

The Cresco City Council met December 19, 2011, at 7:00 pm at City Hall. Council members Bouska, Moore, McCarville and Loveless were present. Blake was absent.

Loveless moved to approve the consent agenda which included approval of the: agenda; claims; minutes of the December 5 City Council meeting; Class C Liquor License (LC) (commercial) with Sunday sales to Big Daddy Hideaway Corp d/b/a Hideaway Lounge; Class C Liquor License (LC) (commercial) with Sunday sales to Derek Deden d/b/a The Pitt Stop; pay request #4 from Magney Construction Inc for WWTP Biosolids Handling & Storage Improvements for \$34,892.84. Bouska seconded and it passed all ayes.

Public Works Director Rod Freidhof reported: (a) street department is repairing equipment and sanding streets; (b) water department has repaired two watermain breaks and are installing meters; (c) the final walk-through of the sludge storage project revealed a couple minor items to be finished before issuing the final payment; (d) Alliance Store debris has been cleaned up.

Police Chief Tim Ruroden reported they have been very busy and he appreciated the help from the Iowa State Patrol with the tragic accident a couple weeks ago.

City Clerk Michelle Girolamo reported: (a) financial statements were distributed to council, and all departments are on budget with revenue and expenses; (b) new Theatre projector is installed and the first digital movie was December 9th and the sound and picture were amazing. They have received approximately \$94,000 in donations and pledges including the City's \$30,000 donation. More funds will be needed to finish the sidewalk and restoration project; (c) website address is now www.cityofcresco.com and the old address no longer works; (d) Auditor will be here January 4th to present the audited financial statements; (e) Budget meetings with department heads will on Friday, January 6th at 2:00; (f) Oath of Office for newly elected and re-elected officials will be right after the meeting tonight.

Mayor Bohle opened the public hearing on the status of funded activities and Carla Organist from Upper Explorerland presented the report on the status for the project. The Cresco/Lime Springs comprehensive smart plans are funded through a Community Development Block Grant. Work completed through December 13th includes 5 steering committee meetings, city staff meetings, mapping, data collection and compilation, public input, plan preparation and draft plan. Total CDBG money awarded was \$22,500 with a cash match of \$11,250 and an in-kind match of \$11,250. As of October 31st, the Cresco/Lime Springs project has expended \$11,159.00 from the CDBG grant. Future work includes data collection, mapping, steering committee meetings, other meetings, plan preparation, draft maps, draft plans, final maps, final plans, public input, public review, review of plans by state and plan adoptions. End date of the project is November 18, 2012. There have been no changes made to the CDBG budget. There were no questions or comments and the public hearing was closed.

Mayor Bohle presented three stump grinding bids: (a) Wilson Custom Tree \$1.02; (b) Tarzan Tree Service \$1.05; (c) Walton Tree Service \$1.15. Bids were based on the average cost per inch depending on gas prices. Bouska made the motion to accept the lowest average bid of \$1.02 for Wilson Custom Tree Service for stump grinding for 2012. Moore seconded and it passed all ayes.

Richard Van Genderen questioned the City's policy of charging garbage and recycling fees to all customers on their water bills. The City encourages people to use these services and the Mayor explained that there would be no way to monitor who was using the services. We also don't want people to put their garbage on the neighbor's yard to avoid paying for the services.

Loveless moved to approve a resolution authorizing the City Clerk to apply for credit cards and enter into an agreement with Cresco Bank & Trust. Moore seconded and it passed all ayes.

The Mayor announced that the Tuchek property at 129 6th Ave East is now owned by the City. It was agreed that we would sell the property by sealed bids and auction as we have done in the past. The property is valued at \$128,030 and the land value is \$14,000. The City has incurred about \$3,000 in legal fees. Bouska insisted that the hedge needs to be pulled out as was requested by concerned citizens at the council meeting several months ago. The sale will be February 6, 2011 with a minimum bid of \$14,000.

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

McCarville moved to adjourn at 7:20 pm. Moore seconded and it passed all ayes. The next regular Cresco City Council meeting will be Wednesday, January 4, 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:

Advanced Systems	maintenance	56.20
Ahlers & Cooney	fees	1,653.86
Alliant Energy	electricity	38.45
BC/BS	insurance	22,718.10
Backflow Prevention Srvcs	testing	210.00
Baker & Taylor	books	835.45
Becker, Ryan	yard maint	170.00
Bina, Mike	park board	600.00
Black Hills Energy	gas	204.59
Bob's Electric	supplies	690.21
Bodensteiner Imp Co	supplies	56.19
Bruening Rock Products	rock	1,183.32
Buss, Carmen	mileage	34.30
Cardmember Services	books	104.10
Carman, Jan	mileage	63.27
Carquest	repairs	401.13
City of Cresco	insurance	2,582.69
City of Cresco	refunds, utilities	130.15
CPU	service	50.00
Cresco Heating & Vent	repair	308.65
Cresco Shopper	advertising	555.95
C US Bank	fees	26.38
Dean's Body Shop	repair	470.50
Fareway	bike trail lease	1.00
Fareway	supplies	16.94
Freidhof, Jeff	park board	500.00
Galls	uniform	291.39
Galvin, Paula	park board	450.00
Group Svcs	fees	317.75
Hawkeye REC	electricity	4,823.10
Hawkeye Sanitation	grit pickup	98.61
Healthy Contributions	membership	7.40
Howard County Recorder	service	72.00
IA One Call	service	18.90
IA Workforce Development	inspection	125.00
Ikon Office	copier	119.87
Iowa DNR	training	30.00
John Deere Financial	supplies	529.70
K & H Energy	gas	39.52
Lienhard, Linda	park board	600.00
Mack, Lance	service	250.00
Magney Construction	service	34,892.84
Marco	supplies	75.00
Municipal Mag't Corp	service	600.00
Municipal Pipe Tool	service	9,607.00
Murray Radiator King	repair	30.00
MVTL	wastewater analysis	215.05
Payroll		52,831.04
Pesticide Bureau	licensing	15.00
Petty Cash	postage, supply	28.18
Pool Tech	supply	667.04
Post Office	postage	75.00
Rileys Inc.	supplies	135.45
River City Paving	supplies	178.75
Ruppert Inc.	supplies	320.76

Safety-Kleen	repair	174.24
Schumacher Elevator	maintenance	127.42
Signs & Designs	maintenance	110.00
Southside Truck Parts	repair	238.53
Spahn & Rose Lumber	supplies	784.52
Steel Shop	repair	35.00
Truck Country	supplies	35.12
Tuchek, Michelle	park board	600.00
Tupy Construction	maintenance	450.00
Tyler Technologies	maintenance	607.48
US Cellular	phone	327.79
USA Bluebook	supply	780.88
Wa Tan Ye	tourism grant	750.00
Walton Tree Service	maintenance	850.00
Weber Paper Co.	supplies	75.18
Windridge	parts	54.46
Winneshiek Co-op	bike trail lease	1.00

General Fund	37,820.18
Hotel/Motel Tax	750.00
Road Use Tax	11,196.77
Employee Benefits	16,693.36
Local Option Tax	4,225.69
Cresco Telecom	320.56
Sewer Project 2007	34,892.84
Water Utility Fund	13,323.97
Water Deposits Trust	80.00
MSSU Operations	27,468.50
Capital Improvement	141.52
Yard Waste Fund	194.01

GRAND TOTAL OF FUNDS	\$147,107.40
Revenue Total from 12/6 thru 12/19/11	\$159,579.55