

The Cresco City Council met November 3, 2014, at 7:00 pm at City Hall. Council Members Carman, Bouska, McGee, McCarville and Loveless were present. No Council Members were absent.

Loveless made the motion to approve the consent agenda which included approval of the: agenda; claims; minutes of the October 20, 2014 worksession and meeting. McGee seconded and it passed all ayes.

Public Works Director Rod Freidhof reported: (a) Street: sand & salt has all been hauled in and mixed so we're ready for winter. The last yardwaste pickup will be next week November 10<sup>th</sup>. Working on alleys before winter; (b) Water/Sewer: Adam Barnes started today and is learning the lab work. They are still busy helping Skyline with the Granger Road Project. We are satisfied with the amount of sludge that has been hauled but will haul more as weather allows.

Police Chief Tim Ruroden presented his monthly report. The Chief and Sergeant attended a training for the mindset of an active shooter. Officers had firearms training.

City Clerk Michelle Girolamo reported (a) the Audit Report has been completed and is available for review. Hogan Hansen will be scheduled to present the report in November or December; (b) League of Cities requested information on the \$4600 Cresco spent on required publications; (c) Library Open House is Friday from noon – 4 pm; (d) Firemen's pancake supper is tomorrow from 4:30 – 7:30; (e) Arla is closer to getting the video to play on Mediacom so hopefully we will be able to play the council meetings again. We may purchase a new camera that will put the video in a different format to work better with the new computer system.

Carman updated Council on the Theatre Commission meeting. They have lined up free movies for November 16<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. Monroe Crossing will be here November 29<sup>th</sup>. The auction proceeds from the Chamber Banquet on November 8<sup>th</sup> will go towards repair of the Theatre Marquee.

Bouska attended the Housing Task Force meeting but asked Jason Passmore to update the Council. A public forum to display the findings of the survey will be December 4, 2014 from 4 – 6pm hopefully at the Fairgrounds. The public is invited to attend to share ideas and review the findings. They are looking for public input at this come-and-go event. The study was done on 3 cities and then the rest of Howard County so reports will be given on Cresco, Lime Springs, Elma and then the rest of Howard County as well as Howard County as a whole.

Carman made the motion to approve hiring Adam Barnes as a full-time Water/Wastewater Laborer at \$17.63 after the 90 day probation period. McCarville seconded and it passed all ayes.

Bouska made the motion to approve the resolution authorizing the City Clerk to sign the Custom Rebate Incentive Proposal with Alliant Energy Corporation. The rebate is for \$1,700 of the \$9,400 cost of upgrading to LED lights in City Hall. Loveless seconded and it passed all ayes.

Carman made the motion to approve the resolution accepting the Annual Financial Report of the City of Cresco, Iowa for the fiscal year 2013-2014 and directing the clerk to file the report with the Iowa Auditor of State. Loveless seconded and it passed all ayes.

Bouska made the motion to approve the resolution approving an auction house be allowed in the C-2 Zone at 117 & 123 South Park Place. This resolution was recommended by the Planning and Zoning Committee. Carman seconded and it passed all ayes.

Carman made the motion to approve a resolution establishing a City Energy Advisory Team. McGee seconded and it passed all ayes.

Loveless made the motion to approve the resolution accepting public improvements for the Airport Runway Joint and Crack Cleaning and Sealing Project. Carman seconded and it passed all ayes.

Three bids were opened for the purchase of a new dump truck: Thompson Truck & Trailer \$94,482; Don's Truck \$99,730; Truck Country \$96,616. Freidhof will review the bids to be sure they meet all the specs that were requested so the award of contract will be tabled until the next meeting.

Two bids were opened for conducting an auction of the contents of the building at 134 N Elm Street. Burke Auction Service, LLC bid 25% commission of gross sales. They would remove all items from the building within four days and plan to have two auctions. Davis Corners Auction Service bid 20% commission of gross sales plus \$2,560 cost for hauling out contents and \$420 for dumpster rental. The request for bid asked that the bid should include all costs of disposal included in the percentage of gross and the earliest date of auction. Due to the fact that Burke's bid was submitted following all of the requests made by the City, consensus was to accept Burke's bid except Bouska. Loveless made the motion to award the contract to conduct the auction by Burke Auction Service, LLC according to their bid. The estimated date of the first auction would be December 4<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup> with a second auction in January or February. Carman seconded and it passed all ayes.

