

The Cresco City Council met November 7, 2011, at 7:00 pm at City Hall. Council members Blake, Bouska, Moore and McCarville were present. Loveless arrived at 7:03 pm. No Council members were absent.

It was moved by Bouska to approve the consent agenda which included approval of: the agenda; claims; minutes of the October 17 and October 24, 2011 City Council meetings; parade permit for the Santa Holiday Parade on November 25, 2011; mortgage releases due to expiration for David & Michelle Ahern, Carol Metcalf, Mary Lindell, Florence Barnes, Adam & Susan Ollendieck, Joan Wernett, Violet Reinhart, and Verlaine Wilson. The motion was seconded by Moore and passed all ayes.

Public Works Director Rod Freidhof reported: (a) Sludge storage startup date will be November 14<sup>th</sup> which is slightly later than completion date projected; (b) Sewer-CIPP (cure in place pipe) on a sewer main is done and worked good; (c) Water-repairing patches from watermain breaks, continuing flushing valves, passed their DNR inspection; (d) Street-preparing for winter, cleaning storm sewer intakes, one more week of yardwaste pickup, fixing manholes; (e) Karr Tuckpointing inspected the Theatre and minor repairs may be needed so they will send an estimate; (f) Theatre roof repairs are done; (g) Nuisance house update-Tuchek house should be the City's in about 2 weeks, Graziano property - we are waiting for the bank foreclosure procedures before proceeding, 211 7<sup>th</sup> Ave East - bank has completed foreclosure so if nuisance is not cleaned up then we will start the process, 307 3<sup>rd</sup> St SE and 610 2<sup>nd</sup> St SE – the attorney is looking for addresses; (h) Street Shop roof is still waiting to be inspected.

Police Chief Mark Kissinger reported that it has been very quiet and no calls at all on Halloween.

Fire Chief Neal Stapelkamp reminded everyone of the pancake supper on the 8<sup>th</sup>.

City Clerk Michelle Girolamo reported: (a) Election on Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> from noon to 8 pm; (b) Deputy Clerk turned in her resignation so we are advertising with a deadline of Nov 18<sup>th</sup>; (c) Black Hills Energy did a weatherization on Howard Donlan's house; (d) RHS is having a meeting on November 17<sup>th</sup>; (e) requested that we set Wednesday, January 4<sup>th</sup> for the first meeting in January due to the New Year's Holiday; (f) the Strategic Plan had scheduled a public forum on November 16<sup>th</sup> but we will incorporate it with the comprehensive planning public meeting and perhaps introduce the new police chief as well.

Mayor Bohle opened the public hearing of proposed Ordinance 436 pertaining to the grade elevations of certain streets. There were no written or oral comments and the public hearing was closed.

Mayor Bohle conducted the second reading of a summary of proposed Ordinance 436 amending Chapter 138 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Cresco, Iowa, 1998, by establishing grade elevations on certain streets in the City of Cresco, Iowa, for the 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue East Reconstruction Project. Loveless made a motion to approve the second reading of the summary of Ordinance 436. McCarville seconded the motion and it passed all ayes.

Blake made a motion to approve a resolution waiving the third reading and third consideration of Ordinance 436. Moore seconded the motion and it passed all ayes.

Bouska made a motion to approve Ordinance 436. Moore seconded the motion and it passed all ayes.

Mayor Bohle opened the public hearing of proposed Ordinance 437 pertaining to the grade elevations of certain streets. There were no written or oral comments and the public hearing was closed.

Mayor Bohle conducted the second reading of a summary of proposed Ordinance 437 amending Chapter 138 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Cresco, Iowa, 1998, by establishing grade elevations on certain streets in the City of Cresco, Iowa, for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue

East Reconstruction Project. McCarville made a motion to approve the second reading of the summary of Ordinance 437. Bouska seconded the motion and it passed all ayes.

Moore made a motion to approve a resolution waiving the third reading and third consideration of Ordinance 437. Loveless seconded the motion and it passed all ayes.

Moore made a motion to approve Ordinance 437. Bouska seconded the motion and it passed all ayes.

Mayor Bohle opened the public hearing on the matter of the Adoption of a proposed amendment no. 1 to the Cresco Urban Revitalization Plan for the Cresco Urban Revitalization Area. Girolamo explained that this was extending a program for five years in which residents who improved their homes or built new homes were granted property tax abatements on the first \$75,000 for 5 years at 75%, 75%, 50%, 25% and 25%. Commercial property is 100% for three years. There were no written or oral comments and the public hearing was closed.

Moore made the motion to approve a resolution adopting amendment no. 1 to the Cresco Urban Revitalization Plan for the Cresco Urban Revitalization Area. McCarville seconded the motion and McCarville, Moore, Blake and Loveless voted aye. Bouska abstained because she could personally benefit from it. Resolution passed by majority vote.

