizing sale of real estate for \$8,000 to Steve Stone. Carman seconded and it passed all ayes.

Mayor Pro-Tem Loveless opened the Public Hearing on the Authorization of a five year copier lease agreement. There were no written or oral objections. The public hearing was closed. The lease is with Marco at a cost of \$165 per month including 30,000 B&W copies and 6,000 color copies per year. Excess copies will be billed \$.009/page and \$.072/page respectively. McCarville made the motion to approve the resolution instituting proceedings to take additional action for the authorization of a Lease Agreement in the principal amount of not to exceed \$12,000 with Marco. Loveless seconded and it passed all ayes.

Shannon Lerdal from Hogan Hansen PC presented the Audit Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014. Copies are available at the Cresco Public Library and City Hall. In their opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the respective cash basis financial position of the City of Cresco. During the routine audit of all high risk areas which includes all persons who write checks for the City. She verbally informed Council that Michelle received a raise and the support documentation was not readily available. They did find the supporting documentation and everything was fine. No other issues were found. The only findings listed in the report pertained to business transactions in excess of \$1,500 between the City and City Officials or employees. The total of all transactions between 3 related parties were \$7,933.

PWD Freidhof reported that the Planning & Zoning Commission held a Public Hearing and are recommending to the City Council to approve the request from Adam and

Keri Shatz d/b/a Schatzees Speed Shop for a zoning change for 214 5th St SE from C-2 to M-1 for a shop to do body and fender work. The Code requires a petition signed by a minimum of 50% of property owners within 300 feet. Adam had a petition with about 65% of the property owners' signatures as well as some from outside the 300 foot perimeter. McCarville made the motion to set the public hearing for the change in zoning for December 15, 2014. Loveless seconded and it passed all ayes.

Carman made the motion to approve the Personnel Committee recommendation to hire Mitchell Williamson as a full-time Police Officer. Loveless seconded and it passed all ayes.

Loveless made the motion to approve the application for tax abatement under the Urban Revitalization Plan for Amy Bouska. Carman seconded and it passed all ayes.

Freidhof reported that he received an offer of \$7,500 for the old dump truck. Thompson Truck & Trailer had offered to purchase the truck for \$7,000 but they were happy to let us sell it outright to Chuck Malek for \$7,500. Loveless made the motion to rescind the motion made at the last meeting to sell the truck to Thompson Truck & Trailer and instead sell the truck to Chuck Malek. Carman seconded and it passed all ayes.

Freidhof explained that a policy developed last year during budget worksessions was to make a policy that the Street Department should not remove snow on the streets if less than 3 inches fell to reduce overtime pay. After experimenting last year and receiving many complaints, he requested that the policy be changed back to the discretion of the Street Superintendent to make the decision when to send the crews out based on current conditions and predicted forecasts. Carman made the motion to approve the policy that snow removal crews will work at the discretion of the Street Superintendent. McGee seconded and it passed all ayes.

Mayor Pro-Tem asked if there were any comments from the audience. Jason Passmore of Howard County Business and Tourism reminded everyone that the Housing Study meeting will be December 4th.

Carman moved to adjourn at 7:25 pm. McGee seconded and it passed all ayes. The next regular Cresco City Council meeting will be at 7:00 pm on December 15, 2014 at Cresco City Hall.

Mayor Mark Bohle

City Clerk Michelle Girolamo

Following is a list of claims approved for payment:

20TH CENT	Movie rent	27.60
ALLIANT	Elect	12,660.63
BEFOUR	Equip	579.00
BLACK HILLS	Nat gas	4,562.79
BODENSTEINER	Supp	387.37
BOHR, WENDY	Supp	74.23
BORTH, DESIREE	Dep ref fin	80.00
BOUSKA, JASON	Dep ref fin	80.00
CCT PROD	Srvc	50.00
CITY LAUNDERING	Srvc	357.56
CITY OF CRESCO	Util	1,085.51
CPU	Supp	121.47
CREATIVE PROD	Supp	168.39
CRESCO CHAMBER	TourismHarvest Fest	1,671.70
CRESCO HEATING	Rprs	374.26
CRESCO SHOPPER	Publ, ads	472.20
CRESCO SMALL ENG	Rprs	261.01
CRESCO TPD	Publ, ads	1,171.45
CULLIGAN	Supp	156.42
DALCO	Supp	626.05
NOLOGIES	License,fee	4,368.00
EHRIG, BELINDA	Dep ref fin	80.00
ELWOOD,O'DONO,BRAU	Fees	1,750.73
FAREWAY	Supp	18.48
GALLS	Unif	114.96
GIROLAMO, MICHELLE	Reimb mil	118.72
GOSCH'S	Supp	80.00
GRUBE LAWN	Srvc	550.00
HAWKEYE SAN	Grip	171.57
HOVEY OIL	Supp	416.25
LEUCHTENMACHER,DENISE	Dep ref fin	80.00
LICKTEIG, WENDY	Reimb conc	45.96
LINGBECK, ROB	Dep ref fin	80.00
MABE'S PIZZA	Program	396.75
MK SRVC&RPR	Supp	100.00
NE IA MOTORS	Srvc	279.17
O'HENRY'S	Unif	103.65
PARAMOUNT PIC	Movie rent	724.95
PAYROLL		60,893.02
PEPSI-COLA	Concess	409.50
PFINGSTEN, BILL	Dep ref fin	80.00
POOL TECH	Supp	830.10
POSTMASTER	Util postage	663.61
PRINCIPAL LIFE	Insur	82.68
SAM'S CLUB	Supp,conc	2,421.87
SAMEC, CHAD	Dep ref fin	80.00
SPAHN&ROSE	Supp	71.54
STIVERS, MARY	Dep ref fin	80.00
STOREY KEN	Supp	302.76
SUPPLE, ALLISON	Dep ref fin	80.00
TASC	Fees	331.54
TRAN, LONG	Dep ref fin	80.00
TWETEN, TRAVIS	Dep ref fin	80.00
THE WEINSTEIN	Movie rent	150.00
	GENERAL	57,836.45
	HOTEL/MOTEL	1,671.70
	LOST PROJECT	3,868.90

NUISANCE HSE	953.71
FIRE STATION BLDG	341.33
MEDIACOM	1,333.67
DRUG DOG	5.98
CRESCO COMM FIRE	401.71
ROAD USE	10,051.02
EMPLOYEE BEN	395.14
FC TRUST	579.00
RECREATION SUPP	396.75
STREET ASSESS	15.00
WATER	10,783.59
WATER DEP	880.00
SEWER	8,582.89
CAP IMPROVE	857.29
YARDWASTE	2,129.32
EXPENDITURES	101,083.45
Revenues 11/18 to 12/01/14	125,961.38