Discussion was held regarding nuisance property acquired at 134 North Elm Street. In order to give Burke's enough time to remove the contents, Council decided to wait to set the public hearing for sale of the building until the next meeting. Costs that the City has incurred will be calculated so a minimum bid can be set. The tentative date of the auction was discussed to be December 1, 2014. The City would accept sealed bids and an auction would then take place with only people submitting a sealed bid able to bid on the property. The resolution for fixing the date for a public hearing on the sale was tabled until the next meeting.

Mayor asked if there were any comments from the audience. Jason Passmore of Howard County Business and Tourism invited everyone to the banquet on November 8, 2014. Iowa State Extension on November 19<sup>th</sup> at Hawkeye REC from 5-7 pm will have a public forum. Cresco has been chosen as a beta test site for an Agricultural Urbanization Tool Kit Design. November 5<sup>th</sup> ribbon cutting for Golden Ridge Mercantile. CUSB and Cresco Bank & Trust have generously donated money for the "Jingle in Your Pocket" campaign which will give out \$5,000 for shopping in Cresco during the Holiday season.

PWD Freidhof reported that concrete should get poured this week from Highway 9 to 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue. We need to decide if we allow them to keep working and remove the pavement between 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> so they can get the sanitary sewer and storm sewer installed this fall. It would be good to have the underground finished this fall and let it settle over the winter. Skyline would be responsible for all rock and dust control on that section throughout the winter. Girolamo also reported that we have been getting questions about paying their assessments early but we cannot accept the payments until the project has been completed and final assessments are calculated.

Carman moved to adjourn at 7:43 pm. Bouska seconded and it passed all ayes. The next regular Cresco City Council meeting will be at 7:00 pm on November 17, 2014 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	Elect	14,140.15
BENSON, COURTNEY	Ref mbrs	131.50
BLACK HILLS	Nat gas	2,135.67
BROWN CO	Supp	436.17
CARD CENTER	Trngs/supp	1,652.70
CARQUEST	Supp	79.95
CITY LAUNDERING	Srvc	468.02
CITY OF CRESCO	Util	1,218.90
CPU	Supp	217.90
CRESCO THEATRE	Movie rent	1,200.00
CRESCO TPD	Advrt/publ	185.15
CULLIGAN	Supp	140.61
DALCO	Supp	70.08
DIETEL, ANN	Dep Ref	59.48
DUFFY, JODI	Dep Ref	27.16
FAREWAY	Supp	12.56
FENCO	Equip	1,932.62
FOLEY'S CONST	Equip	2,108.68
GALLS	Unif	240.70
GRUBE LAWN	Srvc	352.73
H & S MOTORS	Supp	14.57
HARLAND TECH	Maint	2,748.00
HEWETT WHS	Concessions	1,015.65
HOGAN HANSEN	Audit srvc	1,200.00
HOVEY OIL	Fuel	244.09
HUDEK, MATT	Def Ref	59.45
IA DEPT NAT	Trng	60.00
IA DEPT TRANS	Supp	72.22
IA PRISON IND	Supp	204.60
JOHN DEERE FIN	Equip/supp	1,100.15
KCZQ-FM	Advrt	100.00
KRUSE, ELIZABETH	Overpmt Crt	506.25
KWIK TRIP	Gas	4,671.40
LIZA & CO	Dep Ref	90.24
MIDLAND SCIEN	Supp	161.89
NE IA MOTORS	Srvc	40.98
O'HENRY'S	Srvc	4.00
PAYROLL		57,984.13
PEPSI-COLA	Concessions	237.24
POOL TECH	Supp	215.43
POSTMASTER	Postage	456.29
PRINCIPAL LIFE	Insur	82.68
SAM'S CLUB	Supp	2,710.70
SANDRY FIRE	Supp	84.00
SCHMAUSS, KIM	Def Ref	43.95
SIGNS &DESIGNS	Srvc	54.00
SPAHN & ROSE	Supp	192.67
STANARD&ASSOC	Postage	15.00
STOREY KEN	Supp	85.99
TREAS, ST IA	Sale Tax	5,757.00
TRUENORTH	Insur	372.40
WELLS FARGO	Interest	47,783.56
WINDSTREAM	Phone	2,182.89
ZEE MEDICAL	Supp	375.85

GENERAL	60,945.76
LOST PROJECT	5,991.90
FIRE STATION BLDG	244.82
MEDIACOM	252.90
DRUG DOG	45.94
CRESCO COMM FIRE	2,335.28
ROAD USE	12,968.26
EMPLOYEE BEN	63.60
DEBT SERVICE	47,783.56
WATER	14,740.87
WATER DEPOSIT	280.28
SEWER	11,219.88
CAP IMPROVE	100.09
YARDWASTE	764.86
EXPENDITURES	157,738.00
Revenues 10/21 to 11/03/14	128,705.96