

The Cresco City Council met July 6, 2011, at 7:00 pm at City Hall. Council members Blake, Bouska, McCarville and Loveless were present. Moore was absent.

It was moved by Loveless to approve the consent agenda which included approval of: the agenda; claims; minutes of the June 20, 2011, City Council meeting; minutes of the June 20, 2011 work session; permit for street closing for Ridiculous Days; and approval of pay request #2 from Skyline Construction for the 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue project for \$33,601.30. The motion was seconded by McCarville and passed all ayes.

Public Works Director Rod Freidhof reported: (a) concrete has been poured for 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue and they will be back to do the curb and gutter and radius work next week; (b) York street project just has a little more storm sewer work but water and sewer work is substantially completed; (c) sewer sludge storage project started yesterday; (d) Iowa DNR performed an inspection of the sewer plant and we passed with flying colors; (e) street department has started chip sealing; (f) Bollman's crew started working on the street shop today; (g) water department is continuing to install water meters and flushing valves; (h) Howard Donlan has some wet basement issues and we have checked several times for a water main break but we don't believe there is a break and we think it is just a wet area of town. If Steve is in town to locate another water main break, we will have him double check to verify there is no break; (i) Alliance Store deadline is tomorrow and if there is no response then we would get a default judgment so we would own it in about ten days and we will do the environmental assessment to determine the extent of asbestos. Bouska asked about sewer odor issues and Rod said we had one complaint last week but before that we have been recording zero levels while we had high flow. McCarville asked about doing small curb & gutter projects if they are under \$100,000 and bidding from local contractors without engineering costs.

Police Officer Cory Jarchow reported nothing out of the ordinary.

City Clerk Michelle Girolamo reported: (a) Iowa Finance Authority is refinancing our SRF loans and lowering our interest rates from 4.3% to 3% saving us \$35,717.50; (b) we received \$9,125 from insurance for the sewer blower that broke down; (c) auditors will be here all next week; (d) Amy input information for City buildings for an Iowa B3 Benchmarking project to see if any of our buildings will be eligible for an energy efficiency study; (e) Amy has been attending Hazard Mitigation meetings and the City is filling out forms; (f) the State Legislature could not agree on commercial property tax reform so it was removed from the bill which is good news for the City.

Bouska made the motion to approve a resolution establishing a fund within the City's Accounts for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Reconstruction Project. Loveless seconded the motion and it passed all ayes.

Loveless made the motion to set a public hearing for July 18, 2011 regarding a notice to abate a nuisance for the Mark Tuchek Estate. McCarville seconded the motion and it passed all ayes.

Blake made the motion to approve a sewer credit for Cresco Bank and Trust for a broken irrigation valve in which the water did not enter the sanitary sewer system. Loveless seconded the motion and it passed all ayes.

The City received a letter for a request for a variance because our property is within 250 feet. Council did not have any issues with the variance request.

Mayor Mark Bohle opened the public hearing on the proposed Ordinance 432 adding Chapter 159 pertaining to wind energy conversion systems. Bouska questioned whether a minimum three acre lot is an adequate size requirement. There were no other written or oral objections and the public hearing was closed.

Bohle read a summary of proposed Ordinance 432 and stated that a full version of the proposed ordinance is available at City Hall.

Blake made the motion to approve the resolution waiving the second and third readings of proposed Ordinance 432 adding Chapter 159 pertaining to wind energy conversion systems. McCarville seconded the motion and it passed all ayes.

Loveless made the motion to approve Ordinance 432 amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Cresco, Iowa, 1998, by adding Chapter 159 pertaining to wind energy conversion systems. Bouska seconded the motion and it passed all ayes.

There was discussion regarding changing fees for an appeal to the Board of Adjustments. Bouska questioned whether the fee needed to be increased to cover our costs and thought \$400 may be too much over our cost. Blake commented that we want people to improve their property and felt the increased fee for the variance is extensive. Freidhof commented that there have been several instances where variances have been issued in the past with circumstances changing such as new neighbors moving in which may cause problems and complaints later. It was agreed that we need to cover our costs but not make a big profit. City staff will calculate the average cost to do a variance and also check with neighboring cities to compare charges.

