

The Cresco City Council met May 16, 2011, at 7:00 pm at City Hall. Council members Blake, McCarville, and Moore were present. Loveless arrived at 7:02 pm. Council member Amy Bouska was absent.

It was moved by Moore to approve the consent agenda, which included approval of: the agenda; claims; minutes of the May 2, 2011, City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Blake and passed all ayes.

Public Works Director Rod Freidhof reported: (a) Barb is working on the list of houses with the water shut off and is having difficulty due to the limited report options; (b) three trees were backordered but the other 37 trees have already been planted in the boulevards; (c) Kevin McGuire is doing an Eagle Scout project for landscaping around City Hall; (d) a fire hydrant will need to be moved for the school's new drive and we will purchase the new hydrant but the cost of moving it will be the school's; (e) an Emerald Ash Borer trap has been set up in town; (f) after reordering the ridge cap, Rick Bollman should start work this week on the street shop roof if weather permits; (g) 1st Avenue project is at a standstill until a section on the west end dries out; (h) service line warranty letters for water lines will be mailed soon and the letter for the sewer lines will be mailed this fall and all questions should be directed to the phone number on the letter for SLWA.

Bohle asked about the fire hydrant placement by the Cresco Laundromat and whose responsibility it was to mark it and Rod will check on it. McCarville asked about manhole problems in the street and Rod said it is on the list of sewer projects they are trying to complete.

Police Officer Shannon Cox had nothing to report for the police department. Loveless reported complaints received about drivers not obeying stop signs in the Webster addition.

City Clerk Michelle Girolamo reported that (a) all departments are on budget for revenue and expenses; (b) Park Board Ordinance update is something we will work on after school gets out and will work with the Park Board; (c) Wednesday May 18th at 4:00 is the joint work session with the County Supervisors; (d) July 4th is on Monday so the Council meeting will be moved to Wednesday July 6th; (e) the Strategic Plan had open houses for City buildings scheduled for June 12th but summer seems like a busy time so we will discuss it in August; (f) letters were sent to remind commissions and boards that vacancies need to be advertised; (g) Tuesday is the preconstruction meeting for the sludge storage project; (h) Wednesday is a webinar put on by the Iowa League of Cities regarding the proposed property tax bill impact on cities.

Mayor Mark Bohle opened the public hearing on the authorization of a Loan and Disbursement Agreement and the issuance of notes to evidence the obligation of the City thereunder. There were no oral or written comments so the public hearing was closed. Blake made the motion to approve the resolution instituting proceedings to take additional action for the authorization of a loan and disbursement agreement and the issuance of not to exceed \$500,000 Sewer Revenue Capital Loan Notes. Loveless seconded the motion and it passed all ayes.

Moore made the motion to move that the form of Tax Exemption Certificate and Loan and Disbursement Agreement be placed on file and approved. Loveless seconded the motion and it passed all ayes.

Moore made the motion to approve the resolution approving and authorizing a form of Loan and Disbursement Agreement by and between the City of Cresco, Iowa and the Iowa Finance Authority, and authorizing and providing for the issuance and securing the payment of \$500,000 Sewer Revenue Capital Loan Notes, Series 2011, of the City of Cresco, Iowa under the provisions of the City Code of Iowa, and providing for a method of payment of said notes. McCarville seconded the motion and it passed all ayes.

Deputy Clerk Denise Sheehy presented proposals for designing a new City website. The current one is difficult to work with and limited in capabilities. The committee was directed to choose the proposal they felt would give them the best support and be the easiest to work with. The council emphasized that IROC Web Design Services had really good references and a history of excellent customer service.

Loveless made the motion to approve a resolution fixing date for June 6, 2011 at 7:00 pm for a public hearing on the sale of real estate and manner and method of sale of real estate at 1207 3rd Street SW (Lot 6, Irr Survey of N ½ of SW ¼ of Sec 26, Township 99 N, Range 11, W of the 5th PM, Howard County, Iowa). Moore seconded the motion and it passed all ayes.

McCarville made the motion to approve a resolution renaming certain streets in the City of Cresco changing Yellow Avenue to York Street and 12th Street West to SMI Road. There has been a street sign showing SMI Road but the phone book shows 12th Street West and neither one works for the GPS system for deliveries. It has been known as SMI Road for years so to make it official, the staff is recommending changing the name. Only a portion of York Street is called Yellow Avenue so to make the whole road be York Street the staff is recommending changing the name to York Street for the whole road. Moore seconded the motion and it passed all ayes.

Loveless made the motion to approve a resolution approving wage and benefit agreement for nonunion employees granting a 3% increase in wages. McCarville seconded the motion and it passed all ayes.

Mayor Bohle opened the public hearing to amend the current budget for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2011. There were no written or oral objections so the public hearing was closed. Moore made a motion to approve the resolution amending the current budget for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2011. Loveless seconded the motion and it passed all ayes.

Moore made a motion to set the public hearing for June 6, 2011 to amend Ordinance Chapter 92 Section 02 and 03 regarding water rates. Loveless seconded the motion and it passed all ayes.

McCarville made the motion for a public hearing for June 6, 2011 to amend Ordinance Chapter 99 Section 02 regarding sewer rental rates. Moore seconded the motion and it passed all ayes.

Moore made a motion to approve a resolution changing the allocation of cable franchise fee revenue. Loveless seconded the motion and it passed all ayes. Council questioned whether the large existing balance in the Telecommunications Fund could be transferred to the General Fund or could be used for other purposes. Girolamo said she would research it.

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

It was moved by Moore to adjourn at 7:45 pm. The motion was seconded by Loveless and passed all ayes. The next regular Cresco City Council meeting will be held June 6, 2011, at 7:00 pm at Cresco City Hall.

Mayor Mark Bohle

City Clerk Michelle Girolamo