

The Cresco City Council met December 22, 2010, at 5:00 pm at City Hall. Council members Blake, Bouska, Moore, Loveless, and McCarville were present. No Council members were absent.

It was moved by Bouska to approve the consent agenda, which included approval of: the agenda; claims; the minutes of the December 6, 2010 and December 13, 2010 City Council meetings; application for tax abatement under the Urban Revitalization Plan for Cheryl Dietzenbach; Class C Liquor license (LC) with Sunday sales to Derek Deden dba The Pitt Stop; Class C Liquor license (LC) with Sunday sales to Big Daddy Hideaway Corp dba Hideaway Lounge; Class C Liquor license (LC) with outdoor service and Sunday sales to Howard County Agricultural Society dba Mighty Howard County Fair – Howard County Expo Center; pay request #2 (final) for \$19,948.42 to Kitchen Construction for Sanitary Sewer Rerouting Project. The motion was seconded by Loveless and passed all ayes.

Public Works Director Rod Freidhof reported on: (a) the street shop: fans and dehumidifiers are installed and working, and we should get the warranty information today and get a letter of verification to verify that the existing structure will be able to hold up the additional weight. He is also trying to get the bonding company to extend the warranty for one year after the new roof is installed.

(b) Nuisance houses: pictures were presented and Council unanimously agreed that four properties and a vehicle will be given to the attorney to proceed with abatement and another house will be reviewed in the spring. Blake recommended proceeding faster on empty houses and taking a proactive approach to keep abandoned houses maintained before they become dilapidated.

City Clerk Michelle Girolamo reported that (a) the liquor license and cigarette/tobacco permit approved at the last council meeting for Dream Land Inc. was voided and the Cresco Liquor Store licenses were reinstated when the sale of the Liquor Store did not go through; Blake made a motion to rescind all previous licenses for Dream Land Inc. and Moore seconded the motion and passed all ayes. (b) November Financial Statements were presented. Bond proceeds were received so interfund loans were repaid. The JCB lease and the dump truck are included in the current claims being paid. Revenues and expenses appear to be right on budget, but there has been some overtime with all of the snow in December so we are keeping track of expenses. McCarville questioned whether we needed to hire part-time help and staff will address as needed. Blake also stressed that fire hydrants also need to be cleaned out. The water department is looking for a broken water main; (c) council was given an informational letter from Rick Nance to read and he will come to a meeting in January to discuss Avenue 2; (d) Mary Jo Wilhelm has a survey she would like Council to fill out and wants to work with the City to organize community meetings; (e) Tuesday was Dennis Cauwel's last day of work after more than 26 years of dedicated service; (f) Blake made a motion to change January council meetings to Mondays January 10th and 24th at 7:00 pm. Moore seconded the motion and Blake, Moore, McCarville and Loveless voted aye with Bouska voting nay. There will be a budget work session with Department heads scheduled by Girolamo in mid-January.

Blake made a motion to approve the Resolution allowing partial tax exemption under the Cresco Urban Revitalization Area for Phillip and Jamie Fisk. Girolamo explained the program and informed Council that she is working with Jason Passmore to inform realtors and developers of the program to promote it better. McCarville seconded the motion and it passed all ayes.

Moore made a motion to direct the attorney to proceed with abatement on property at 221 4th Ave W. Bouska seconded the motion and it passed all ayes.

There were no comments from the audience. Blake requested that if the police are requesting a vehicle for this year's budget that we receive at least two bids including a bid on a green emissions vehicle and this should be considered for all new city vehicles.

It was moved by Moore to adjourn at 5:37 pm. The motion was seconded by Bouska and passed all ayes. The next regular Cresco City Council meeting will be January 10, 2011, at 7:00 pm at Cresco City Hall.

Mayor Mark Bohle

City Clerk Michelle Girolamo