There was discussion regarding a recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission to increase the jurisdiction of subdivision regulations to two miles outside the city limits and to correct the section regarding the fee.

Blake made the motion to set a public hearing for July 18, 2011 to amend Chapter 166 Sections 166.02 and 166.08 in the City of Cresco Code of Ordinances pertaining to jurisdiction of subdivision regulations and fees. Bouska seconded the motion and it passed all ayes.

Freidhof discussed the existing Proprietor's Plat for Chuck Malek and extending the water main along Yankee Avenue. Malek is putting in a waterline to supply two lots and City personnel would like to see him extend it through all of his lots and to work with the two property owners on the south end to install their waterline at the same time so that the water main would be looped. Council agreed it should be looped and they should all work together to do it at the same time if possible so Freidhof will work with Malek to get estimates. The City could help with some labor for installing the waterline.

Upper Explorerland's Hazard Mitigation Planning Meeting must still be in session so there was no update but everyone was invited to Grange Hall to attend their meeting.

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

It was moved by Bouska to adjourn at 7:47 pm. The motion was seconded by Loveless and passed all ayes. The next regular Cresco City Council meeting will be July 18, 2011, at 7:00 pm at Cresco City Hall.

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Mayor Mark Bohle

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City Clerk Michelle Girolamo

The Cresco City Council met July 6, 2011 for a special joint work session at 6:00 pm at City Hall with the Planning and Zoning Commission. Council members Josh Moore, Steve McCarville, Dennis Blake and John Loveless were present. Amy Bouska was absent because she was representing the City at the UERPC Hazard Mitigation meeting. Also present were Mayor Mark Bohle, Public Works Director Rod Freidhof, and City Clerk Michelle Girolamo. P&Z Commission Members present were Willard Balk, George Willis, Bruce Kingsley, Alison Holten, Kevin Weinacht, Gerald Wilson and Tom Barnes.

Mayor Bohle opened the meeting by stating that the purpose of the work session was to bring the City and P&Z together to decide where Cresco wants to go. Upper Explorerland is working on comprehensive planning and smart planning and we wanted to hear P&Z's thoughts as the process moves forward. The strategic plan is done and now we need to figure out what is best for the city, what do we want and where do we want it.

Weinacht filled Council in on discussions P&Z has had in regard to zoning and consolidating commercial areas and consolidating residential areas and looking at different directions for expansion of the City. Much discussion followed from everyone present and many different issues were discussed.

City staff was directed to get an estimated cost of installing waterlines, sewer lines and a lift station in the Erickson Industrial Park and to continue south down Valley Avenue with the watermain towards the Campsite Subdivision. Committees will be formed to work on specific issues. Concensus was that this may be the right time to move forward with getting the infrastructure in place for future growth.

It was moved by McCarville to adjourn at 6:57 pm. The motion was seconded by Loveless and passed all ayes.

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Mayor Mark Bohle

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Following is a list of claims approved for payment:

