

The Cresco City Council met in special session on October 5, 2015, at 6:00 pm. Council members Carman, Bouska, McGee, McCarville and Loveless were present. No council members were absent. Also present were Mayor Bohle, Public Works Director Freidhof and City Clerk Girolamo.

Perry Novak Electric from Decorah has submitted a proposal for solar installations for the City of Cresco. They analyzed the electric usage and rates for all of the City's electric meters and made a proposal for installing solar panels at several locations. Some solar panels would be on the roof of City buildings and others would be ground mounts. The proposal would have no initial cost outlay to the City and would have private investors purchase the solar equipment and then sell the electricity to the City at a reduced rate, which would result in on-going savings for the City. Investors could make a profit by taking advantage of income tax credits, accelerated depreciation and the sale of electricity to the City. Council liked the potential annual savings in electricity costs. Consensus was to try to get a few more proposals to see if other solar installers would have different options or estimates. After reviewing the other proposals, Council would then have a public meeting to get the public's input on the proposed project and locations. Tax credits may be running out in March of 2016 so a decision will need to be made soon if we want to proceed with all or part of the project.

McGee made a motion to adjourn at 6:48 pm. Carman seconded and it passed all ayes. The next regular Cresco City Council meeting will be at 7:00 pm on October 5, 2015 at Cresco City Hall.

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Mayor Mark Bohle

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City Clerk Michelle Girolamo