

The Cresco City Council met January 19, 2015, at 7:00 pm at City Hall. Council Members Carman, Bouska and McGee were present. Loveless arrived at 7:02 pm. Council Member Steve McCarville was absent.

Bouska made the motion to approve the consent agenda which included approval of the: agenda; claims; minutes of the January 5, 2015 meeting and January 8 & 12, 2015 worksessions; Class C Beer Permit (BC) with Class B Wine Permit and Sunday sales to DOLGENCORP LLC d/b/a Dollar General Store #2400; Special Class C Liquor License (BW) (beer/wine) with Sunday sales to Mad Cam Inc d/b/a Mables Pizza; Tax Abatement under the Urban Revitalization Plan for: Ann Marie Sullivan, David & Tamara Lickteig, Gary & Janell Langreck, Travis Cummings, Joseph & Barbara Labosky, C&W Properties; parade permit to establish snowmobile route through Cresco for the Driftrunners Inc; permit for supervised display of fireworks for the Driftrunners at the Howard County Fairgrounds on January 24, 2015. McGee seconded and it passed all ayes.

Public Works Director Rod Freidhof reported (a) Street: Christmas decorations have been taken down and put in storage. Trimming boulevard and alley trees. Minor repairs to a snow plow; (b) working on removing the old oil tank this week; (c) Sewer: replacing piping in the big digester tank. These pipes are over 40 years old and are the third and final tank. They are also experiencing problems with the drip pump and we are using a loaner pump. There is a leak in the non-potable water system that they have shut down until it can be repaired in the spring; (d) Water: still trying to locate a watermain break in the system; (e) Traffic Lights – problem with traffic lights changing too fast but was able to temporarily fix them until someone can come and repair them.

Police Chief Ruroden reported the Police have been busy last few weeks and he thanked Assistant Chief Winkie for filling in some extra. Officers have been busy with many investigations and making arrests.

City Clerk Michelle Girolamo reported she has been busy working on the budget.

Bouska reported they had a very productive Energy Management Team meeting. They brain-stormed and came up with many ideas for projects and started working on goals.

Stump Grinding bids were received for 2015. They were broke down by gas prices of \$2.50-\$2.99, \$3.00-\$3.49 and \$3.50 & up. Bids were received from Tarzan Tree Service of \$1.10, 1.00, \$.60 average \$.90; Walton Tree Service \$.90, \$.92, \$.92 average \$.913; Wilson Custom Tree Service for \$.95, \$.98, \$1.00 average \$.977. The bid requests were sent out before gas prices plummeted to below \$1.90 per gallon. The reason for the bid breakdowns must have been done in the past when gas prices kept going up. Consensus of Council was that the bids would be better if they were just bid for so much per inch regardless of the gas prices. None of the other bidding that the City does allows for gas price changes. Loveless made the motion to reject all bids and to go out for new bids with no reference to gas prices. Bouska seconded and it passed all ayes.

Carman made the motion to approve a resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into an Industrial Sewer Rental Agreement with Cresco Food Technologies LLC. McGee seconded and it passed all ayes.

Lori Brockway from Upper Explorerland Regional Planning Commission updated the Council on the Northeast Regional Housing Trust Fund. The City of Cresco has pledged \$5,000 since the startup in 2010 that goes towards the 25% match required by the Iowa Finance Authority. Projects in Howard County since 2010 were funded for \$270,025.45 of which \$204,136.75 was funded by Iowa Finance Authority. She also discussed other programs they administer if the City of Cresco was interested in doing other projects.

Police Chief Ruroden informed Council that he received a very good resume for a part-time officer. We currently have two part-time officers but both work full-time doing road maintenance. The potential candidate is a full-time certified Officer in the Postville

Police Department and is an instructor in several different specialties that we could use for in-house trainings. Consensus of Council was to add him to the list of part-time Officers to call if needed to cover shifts.

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

Carman moved to adjourn at 7:28 pm. McGee seconded and it passed all ayes. The next regular Cresco City Council meeting will be at 7:00 pm on February 2, 2015 at Cresco City Hall.