Ahlers & Cooney	attorney fees	4,671.84
American Red Cross	lifeguard fees	301.00
Aramark	service	284.84
Balk, Brian	Bd of Adjustment pay	100.00
Balk, Willard	Planning & Zoning pay	40.00
Balk Lime & Ready Mix	concrete	1,509.40
Barnes, Tom	Planning & Zoning pay	20.00
Black Hills Energy	natural gas	1,073.10
Blackburn, Joan	supply	90.17
Bob's Electric	motors, service, repair	18,063.50
Bohr, Wendy	reimbursement	713.50
Campsite RV	lp tank fill, supply	230.70
Carquest	supply	332.94
City Laundering	uniforms	186.11
City of Cresco	apply deposit refunds	81.89
City of Cresco	utilities	1,221.76
City of Harlan	jetter truck	35,000.00
CPU of America	office supply, equipment	774.97
Cresco Area Chamber	Comm Foundation Grant-Beautification	1,500.00
Cresco Fire Safety	service extinguishers	318.30
Cresco Shopper	advertising	63.75
Culligan	rent, salt	151.77
Daly, Jim	Bd of Adjustment pay	120.00
Fareway	supply	16.85
Ferrie, Bill	Bd of Adjustment pay	100.00
Gosch Inc.	supply	37.85
Group Services	planning fee	12,000.00
H & S Motors	service, supply	32.04
Harper, Bidgie	refund deposit	35.65
Hawkeye Sanitation	garbage & recycling	42,120.30
Helping Services for NE IA	annual contribution	1,000.00
Holstrom's Jewelry	freight	8.50
Holten, Alison	Planning & Zoning pay	20.00
Hovey Oil Co.	grease	276.90
Howard County	shared lec costs	15,789.28
Hygienic Laboratory	water analysis	204.00
IA Assn of Municipal Utilities	NISA dues	817.32
IA Dept of Natural Resources	annual fee	457.51
IA Law Enforcement Academy	training	275.00
IA League of Cities	conference	370.00
Kingsley, Bruce	Planning & Zoning pay	40.00
Kwik Trip	gas, diesel	4,730.38
Legislative Services Agency	code books	125.00
Marco	computers	4,440.00
Mickley, Brian	refund deposit	42.46
Midwest Fire	annual service	1,060.00
Morse Equipment	repair	9,375.00
MVTL	wastewater analysis	249.05
O'Henry's	resale	378.75
Ollendick, Dan	Bd of Adjustment pay	145.00
payroll		76,291.66

Pecinovsky, Clair	UST operator training	174.47
petty cash	reimburse	61.67
Pool Tech	chemicals	382.74
River City Paving	cold mix asphalt	685.82
Roethler, David	training	25.00
Safety-Kleen	parts washer	157.98
Sam's Discover	pool, supply, staff, resale	2,435.55
Sandry Fire Supply	equipment	7,041.40
Sherwin Williams	paint	259.58
Signs & Designs	graphics	65.00
Sims TV & Appl	fitness program	6,393.66
Skyline Const	first ave reconstruction	33,601.30
Spahn & Rose	repair, posts	1,009.97
Sportsmith	equipment parts	29.77
Spring Valley Wireless	repair	224.24
Storey Kenworthy	office supply	133.60
Sun Life	life insurance	47.35
Surplus Center	part, lawn mower	23.80
Svestka, Arthur	Bd of Adjustment pay	120.00
Treasurer State of IA	sales tax	6,153.94
Tupy Construction	repair	5,000.00
Tupy, Bob	rental	42.80
Upper Explorland	CDBG Grant	2,962.06
US Postmaster	postage utility bills	390.26
USA Blue Book	parts	58.93
Verizon Wireless	park phone	71.82
Weber Paper Co.	towels	83.48
Weinacht, Kevin	Planning & Zoning pay	65.00
Willis, George	Planning & Zoning pay	20.00
Wilson Custom Tree	tree service	2,811.30
Wilson, Gerald	Planning & Zoning pay	40.00
Windridge Impl	repair	146.62
Windstream	phone	908.21
Winn Coop	supply	79.45

General Fund	135,027.08
Road Use Tax	11,267.01
Employee Benefits	20,337.90
Emergency Fund	3,000.00
Local Option Tax	3,373.60
Cresco Telecom	249.80
Equipment/Repair-Fitness	6,393.66
Sewer Project 2007	22,697.84
Street 1st Ave Project	33,601.30
Water Utility Fund	13,171.00
Water Dep Trust Fund	160.00
Water Utility Repair Replace	2.75
MSSU Operations	20,989.05
MSSU Replacement Fund	35,000.00
Capital Improvement	100.32
Yard Waste Fund	661.44
St Grants/Econo Dev	2,962.06

GRAND TOTAL OF FUNDS	\$308,994.81
Revenue Total of Funds from 6/21/11-7/6/11	