The Cresco City Council met September 16, 2013, at 7:00 pm at City Hall. Council members Carman, Bouska, McGee and Loveless were present. Council Member McCarville was absent.

Bouska made the motion to approve the consent agenda which included approval of the: agenda; claims; minutes of the September 4, 2013 meeting; class C Liquor License (LC)(commercial) with Sunday sales to Teluwut 2 LLC d/b/a Teluwut Grill & Pub; pay request #2 (final) for $13,078.88 for S&B Construction for Housing Rehab project, change order #1 and final acceptance for project; parade permit for Homecoming Parade on October 4, 2013. Loveless seconded and it passed all ayes.

Public Works Director Rod Freidhof reported (a) finished chip sealing and are now fixing some spots with the durapatcher; (b) during budget discussions will look at options for the yardwaste program by reducing the collection to just spring and fall next year and possibly grinding the waste instead of burning; (c) had some watermain breaks in the past few weeks and are fixing back the patches now; (d) experiencing problems with the controls for Well #4 so need to install a taller pole for the communication transmitter; (e) sewer is cleaning mains and compiled a list of manholes to be rehabilitated by Municipal Pipe; (f) water and sewer operators are attending annual training conferences.

Police Chief Tim Ruroden reported that two officers Godman and Hollenbeck both had baby girls in the past two weeks. Firearm training will be tomorrow. In the last two weeks, 3 officers from Iowa and Minnesota were killed so we give our respects.

Fire Chief Neal Stapelkamp reported that Aarin Reicks resigned from the Fire Department and thanked him for his 15 years of service. Three firemen attended training last week and six will go to fire school. There will be a special training in Cresco for manure pit rescue.

City Clerk Michelle Girolamo reported (a) Howard County Supervisors will have a public hearing to gift the old City Hall building to the County Store on September 23, 2013. If the gift does not occur, then the City will get the building back; (b) we are accepting bids on the farmland at the airport until October 7, 2013; (c) Library Board is considering changing personnel policies to be more in line with the rest of the City's departments; (d) an error was printed in the article on the front page of TPD that stated that the City turned down an offer from the County for them to pay for the entire bill and let the City pay it back over 10 years interest free. This was an error as the County only offered to pay for $100,000 of the $2 million project in which the City could pay the $100,000 back interest free; (e) Black Hills Energy will be installing 3 towers and sending postcards to their customers to convert to radio read meters. There will be 3 different letters sent depending on the type of meter the customer has.

Jason Passmore presented the recommendation of the CIDC Revolving Loan Fund Committee to approve a loan for Jim & Barb Holstrom to purchase and remodel a building. Jim Holstrom explained that they already fixed the roof and will be remodeling the building to create six spaces to be rented out for retail businesses. The two upstairs apartments will also be remodeled. The front of the store will be restored back to the original brick on top and the bottom will have mortar-less brick. McGee made the motion to approve the resolution approving the loan agreement for $30,000 by the CIDC and the City of Cresco Revolving Loan Fund to Jim & Barb Holstrom. Loveless seconded the motion and it passed all ayes.

Mayor Bohle performed the second reading of proposed Ordinance 447 to amend Section 105.05(5)(C) of the City of Cresco Code of Ordinances pertaining to recreational fires. McGee made the motion to approve the second reading. Carman seconded the motion. McGee, Carman and Loveless voted aye. Bouska voted nay citing that she did not think it was sufficiently protective of people's health. The motion passed by majority vote.

Loveless made the motion to approve the resolution converting the intersection at 6th Street East and 4th Ave East to a four-way stop. Bouska seconded and it passed all ayes.

Bouska made the motion to approve the resolution to approve and adopt the annual City Street Financial Report from July 1, 2012 – June 31, 2013. McGee seconded and it passed all ayes.

Carman made the motion to approve the resolution establishing a Money Market account at Cresco Bank & Trust and naming Michelle Girolamo, City Clerk, as the authorized signer on the account. Loveless seconded and it passed all ayes.

Girolamo updated Council on behalf of David Gosch and the Theatre Commission. New theatre seats are here but not installed yet. A grant from the Howard County Community Foundation Board to remodel the bathrooms will be used in the next couple of weeks. They are getting quotes on replacing the carpet and repairing the marquee. Air conditioners and furnaces need replacing for about $47,000. The Cresco Community Theatre group has offered to pay to replace the stage floor so we are grateful to accept their offer. Freidhof explained that the east wall is still too wet to repair the wall. We may need to hire a structural engineer to look at the building to determine where the moisture is coming from and suggestions to prevent future problems.

