

The Cresco City Council met October 20, 2014, at 7:00 pm at City Hall. Council Members Carman, Bouska, McGee, McCarville and Loveless were present. No Council Members were absent.

McGee made the motion to approve the consent agenda which included approval of the: agenda; claims; minutes of the October 6, 2014 meeting. Bouska seconded and it passed all ayes.

Public Works Director Rod Freidhof reported: (a) Street: used the last of the oil for the durapatcher so that has been put away for the winter. They are busy picking up leaves and getting rock in the alleys in preparation for winter. Cleaned up the old truck that we will try to sell in hopes of getting more than the trade-in allowance; (b) Water/Sewer: started hauling sludge. Busy with helping on the Granger Road project. We received 28 applications for the Laborer position and hired Adam Barnes who will be starting November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Police Chief Tim Ruroden reported they will be conducting interviews soon. The Chief and Sergeant will be attending a training for the mindset of an active shooter. They have been busy with investigations.

City Clerk Michelle Girolamo reported (a) October 28<sup>th</sup> will be the removal of the underground storage tank at the airport and we received a notice today that we met the criteria so all of the cost of removal and reporting will be reimbursed by State; (b) reviewing quotes for a new copier; (c) reviewing the draft copy of the Audit Report and filling out the MD&A; (d) preparing the Annual Financial Report.

Daren Sikkink updated Council on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Street West Project. It does not appear that it will be completed by the completion date of October 31, 2014. They have brought in extra crews but it still appears it will not be finished. A letter was sent to Skyline requiring them to propose a new completion date. There will be liquidated damages of \$1,500 per day after October 31, 2014. They have made some progress and will hopefully be finished with the watermain by the end of the week. There is still significant amount of work left on the sanitary sewer and the storm sewer and the road grading and paving. We will require the road to be drivable before they stop working for the winter even if it is not paved. They will get as much done as they can before it starts freezing. It will be difficult to maintain over the winter if it is not paved.

Loveless made the motion to approve the resolution accepting the Annual Urban Renewal Report of the City of Cresco, Iowa for the fiscal year 2013-2014 and directing the clerk to file the report with the State of Iowa Department of Management. Carman seconded and it passed all ayes.

McCarville made the motion to approve the resolution authorizing the City Clerk to renew the health insurance contract with Wellmark Blue Cross/Blue Shield. Girolamo stated that she contacted Wellmark to start the paperwork but it was contingent on the Council passing this resolution. Loveless seconded and it passed all ayes.

Discussion was held regarding nuisance property acquired October 1, 2014 at 134 North Elm Street. The previous owner came into City Hall about 10 days ago claiming that he did not understand that the papers he signed along with his attorney were giving up his ownership rights. Freidhof advised him to consult with his attorney. There has been no further contact with the City or our attorney. Consensus of Council was to proceed with getting bids from two local auctioneers for the contents of the building. The contents will be auctioned at a public sale.

Council discussed the building and determined there was no public purpose that the City could use it for. There has been no electricity or heat in the building for a while and the roof is leaking. The sidewalk is in very bad shape and the awning needs to be fixed. They discussed doing minimal repairs to the building until it can be sold. Discussion was that once

the contents are removed from the building, the City would accept sealed bids with a minimum bid set once all expenses are calculated for the building. The bids would then be opened at a public hearing and an auction would then take place with only people submitting a sealed bid able to bid on the property. The resolution for fixing the date for a public hearing on the sale was tabled until the next meeting.

Mayor asked if there were any comments from the audience. Willard Balk expressed concerns about the safety of children on 8<sup>th</sup> when school is released in the wintertime. He suggested that all the snow be plowed to the middle of the road and removed after every snowfall. Freidhof replied that they do try to haul the snow out a couple of times over the winter on that road. Currently we don't have the manpower to haul it out every snowfall but maybe we could look into contracting it out or working with the school to help haul it away. Balk also voiced concerns over bicyclists not adhering to the rules of the road, namely stop signs and traveling the wrong direction. Ruroden replied that they have given some tickets out for bicyclists breaking the rules. Both agreed that more education to young children as part of the school curriculum may be helpful.

