

The Cresco City Council met April 21, 2014, at 7:00 pm at City Hall. Council members Carman, Bouska, McGee, McCarville and Loveless were present. No council members was absent.

Bouska made the motion to approve the consent agenda which included approval of the: agenda; claims; minutes of the April 7, 2014 meeting; class C beer permit (BC) and class B native wine permit for Julie Langreck d/b/a The Stone Path; class E liquor license (LE) and class C beer permit (carryout beer) for Fareway Stores, Inc d/b/a Fareway Stores Inc #815. McGee seconded and it passed all ayes.

Public Works Director, Rod Freidhof, reported the street department has swept the town completely one time and will be continuing, the first yardwaste pickup is done, and we are installing new rear leaf springs on the yardwaste truck. Our Arbor Day celebration is planned for Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m. with a planting of an Elm tree at the fairgrounds honoring the memory of Don Davis. We are working on the rest of the tree locations. This is the 20<sup>th</sup> year the City of Cresco has received the Tree City USA Award. A new flag and signs will be placed along the highway. We received \$1,100 from Bruening Recycling for remaining debris from the old waterworks building. There will be no more credits on water. If you want to run your water it will be on your own. Now that people have stopped running their water, we will find the suspected leak we have. Most of the patches that need concrete replaced have been cut and are ready to remove just waiting for better weather. More pothole repair will begin next week. The sludge storage pipe has been repaired and ready to start hauling sludge when the weather permits. Drew Zahasky, myself, and some other volunteers will be setting forms on the bike trail for the rest of the fitness equipment the City received through the Fit-For-Life initiative grant a year ago. Additional equipment was purchased by the Cresco Bank and Trust, the C US Bank, and the FIT Running Club. Two pieces were installed last fall in Kessel Park. We will be installing the remaining 6 pieces along the trail starting at the Cresco Care Center trailhead down to the Nature Center. The City's insurance company, EMC, has made an offer to Jeff Wilson to settle his claim. We will need further clarification on this.

Police Chief Tim Ruroden reported that he, Officer Jarchow, and the K9 attended the Career Fair at the high school last week for 5<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup> grade students. We displayed many of the items we use in law enforcement. I have been helping Officer Godman with the Eddie Eagle program at the area preschools where it has been well received. Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, from 10am to 2pm there will be a prescription drug drop off at the Police department in City Hall. This is a nationwide effort.

Jan Carman reported the Theatre Commission voted against the Council's recommendation to increase the rent from \$600 to \$700 at least until the end of June. The Johnsons are working on a financial document as well as their hours worked, benefits of particular skills and knowledge needed to manage the theatre. They will let us know their weekly and monthly patronage. A company is coming to check out the marquee for needed repairs. Theatre seats are still stored in the 4H building and are still looking for a place to move them to. Bruce Buckley showed examples of monograms for the front doors. The Commission got together to talk about the perimeter for the operation of the movie theatre for when we may possibly put that out for bids. The Johnson's are working on a operations manual and were wondering if the Council could come for a tour of the theatre.

Jan also reported from the Chamber meeting that a new app is available for the City of Cresco you can put on your phone. It tells everything about the businesses and they can update their website there. There will be Family Fun Nights, one in May, June, and July. The HCBT banquet will be April 30<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 at the Expo with some of the Borlaug family attending. Admin Professional Day luncheon is Wed., April 23, from 11-1. The golf outing

will be May 16<sup>th</sup>. Harold Schug, Administrator of Country Manor Winds gave an update on the construction there and all the services they offer.

Amy Bouska reported the CIDC meeting was cancelled but will be held at the dinner. She reported the 3 main items discussed at the Library meeting were the flooding in the downstairs, the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations starting in Sept, and the volunteer policy.

There were no other committee reports.

Mayor Mark Bohle opened the public hearing on the Matter of Adoption of Plans, Specifications, Form of Contract and Estimate of Costs for the Construction of the 3rd Street West (Granger Road) Reconstruction. There were no written or oral comments. The public hearing was closed. Carman made the motion to approve a resolution Adopting Plans, Specifications, Form of contract and Estimate of Costs. McCarville seconded and it passed all eyes.

Two bids were received for the Granger Road Project, Skyline Construction for \$2,455,556 and the Wicks Construction for \$2,504,405.75. The construction cost opinion was \$1,770,000. The difference is due to the contractors already being very busy and the underground work projections higher than anticipated. Bill Angerman, WHKS engineer, discussed the Council's options of rejecting, awarding or delaying the bids and contract. McCarville made the motion to approve a resolution awarding the contract to Skyline Construction for \$2,455,556. Bouska seconded and it passed all eyes.

Mark Brinks discussed his proposal to cement a portion, approximately 18'x 200', of the alley between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Southeast for his truck wash business. He would do all preparation and labor and is asking the City to share the concrete expense for \$7,236.00. No decision was made at this time.

The applications received for Travel & Tourism Grants from the Hotel/Motel tax requested \$12,287. Hotel/Motel tax received was \$4,261.49 this quarter. Loveless made the motion to approve the recommendations of the Cresco Tourism Advisory Committee and award the Travel and Tourism Grants as follows: (a) \$2,300 Mighty Howard County Fair; (b) \$1,000 Thor-a-Thon; (c) \$1,000 Family Fun Nights. The Historical Society request for funds to digitize Cresco centennial movies was denied. The F.I.T. Running Club was denied because the request was after the event and recommends they apply next year before the event. Carman seconded and it passed all eyes.

Loveless made a motion to approve the Resolution Allowing for the Transfer of Funds and closing of the Rehab Housing Trust Fund #182 to LOST. Bouska seconded and it passed all eyes.

