

Mayor Bohle called the Cresco City Council meeting to order on January 4, 2016, at 7:00 pm at City Hall. Council Members Carman, Bouska, McGee, McCarville and Brenno were present. No council members were absent.

Bouska made the motion to approve the consent agenda which included approval of the: agenda; claims; minutes of the December 21, 2015 meeting; tax abatement under the Urban Revitalization Plan for Brincks Properties LLC; Excavator's License for MB Inc; displaying winter theme flags for the Driftrunners' Snow Fest from January 21st through January 26, 2016. Carman seconded and it passed all ayes.

Public Works Director Rod Freidhof reported (a) we had some breakdowns on equipment during the snowstorm last week but got everything going again. A tire blew out on the loader so we needed to replace two tires which cost over \$1,000 each; (b) started hauling snow piles out today; (c) Christmas decorations will be taken down this week; (d) Water Department is trying to get help locating the watermain leak. There have been lots of calls from contractors with questions about the Dollar General lot regarding water hookups; (e) Ron received the draft NPDES permit from the DNR so we need to respond by Monday. Ron, Michelle and Rod will review and discuss it with WHKS this week. Once the final permit is received, we will have two years to come up with the nutrient reduction plan which will be very expensive; (f) we're replacing the stoplights with LED. The 116 watt bulbs were replaced with 9.5 watt LEDs. There were some issues with the stoplights not operating correctly but they are fixed now.

Police Chief Ruroden submitted his December and his 2015 annual reports. He noted that it had been a very busy year. The new car is now in service. They are preparing for Senator Cruz to visit Cresco.

City Clerk Girolamo reported (a) Tim Wolter brought a check for \$773.75 from the Prairie Springs Recreation Trail to pay for half of the bike trail repairs done this summer; (b) UERPC is hosting a "Discuss Legislative Priorities" event on January 8, 2016; (c) budget worksession will be January 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:30.

Lori Brockway from Upper Explorerland Regional Planning Commission reported on the Northeast Iowa Regional Housing Trust Fund. Since 2010 \$356,848 has been spent on 59 housing projects in Howard County. Of the total spent, the local match was \$87,594. She requested the City of Cresco to consider increasing their local match from \$5,000 to \$7,000 or \$8,000. She also explained that UERPC offers services including: administering CDBG grants; rehab housing projects; 1<sup>st</sup> time homebuyer assistance; rental assistance. If the City is interested in any of the programs, Lori would come back in March to start the process.

McCarville made the motion to approve a Resolution Endorsing the City of Cresco Energy/Sustainability Goals as developed by the Cresco Energy Advisory Team. McGee seconded and it passed all ayes.

Mayor Bohle reminded Council to review the Code of Conduct and Laws of Interest as it pertains to elected council members.

Council Members were appointed to committees and board liaisons as follows: Public Works - McCarville, McGee, Freidhof, Girolamo, Bohle; Personnel - Bouska, Brenno, Bohle; Fire - McCarville, Carman, Bohle; Tourism - Brenno, McGee; CIDC - Bouska; Chamber - Carman; HCED - McCarville; Revolving Loan - Girolamo; IRP - McCarville, Bohle; Park & Rec - Brenno; Library - Bouska; Theatre - Carman; Airport - McCarville, Freidhof; Board of Adjustments - Freidhof; Planning & Zoning - Freidhof; Public Safety - Brenno; Cresco Broadband Telecommunications - wait to determine the need for this.

A written policy will be established regarding the recognition of retiring staff. No plaques will be done for elected officials.

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

Carman moved to adjourn at 7:31 pm. McGee seconded and it passed all ayes. The next regular Cresco City Council meeting will be January 18, 2016 at 7:00 pm 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:

ALLIANT ENERGY	Electricity	14,290.86
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	Natural Gas	4,905.87
BRUENING RECYCLING	Service	20.00
BRUMFIELD, CHARLENE	Dep Refund/Applied	80.00
CARD CENTER	Supplies	432.05
CITY LAUNDERING	Service	522.95
CITY OF CRESCO	Utilities	921.94
CRESCO CHAMBER	Tourism	1,414.20
CRESCO SMALL ENGINE	Supplies	252.65
CRESCO VET	Exam	14.35
CULLIGAN	Water Conditioning	188.04
CUSTOM COMMUN	Service	326.13
FOLEY'S CONSTRUCT	Service	109.00
HOLSTROM JEWELERS	Supplies	8.00
HCB&T	Dues	15,000.00
IA DIV CRIMINAL	Background Chk	15.00
JEVNE, EVAN	Dep Applied	10.78
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	Repairs	1,111.47
KENNEDY, RYAN	Dep Applied	56.03
KEYSTONE LB	WW analysis	1,308.90
MARCO INC	Copier Lease	495.00
MERCHANT SERVICES	CC Fees	179.10
METERING & TECHNOLOGY	Meter	311.99
PAYROLL		65,427.94
POOL TECH MIDWEST	Supplies	3,546.50
POSTMASTER	Postage	674.29
PRINCIPAL	Life ins	89.64
RACOM	Antenna	56.00
RICOH	Copier	600.21
SAM'S CLUB DISCOVER	Supply	2,560.19
SANDRY FIRE	Supplies	967.70
SANDRY, KEVIN	Dep Applied	57.49
SCHLUTER, ROBIN	Dep Applied	43.45
SIGNS & DESIGNS	Supplies	132.75
SPAHN & ROSE	Supplies	21.30
STOREY KENWORTHY	Supplies	216.97
TECH GEEK 2.0	Repairs	29.99
VOBR, BRIAN	Dep Applied	47.55
WHKS & CO	Engineering	1,730.80
WINDSTREAM	Telephone	1,088.08
	GENERAL FUND	82,000.95
	HOTEL/MOTEL TAX FUND	1,414.20
	NUISANCE HOUSE FUND	20.00
	FIRE STATION BUILDING FUN	469.07
	MEDIACOM FUND	287.90
	DRUG DOG FUND	44.58
	CRESCO COMMUNITY FIRE FI	1,695.65
	ROAD USE TAX FUND	11,634.20
	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS FUND	16.60
	STREET ASSESSMENT FUND	1,826.65
	WATER FUND	9,547.78
	WATER DEPOSIT FUND	295.30
	WATER EQUIPMENT REPLACI	109.00
	SEWER OPERATIONS FUND	9,399.57
	PROPRIETARY CAP IMPROVE	251.86
	YARDWASTE FUND	251.85
	EXPENDITURES	119,265.16
	Revenues 12/22-1/4/16	173,482.53