

The Cresco City Council met October 4, 2010, at 7:00 pm at City Hall. Council members Blake, Bouska, Loveless, McCarville and Moore 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 September 20, 2010 and September 27, 2010 City Council meetings; a street closing/parade permit for the Crestwood Homecoming Parade; pay request #4 (final) for \$7,251.20 for Skoda Home Improvements for the Housing Rehab project; and pay request #1 for \$41,439.69 for Kitchen Construction for the Sanitary Sewer Rerouting Project. The motion was seconded by Moore and passed all ayes.

Public Works Director Denny Cauwels reported on: (a) the possibility that the County may have a grader for sale soon when they purchase a new one and it would be six years newer than our current one; (b) estimates for \$6,800 were received for cleaning the aeration basin and replacing the diffuser heads; (c) an estimate was received for repair to the garage roof at the sewer plant would cost about \$5,000 for the garage and also to repair some damages to another roof. Due to the low cost of these projects, they can be done this year within the regular operating budget; (d) street department: sand and salt will be delivered next week and they are helping the County repair the bike trail; (e) sewer rerouting: Kitchen poured the last of the cement so just cleanup is left; (f) water: flushing hydrants Wednesday and Thursday; (g) sewer odor: there have been no complaints since the smoke testing several weeks ago. The sewer department changed the cycling levels so less is run each time and cycles more often. They have installed the odologgers again and will be experimenting with eliminating the water input; (h) street shop repairs: McCarville inquired whether the street shop roof repairs were finished. Cauwels replied that it appeared no work had been done over the weekend. Staff was instructed to contact him to get it done as soon as possible.

Police Officer Richard Hollenbeck reported that there had been some issues over the weekend that they were investigating. They had some good leads on the suspects and they are processing the evidence. Loveless made the motion to accept the recommendation from Police Chief Mark Kissinger to promote Troy Brandau to Sergeant to fill the position that David Godman had held prior to his promotion. The motion was seconded by Bouska and passed all ayes.

Deputy Clerk Michelle Girolamo submitted a report of projects she is currently working on. Bouska inquired about the meeting with the engineers from WHKS. Girolamo stated that most of the meeting will be regarding the sludge storage project and getting the technical things done to proceed with that project. They will also discuss all of the open projects that WHKS is working on to be sure that the City staff and the engineers are working together. She also reported that five job positions were posted internally. Following the ten day posting period, the Personnel Committee will decide on which openings will then be advertised externally.

Loveless made a motion to approve a resolution authorizing Michelle Girolamo and Rodney Freidhof to be signers on the City's deposit accounts. The motion was seconded by McCarville and passed all ayes.

The Cresco Tourism Board submitted recommendations for the awarding of the Hotel/Motel Tax tourism grants. Blake had questions regarding the request for the Norman Borlaug DVD and inquired whether this should be funded by the Norman Borlaug Foundation rather than the City of Cresco. Because there was no one present to answer the questions, the awarding of the tourism grants will be postponed until the next meeting so that his questions can be addressed.

Loveless made a motion to approve a resolution authorizing the Mayor to approve a Joint Agreement that authorizes Howard County to proceed with the establishment of the Howard County REC Urban Renewal Area Plan. The motion was seconded by Moore and passed all ayes.

Public Works Directors Cauwels and Freidhof presented proposed changes to the 1990 resolution setting charges for services to private parties. Bouska asked for clarification on the lawn mowing and snow blowing charges. If the City is required to mow or remove snow due to the

homeowner not complying with the Code, the charge will be \$130 per hour. Cauwels explained this was so high because the City does not want to be doing this and it should act as a deterrent for people. The other fees on the list are used only in special situations and rarely occur. Council agreed that these prices should be reviewed more often than every 20 years. Bouska made the motion to make the proposed changes to the resolution, Loveless seconded it and it passed all ayes.

Public comments were made by Chuck Ollendieck regarding the possibility of using advertising on public vehicles to increase revenue similar to other Cities that are using advertising on ambulances. Dean Balk also made public comments stating that the City Council had a new job and that is making Cresco safer. He was referring to the vandalism and thefts that occurred Sunday night. There were many houses and vehicles damaged and he is worried that it could turn violent next time. Council agreed that the incidents were not acceptable and that the police were working on the cases.

It was moved by McCarville to adjourn at 7:20 pm. The motion was seconded by Moore and passed all ayes. The next Cresco City Council meeting will be October 18, 2010, at 7:00 pm at Cresco City Hall.

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Mayor Mark Bohle

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Deputy Clerk Michelle Girolamo