Loveless made the motion to forgo the default interest on an old revolving loan and to try to collect as much as possible. McCarville seconded and it passed all eyes.

Loveless made the motion to set a public hearing for May 5, 2014 to amend Chapter 151 of the City of Cresco Code of Ordinances pertaining to trees. McGee seconded and it passed all eyes.

Bouska made the motion to set a public hearing for May 19, 2014 to amend the budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2014. McGee seconded and it passed all eyes.

There was no action taken on the Airport grant application for a pilot lounge and fuel farm. Loveless made the motion to stay with the \$4,500 originally budgeted and approved in last year's Airport CIP to finish crack sealing the runway. McCarville seconded and passed all eyes.

Last year the Mayor and Chief Ruroden were approached to write a letter of support to Deb Morris and the HSNEI (Human Society of Northeast Iowa) for grant writing and the Trap, Neuter, and Return Program. We need further information on their program that

neuters feral cats and then releases them back into one of the trailer courts in town. Ruroden will contact the Human Society for the specifics and clarification of the “return” program.

Mayor asked if there were any comments from the audience. Jason Passmore reminded us that the HCBT banquet is open to the public and tickets are \$20. On Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at the Hawkeye REC at 1:30 pm the Chamber is hosting a speaker from Iowa State extension talking about workforce integration and diversity.

Carman moved to adjourn at 7:50 pm. Bouska seconded and it passed all ayes. The next regular Cresco City Council meeting will be at 7:00 pm on May 5, 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:

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| ADVANCED SYS       | Maint       | 70.49      |
| ALLIANT            | Elect       | 653.89     |
| ALUM-LINE          | Equip       | 250.00     |
| BAKER&TAYLOR       | Books       | 1,084.43   |
| BLACK HILLS        | Nat gas     | 450.09     |
| BC / BS            | Insur       | 23,893.46  |
| BOB'S ELECT        | Supp        | 30.38      |
| BODENSTEINER       | Supp        | 39.92      |
| BOOK PAGE          | Periodical  | 30.00      |
| BOUSKA, AMY        | Reimb       | 354.15     |
| BROWN SUPP         | Supp        | 385.29     |
| CITY OF CRESCO     | Insur, util | 2,947.85   |
| COURTNEY LAWN SNOW | Srvc        | 450.00     |
| CRESCO CHAMBER     | Planters    | 1,750.00   |
| CRES INSUR AGEN    | Insur       | 146,626.00 |
| CRESCO SHOPPER     | Advert      | 60.00      |
| CRESCO SMALL ENG   | Supp        | 13.50      |
| DUSTY'S TOTAL TREE | Srvc        | 2,500.00   |
| FENCO PROD         | Srvc        | 125.00     |
| GASSETT, DOROTHY   | Ref gar/rcy | 17.03      |
| GROUP SERVC        | Fee         | 328.00     |
| GRUBE LAWN GARD    | Supp        | 48.15      |
| HANSON TIRE        | Srvc        | 24.00      |
| HAWKEYE REC        | Elect       | 7,498.72   |
| HAWKEYE SAN        | Gar/rcyl    | 44,912.60  |
| HOW CO BUSS&TOUR   | Equip       | 950.00     |
| HOW CO EXTEN       | Meeting     | 200.00     |
| HYDRITE            | Supp        | 3,507.56   |
| IA DIV OF LABOR    | Srvc        | 25.00      |
| IOWA ONE CALL      | Srvc        | 18.90      |
| KIRKHAM MICHAEL    | Air Rpt9    | 7,500.00   |
| KUSTOM SIGNALS     | Supp        | 73.82      |
| MODERN MRKT        | Supp        | 165.51     |
| NE IA TELEPHONE    | Srvc        | 426.20     |
| O'HENRY'S          | Srvc        | 4.00       |
| PAYROLL            |             | 60,786.94  |
| PEPSI-COLA         | Concessions | 231.49     |
| PETTY CASH         | Postage     | 30.35      |
| POSTMASTER         | Postage     | 100.00     |
| RICOH              | Supp        | 136.67     |
| RILEY'S            | Supp        | 26.78      |
| RIVER CITY PAVING  | Cold mix    | 523.12     |
| SCHUMACHER ELEVA   | Maint       | 137.21     |
| SIGNS & DESIGNS    | Srvc        | 112.50     |
| STATE HYGIENIC     | Analys      | 105.00     |
| STOREY KEN         | Supp        | 765.48     |
| THOMPSON TRUCK     | Equip       | 1,022.34   |
| U.S. CELL          | Phones      | 200.38     |
| UNIVERSAL PUBL     | Advert      | 120.00     |
| VANDY ELM ST SHOES | Srvc        | 16.05      |
| VERMEER SALES      | Supp        | 18.00      |
| WEBER PAPER        | Supp        | 269.95     |
| WINDSTREAM         | Phone       | 119.96     |
| ZEE MEDICAL        | Supp        | 291.69     |

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| GENERAL                 | 198,758.44 |
| LOST                    | 297.62     |
| FIRE STATION            | 2,644.00   |
| MEDIACOM                | 602.10     |
| DRUG DOG                | 67.69      |
| CRESCO COMM FIRE        | 4,608.00   |
| ROAD USE TAX            | 22,453.50  |
| EMPLOYEE BENEFITS       | 17,360.23  |
| STREET ASSESS           | 2,500.00   |
| WATER                   | 21,762.32  |
| SEWER                   | 40,068.86  |
| PROPRIETARY CAP         | 105.60     |
| YARDWASTE               | 1,199.49   |
| EXPENDITURES            | 312,427.85 |
| Revenues 4/8 to 4/21/14 | 905,746.90 |