

Mayor Mark Bohle called the meeting of the Cresco City Council to order at 7:00 pm on March 1, 2010. Present were: Dennis Blake, Amy Bouska, Josh Moore, Steve McCarville and John Loveless arriving at 7:05. No council members were absent.

It was moved by Bouska to approve the consent agenda which included: the approval of the agenda, approval of the minutes from February 15, approval of claims, and the approval of a Class E liquor License with carryout beer, carryout wine, and Sunday Sales to Ronald Rear, and Evelyn Kingsley dba Cresco Liquor Store. The motion was seconded by Moore, and passed all ayes.

City Administrator Lloyd updated Council on water issues at the Street Shop, and that the contractor was performing some humidity tests, and double checking for gaps and areas that were not sealed properly. Well controls are in, and are getting scheduled to be installed.

Police Chief Mark Kissinger stated that things remain normal.

City Administrator Lloyd updated Council on the sewer odors in the alley south of Highway 9 and that there were some results. The City is taking more samples to determine causes of the odor. He mentioned that the parts for televising Council meetings have not arrived. The light at Well #4 has been installed, but the motion to approve it will be later in the meeting. The energy audits have not been scheduled, however all of the information requested from the City has been sent in. We are only waiting for them to come and perform the audits. The I-Jobs application is in the final stages of being completed. Mayor Bohle and Council member McCarville asked if Cresco Food Technologies has been contacted about our plans. Lloyd stated that they have been and meetings are trying to be scheduled. There will be initial meetings on a separate Housing Program with Upper Explorerland on the second. This is preliminary information and Council will be updated. The electric franchise is being looked at by the City Attorney. Lloyd stated that the last agreement was a 25 year agreement and it should be reduced. Mayor Bohle asked what the typical agreement length is. Lloyd replied that lengths of agreements are moving away from 25 years to 15 and 20 year agreements. Blake asked if the City would be able to handle the extra sewer load due to changes at the school. Lloyd stated that staff would look into it. Bouska asked about traffic congestion at the school. McCarville and Loveless stated they had heard about the school continuing the loop at the elementary. McCarville stated he had seen a wind turbine by the school in Osage. Council directed staff to investigate the turbine and funding of the turbine.

Howard County Sheriff Mike Miner and Police Chief Mark Kissinger gave a presentation on the Howard County Law Enforcement Center. The options to look at would be the feasibility to expand the law center and make improvements to the jail, expand the law center or to knock it down and start from scratch. The jail would start from scratch. The public safety committee has met with three different firms to obtain prices for plans and estimated costs of remodeling or starting from scratch. Sheriff Miner went through the presentation which gave background to the current facility, and additions and changes to the current facility. Sheriff Miner pointed out some of the shortcomings of the current facility. Sheriff Miner and Chief Kissinger stated they had met with the Howard County Board of Supervisors. The Supervisors would support moving forward in the process of selecting an architect regardless whether the City wanted to join or not. If the City chose not to go along the City would need to find a different location for City police offices. Mayor Bohle asked about initial costs. Sheriff Miner stated that fees would range from \$5,000 to \$18,000 and that cost would be split between the City and the County. There was a consensus by Council to pay for the City's portion of the architectural fees for the Law Enforcement Center. No action was taken.

Mayor Bohle asked about the status of the use of the old City Hall building, and how the group wanting to use it was coming along. Rachael Underbakke stated that they had been

working to finish the articles of incorporation and other paperwork with the State and they continue to move forward. No action was taken.

Mayor Bohle opened the public hearing regarding the 2010-2011 annual budget. There were no written or oral comments made. Mayor Bohle closed the public hearing.

It was moved by Loveless to support a resolution approving the 2010-2011 annual budget. The motion was seconded by Bouska and passed all ayes.

It was moved by Loveless to approve a resolution setting a public hearing for March 15th during the City Council meeting to amend the 2009-2010 annual budget. The motion was seconded by Moore and passed all ayes.

It was moved by Blake to approve the recommendation of Denise Sheehy to the Library Board. The motion was seconded by Loveless and passed all ayes.

It was moved by McCarville to approve a street light being set at Well #4. The motion was seconded by Blake and passed all ayes.

There were no comments from the audience. It was moved by Moore to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Blake and passed all ayes. The March 1, 2010 Cresco City Council meeting adjourned at 7:56 pm. The next scheduled meeting will be March 15, 2010 at Cresco City Hall at 7:00 pm.

Mayor Mark Bohle

Cresco City Administrator/Clerk John Lloyd