

The Cresco City Council met July 2, 2012, at 7:00 pm at City Hall. Council members Carman, Bouska, McGee, McCarville and Loveless were present. No council members were absent.

McGee moved to approve the consent agenda which included approval of the: agenda; claims; minutes of the June 18, 2012 meeting; tax abatement under the Urban Revitalization Plan for Todd & Gena Ollendieck; tax abatement under the Urban Revitalization Plan for Richard Holten & Bryan Sheehy; pay request #1 for \$74,656.39 for Skyline Construction Inc for 2nd Ave East Reconstruction Project; street closing for alley between 3rd St E and 6th St E on 7/21/12; street closing for portion of 3rd Ave E on 7/20/12. Mayor Bohle acknowledged the expansive remodeling project that H&S Motors will be doing to their showroom. Loveless seconded and it passed all ayes.

Public Works Director Rod Freidhof was absent but submitted a report: (a) 2nd Ave Project is at a standstill until the proof roll test passes and then the concrete can be poured; (b) nuisance house donated by Lee Lindstrom has been demolished; (c) Street dept continues chip sealing; (d) WHKS is working on GIS mapping; (e) nuisance house on Elm Street has been sold at auction by the owner so hopefully that will be cleaned up.

Police Chief Tim Ruroden submitted his monthly report. He also reported that officers have been enforcing the speed limit on 12th Ave and issuing more citations. They will continue studying the traffic patterns. The Fair went good with no problems. One of the damaged cars is back and the other car should be done next week. Bouska inquired when a proposed golf cart ordinance would be presented for review. Ruroden replied that there are many options and issues to consider. He will try to get a sample with options to Council in about a month.

City Clerk Michelle Girolamo reported that yearend processing went well and all departments appear to be within their budgets. There are a few projects that were not finished so they will be carried forward to next year and a budget amendment will be needed. A worksession is scheduled for July 18th at 5:00 to discuss the watermain looping project.

Hotel/Motel tax received this quarter for funding tourism grants was \$3,076.29 and requests were \$10,575. Loveless moved to award Hotel/Motel Tax tourism grants as recommended by the Tourism Advisory Committee as follows: (a) Howard County Peace Officers \$526.29 for National Night Out; (b) Fine Arts Council \$550 for Annual Art Show; (c) Cresco Chamber of Commerce \$2,000 for Norman Borlaug Fest; (d) Howard County Business & Tourism \$2,000 (paid from reserves) for Cresco & Howard County video. Loveless' motion also included \$2,000 to Howard County Agricultural Society for the Mighty Howard County Fair advertising to be paid from reserves. Requests denied were from Howard-Winneshiek Genealogical Society for a microfilm reader/printer and Cresco Theatre Commission for an illuminated display case due to lack of funds this quarter. It was recommended that both organizations apply again in the future. Carman seconded and it passed all ayes.

McGee made the motion to make a sewer adjustment for water not entering the sanitary sewer system for Barbara Mohs. Bouska seconded and it passed all ayes.

Mayor Bohle opened bids for the Scene Shop roof repairs. Mitch Madland Roofing bid \$14,750, Schwickert's Tecta America LLC bid \$17,990 and Moss Roofing & Insulation Inc bid \$13,946. Loveless made the motion to accept the low bid from Moss Roofing. Carman seconded and it passed all ayes.

Bouska made the motion to approve a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a professional agreement with Hogan Hansen PC to conduct an audit of the financial statements of the City of Cresco. McGee seconded and it passed all ayes.

Loveless made the motion to approve a resolution authorizing the Mayor and Personnel Committee to sign an agreement between the City of Cresco and Local 1068 American

Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees AFL-CIO. McCarville seconded and it passed all ayes.