Mayor Mark Bohle

City Clerk Michelle Girolamo

Following is a list of claims approved for payment:

ADVANCED SYS	Maint	78.95
ALLIANT	Elect	98.38
BACKFLOW PRE	Srvc	270.00
BAKER&TAYLOR	Books,audios	1,136.74
BLACK HILLS	Nat gas	395.59
BC / BS	Insur	29,512.23
BOB'S ELECT	Supp	212.30
BODENSTEINER	Supp	62.65
CANOE RID KENNELS	Srvc	33.00
CARDMEMBER	Equip	287.90
CITY OF CRESCO	Util,insur	2,733.53
CPU	Srvc	120.99
CO-OP THEATRE	Fees	310.00
COURTNEY SRVC	Srvc	660.00
CREATIVE PRODUCT	Supplies	137.03
CRESCO FIRE SAFETY	Srvc	100.00
CRESCO INSUR	Insur	531.11
CRESCO SHOPPER	Advert,publ	120.00
CRESCO TPD	Advert, publ	657.97
CRICCET	Tourism grant	3,000.00
DALCO	Supp	589.30
DEANS BODY	Rprs	1,880.82
DEMCO	Supp	112.27
DES MOINES STAMP	Supp	61.95
FAREWAY	Concessions	27.49
FENCL OIL	LP gas	399.11
FENCO	Rprs	4,658.40
FOLEY'S CONST	Srvc	159.50
GALLS	Unif	732.24
GOSCH'S	Supp	17.45
GROUP SRVC	Fees	358.75
HACH	Supp	365.41
HAWKEYE REC	Elect	6,243.45
HAWKEYE SAN	Grb/rcyl	49,026.26
HOMETOWN ACCTG	Supp	50.00
HOVDEN OIL	Supp	583.55
HOW COUNTY	Shared LEC	19,108.74
HOW CO BUSS&TOUR	Dues	15,000.00
IA ONE	Srvc	6.30
IA POETRY	Book	9.00
IA SPORTS	Supp	191.85
JIM'S AUTO	Supp	19.16
K & H COOP	Lp gas	36.65
KAERCHER, DAN	Publ prgm	225.00
KEYSTONE LABS	Analys	1,319.65
KUBIK	Srvc	124.59
LAW ENFORCE	Supp	495.00
NE IA TELEPHONE	Srvc	988.75
NUSTEP	Equip	4,143.00
O'HENRY'S	Unif	66.00
PAYROLL		60,237.54
PEPSI-COLA	Concessions	1,434.10
PETTY CASH	Postage	19.93
POOL TECH	Supp	50.20
POSTMASTER	Postage	75.00

REGIONAL HEALTH	Srvc	198.00
RICOH	Copies	182.02
RILEY'S	Supp	280.16
RUPPERT	Supp	261.46
SIGNS&DESIGNS	Supp	72.50
SIRCHIE LAB	Supp	247.25
STATE HYG LAB	Analys	148.00
STOREY KEN THY	Supp	701.52
TECHNICOLOR	MovieRent	40.22
TEL-COMM SRVC	Srvc	40.00
TREAS, ST OF IA	Sales Tax	6,752.00
UNIFORM & ACCESS	Supp	384.01
WARNER BROS	MovieRent	350.00
WHKS	Engr srvcs	65,867.44
WINDSTREAM	Phone	56.91
ZEE MEDICAL	Supp	189.11

GENERAL	113,678.26
HOTEL/MOTEL	3,000.00
LOST PROJ	15,250.05
NUISANCE HSE	98.38
MEDIACOM	1,262.50
DRUG DOG	1,988.32
CRESCO COMM FIRE	631.11
ROAD USE	10,126.99
EMPLOYEE BEN	29,401.59
FC TRUST	4,302.50
STREET ASSESS	61,647.76
WATER	15,143.33
SEWER	25,457.77
CAP IMPROVE	2,807.74
YARDWASTE	249.08

EXPENDITURES	285,045.38
Revenues 1/6 to 1/19/15	152,956.75