Freidhof reported that an asbestos inspection was completed on the waterworks building and there is probably asbestos on the towers and possibly some tar on the roof. A report will be received this week. The Mayor asked Council for their opinions. He explained that Council had looked at options previously and at that time decided there was no functional use for the building and the City does not want to own and maintain the building so it should be demolished. The City will require a business plan showing that they have the funds to fix the building and to maintain it in the future. Don Gooder requested Council to consider allowing the Boy Scouts to raise funds to fix up the waterworks building so they could hold their meetings there. He explained that the Boy Scouts can raise money because there is a lot of community support for the Boy Scouts. He presented a $15,000 bid from Grube Construction to fix the roof. The City had received a bid for $61,050 in December 2011 from Schwickert Company in Rochester. The Mayor pointed out that Mike Grube had not been given permission to get on the roof to inspect it before submitting the bid. Freidhof said it comes down to the fact that the City does not want to own this building. Gooder requested more time. Council said he had until the next meeting on October 7, 2013 and we could also get the results of the asbestos inspection.

Mayor asked if there were any comments from the audience. Jason Passmore reminded everyone of the Norman Borlaug Fest this weekend. The deadline is 9/27/13 for The Dream Big Grow Here contest for businesses to win a $5,000 prize. Apply online at dreambiggrowhere.com. Dick Wagoner said they needed to know what the target is for the fundraiser to save the waterworks building. The City reiterated that they do not want to own the building so they are not looking for donations or a fundraiser.

Carman moved to adjourn at 7:57 pm. Bouska seconded and it passed all ayes. The next regular Cresco City Council meeting will be at 7:00 pm on October 7, 2013 at Cresco City Hall.

Mayor Mark Bohle	City Clerk Michelle Girolamo

Following is a list of claims approved for payment:

ADVANCED SYS	Maint	62.94
ALLIANT	Elect	1,020.05
BAKER&TAYLOR	Books	886.43
BECKER, RYAN	Srvc	157.50
BC / BS	Insur	25,132.82
BOB'S ELECT	Srvc	5,452.21
BODENSTEINER	Rprs	239.52
BRUENING	Rock/chips	4,963.87
CARDMEMBER	DVDs	186.09
CITY LAUNDERING	Srvc	87.76
CITY OF CRES	Insur,Util	3,083.87
CRESC SHOPPER	Advrt	77.90
DATA TECH	Software &trng	7,941.09
DES MOINES REG	Subscript	264.02
FAREWAY	Supp	4.68
GROUP SRVC	Fees	338.25
H & S MOTORS	Srvc	90.20
HACH	Supp	432.42
HANSON TIRE	Srvc	179.50
HAWKEYE REC	Elect	8,094.96
HAWKEYE SAN	Grit	98.61
HEALTHY CONTRI	Fees	36.35
HOLSTROM,JAMES&BARB	RLF Adv	30,000.00
HOW WINN SCH	Transp	1,941.88
IA DEPT OF TRANSP	Supp	717.00
IA ONE	Srvc	39.60
JIM'S AUTO	Supp	16.64
KEYSTONE LAB	Analys	259.70
KIRKWOOD COMM	Trng	185.00
KWIK TRIP	Gas	138.72
LT MECHANICAL	Srvc	3,954.00
MERCHANT SRVC	Fees	71.92
MORSE EQUIPMENT	Rprs	444.80
NADA USED CAR GU	Subscript	99.00
NE IA TELEPHONE	Srvc	255.00
O'HENRY'S	Supp	321.20
PAYROLL		60,689.45
PEPSI-COLA	Concession	184.00
PETTY CASH	Postage	63.40
POSTMASTER	Postage	75.00
PUSH PEDAL PULL	Srvc	200.00
QUILL	Supp	42.67
RICOH	Copies/lease	453.60
RIEHLE DECOR	Srvc/rprs	15,000.00
RILEY'S	Supp	90.31
RUPPERT'S	Supp & postage	484.96
S & B CONST	Rehab hsng	13,078.88
SCHOLBROCK MASO	Srvc & supp	20,897.00
STATE HYGIENIC LAB	Analys	204.00
STATE LIB OF IA	Subscript	218.40
TEL-COMM	Srvc	642.50
U.S. CELL	Phones	134.44
UNIVERSAL PUBL	Advrt	125.00

VANDY'S SHOE	Safe Unif	112.25
WINDSTREAM	Srvc	101.88
ZARNOTH BRUSH	Supp	117.80

General Fund	49,004.51
LOSST	23,100.42
Mediacom	639.13
Equip Rplc	20,935.41
Office Equip	3,848.04
Cresco Comm Fire	323.72
Road Use	10,331.89
Emp Benefits	19,069.00
Emergency	642.50
Revolving Loan	30,000.00
Rehab Housing	13,078.88
Water Utility	13,335.00
Water Equip Replc	4,103.71
Sewer Opera	21,012.58
Cap Improv	9.89
Yardwaste	756.36

EXPENDITURES	210,191.04
Revenues 9/5 to 9/16/13	200,996.70