Paul Lovell informed Council that he was interested in purchasing the building and would prefer that the City not spend the money to make any of the repairs since he planned to make many changes and would probably just tear out the improvements if he did get the building at the sale. He had been trying to purchase the building for over a year but the previous owner would not return calls or letters.

Carman moved to adjourn at 7:38 pm. Bouska seconded and it passed all ayes. The next regular Cresco City Council meeting will be at 7:00 pm on November 3, 2014 at Cresco City Hall.

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Mayor Mark Bohle

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City Clerk Michelle Girolamo

Following is a list of claims approved for payment:

ADVANCED SYS	Maint	70.49
ALEXIS FIRE	Supp	286.20
ALLIANT	Elect	920.80
BAKER&TAYLOR	Books	1,180.69
BLACK HILLS	Nat gas	29.40
BC / BS	Insur	23,608.52
BOB'S ELECT	Srvc, supp	13,807.68
BRUENING ROCK	StrmSewRpr	6,480.00
C.H. MCGUINESS	Srvc	800.26
CAMPSITE RV	LP tank/fill	66.46
CANOE RIDGE KENNEL	Srvc	98.10
CARDMEMBER SRVC	DVDs,supp	546.45
CITYOFCRESCO	Util, insur	2,733.08
COMPASS MINERALS	Salt	14,770.62
CONCRETE FND	Airpt seal	15,000.00
CO-OPERATIVE THEAT	Fee	420.00
CRESCO FIRE SAFE	Srvc	160.00
CRESCO SHOPPER	Advrt	339.93
CRES TPD	Publicat, advert	86.00
CROELL REDI-MIX	Supp	243.00
DALCO	Supp	965.57
DATA TECH	Supp	156.39
DEMCO	Supp	96.55
DES MOINES STAMP	Supp	45.90
FAREWAY STORE	Supp	32.06
FENCO PROD	Equip	2,349.92
FOLEY'S CONST	Srvc	182.00
GROUP SRVCS	Fee	317.75
H&S MOTORS	Rprs	406.67
HANSON TIRE	Srvc	259.45
HAWKEYE REC	Elect	4,570.52
HAWKEYE SAN	Grb/rcyl	44,143.80
HOGAN HANSEN	Audit part	2,000.00
HOLSTROM JEWEL	Supp	95.00
HRON, DEAN	Srvc	75.00
HYBERGER, RON	Reimb conf	168.58
IA DEPT TRANS	Durapatcher oil	355.50
IA LEAGUE OF CITIES	Fee	35.00
IA ONE CALL	Srvc	42.30
METERING & TECH	Equip	1,034.84
NATL ELEVATOR INSPECT	Srvc	58.00
NE IA TELEPHONE	Tech srvc	693.75
O'HENRY'S	Supp	175.58
PAYROLL		58,212.06
PEPSI-COLA	Concessions	1,000.20
PETTY CASH	Postage	140.97
PHIL'S LAWN SRVC	Srvc	40.00
POSTMASTER	Postage	75.00
RICOH	Copies	59.37
RILEY'S	Supp	92.77
RUPPERT	Supp	1,727.25
SANDRY FIRE	Equip	1,433.75
SCHOLBROCK MASON	Srvc	1,236.00
SCHUMACHER ELEVAT	Maint	137.21
SIGNS & DESIGNS	Supp	98.44

STATE HYGIENIC LAB	Analys	108.50
TECHNICOLOR	Fee	45.34
U.S. CELL	Phones	167.11
UPSTART	Supp	20.95
WALL ST JOURNAL	Subscript	323.88
WARNER BROS	Fee	700.00
WEBER PAPER	Supp	231.32
WINDSTREAM	Phone	334.67
WINKIE, DAVID	Reimb supp	52.74

GENERAL	114,200.50
LOST PROJECT	11,128.73
NUISANCE	174.00
MEDIACOM	544.49
EQUIPMENT REPLC	50.48
DRUG DOG	137.62
CRESCO COMM FIRE	372.96
ROAD USE	24,108.57
EMPLOYEE BEN	19,131.90
FC TRUST	75.00
WATER	13,012.84
SEWER	15,970.61
CAP IMPROVE	6,494.07
YARDWASTE	743.57
EXPENDITURES	206,145.34
Revenues 10/7 to 10/20/14	861,675.32