Fran Burke answered questions from Council regarding the proposed Theatre lease agreement that the Theatre Commission had drafted. The Commission recommended keeping the rent the same and evaluate after a year with the new projector. Bouska requested that attendance figures should be submitted and also a copy of the business tax return submitted as required in their contract for justification of the rental price. McGee felt that the rent income should cover at least the utilities expense. The City is able to levy for taxes specifically for the Theatre so we receive almost \$14,000 in Theatre levy and we have allocated over \$3,000 of regular property taxes. Council felt that rent needed to be increased to help cover more of the costs. Loveless made the motion to increase the rent \$100 per month and to review tax returns and attendance records to evaluate the rent before renewing next year. Bouska seconded and it passed all ayes.

Mayor asked if there were any comments from the audience and there were none.

Carman moved to adjourn at 7:41 pm. McGee seconded and it passed all ayes. The next regular Cresco City Council meeting will be July 16, 2012, at 7:00 pm at Cresco City Hall.

Mayor Mark Bohle

City Clerk Michelle Girolamo

Following is a list of claims approved for payment:		
AMES ENVIR	TRAINING	286.00
BANCARD CR	POSTAGE	15.04
BITUMINOUS	OIL	17,440.45
BLACK HILLS	GAS	2,357.13
BOB'S ELEC	SUPP	1.58
BODENSTEINER	SUPP	198.65
BROWN SUPP	SUPP	188.60
CAMPSITE	LP	368.60
CITY LAUNDERING	SRVC	117.98
CITY OF CRES	UTIL	1,062.73
CPU	SUPP	231.97
COUNTY MATERIALS	SUPP	889.50
CBS	SRVC	1,200.00
CULLIGAN	SUPP	27.69
DECORAH ELEC	SRVC	953.66
DES MOINES STAMP	SUPP	41.85
FAREWAY	SUPP	9.27
GALLS	SUPP	351.98
GOSCH'S	SUPP	8.45
GROUP SRVC	SRVC	12,000.00
H & S	VEHICLES	36,884.00
HANSON TIRE	TIRES	1,498.60
HAWKEYE SAN	SRVC	42,806.30
HELPING SRVCS	DUES	1,000.00
IA ASSC MUN UT	DUES	841.33
IA CODIFICATION	SRVC	3,200.00
JOHN DEERE FIN	SUPP	2,189.10
KEYSTONE LAB	ANALYSIS	133.90
MERCHANT SRVCS	FEE	69.79
MIDWEST FIRE EQUIP	SRVC	1,140.00
NE IOWA APPL	SRVC	219.00
NE IA COMM	DUES	2,928.75
PAYROLL		67,708.96
POSTMASTER	POSTAGE	414.68
PRINCIPAL LIFE	INSUR	82.94
RUFFRIDGE-JOHNSON EQUIP	SRV	339.11
RUPPERT	SUPP	391.80
SAM'S DISCOVER	SUPP	4,361.67
SCHOLBROCK	CONCRETE	8,280.00
SIMMERING-CORY	REHB HSNQ	4,800.00
SKYLINE CONST	SRV	74,656.39
SPAHN & ROSE	SUPP	313.68
SPORTSMITH	SUPP	829.50
STOREY KEN	SUPP	219.10
TREAS ST IA	SALES TAX	5,768.58
UPPER EXPLORE	FEE	5,330.09
WHKS	ENGINEER	11,868.74
WILSON TREE	SRVC	404.91
WINDSTREAM	PHONE	940.41
	General Fund	112,642.37
	Road Use Tax	9,650.33
	Emp Benefits	14,845.63
	Emergency Fund	9,635.49
	Local Option Tax	60,540.79
	Cresco Telecom	256.87
	Rehab / Housing	4,800.00
	Smart Planning	5,330.09
	Street 2nd Ave Project	74,656.39
	Water Utility	11,685.63
	MSSU Operation	12,477.67
	Water & Sewer C.I.	119.44
	Yard Waste	731.76
	EXPENDITURES	317,372.46
	Revenues 06/19 to 07/02/12	123,418.92