Mayor Bohle conducted the first reading of proposed Ordinance 439 confirming the adoption of amendment no. 1 to the Cresco Urban Revitalization Plan for the Cresco Urban Revitalization Area. Loveless made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 439. McCarville seconded the motion and Loveless, McCarville, Blake and Moore voted aye. Bouska abstained. Motion passed by majority vote.

Moore made a motion to approve a resolution waiving the two readings and two considerations of Ordinance 439. Loveless seconded the motion and Blake, Moore, McCarville and Loveless voted aye. Bouska abstained. Resolution passed by majority vote.

Loveless made a motion to approve Ordinance 439. Moore seconded the motion and Loveless, McCarville, Moore and Blake voted aye. Bouska abstained. Ordinance passed by majority vote.

Mayor Bohle opened the public hearing for the budget amendment #2 for fiscal year ending June 30, 2012. Girolamo explained it was mainly for transferring funds from the Mediacom Fund to the General Fund for the Theatre projector and sidewalk and also unforeseen expenses for a sewer plant blower, engineering costs for the industrial park, and Theatre roof repairs. There were no written or oral comments and the public hearing was closed.

Bouska made the motion to approve a resolution amending the current budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012. Blake seconded the motion and it passed all ayes.

Mayor Bohle discussed the need for Council to decide whether to sell the Alliance Store or to tear down the entire building. The City is tearing down the addition and will maintain ownership of the back half of the property. The purchase agreement would include a right of reversion in which the City will require that there be heat, electricity and the building must be weather-tight within 6 months. The roof would need to be repaired within one year. Loveless made the motion to offer the building for sale for a minimum bid of \$3,000 with a right of reversion. Bouska seconded the motion and Blake, Bouska, McCarville and Loveless voted aye. Moore voted nay. Motion passed by majority vote.

Loveless made the motion to approve a resolution fixing date for public hearing on sale of real estate and manner and method of sale of real estate for December 5, 2011. McCarville seconded the motion and it passed all ayes.

Ernie Martin addressed Council to relay concerns regarding poor workmanship on replacing concrete in his driveway and sidewalks that were damaged by Windstream when installing fiber optics. He complained that they pushed all of the sand that his sewer line had

been embedded in away from his sewer line when they installed the fiber optics. He also had pictures showing the workmanship before and after of the cement work on his driveway and sidewalks. He hired an attorney and, with the help of the City's PWD, the subcontractor did replace the concrete on his driveway. The sidewalk still has many issues that need to be corrected to meet City code. The City has been in contact with Windstream and their subcontractors to try to get the problems rectified. Mr. Martin thanked the City for their help but wanted to be sure that Council was aware of the problems. The City will continue to monitor the situation and follow up with the issues.

Rod Freidhof informed Council that the Public Works Committee is recommending that the City implement a \$5,000 connection fee for water for people outside of the City limits. The higher rates charged to non-residents does not cover the expense of operating and maintaining the water department. Blake questioned whether this was consistent with what we had charged others such as Cresco Motor Company. Freidhof explained that the City did not charge them anything because that was different because he was part of a subdivision and the developer had to supply water to them and the developer collected when he sold the lots. Blake made the motion to accept the recommendation of the Public Works Committee to implement a connection fee of \$5,000 for people connecting to City water outside of the City limits. Loveless seconded the motion and it passed all ayes.

Irv Holub was not present to discuss water connection fees.

Mayor Bohle conducted the first reading of proposed Ordinance 438 amending Chapter 90 of the Code of Ordinances of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Cresco, Iowa, 1998, regarding connection regulations and fees for connections outside the City limits. Loveless made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 438. Bouska seconded the motion and it passed all ayes.

Bouska made the motion to set a public hearing on November 21, 2011 for proposed Ordinance 438 amending Chapter 90 of the Code of Ordinances of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Cresco, Iowa, 1998, regarding connection regulations and fees for connections outside the City limits. McCarville seconded the motion and it passed all ayes.

McCarville made the motion to approve a resolution accepting the Annual Financial Report of the City of Cresco, Iowa for the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 and directing the City Clerk to file the report with the Iowa Auditor of State. Loveless seconded the motion and it passed all ayes.

Loveless made the motion to approve the recommendation of the Personnel Committee to hire Tim Ruroden for Police Chief pending successful completion of state required testing. His starting date will be December 5, 2011. Bouska seconded the motion and it passed all ayes.

Bohle asked if there were any comments from the audience. Loveless displayed a certificate he accepted at the Chamber & CIDC Banquet on behalf of the City for being a Chamber member for 145 years. Jason Passmore then thanked all sponsors for making the auction a success with \$2,700 raised that will be donated to the Theatre projector and restoration project. Thanks to Cresco Bank & Trust and C US Bank, we will be doing the promotion of "Jingle in Your Pocket" with the winners announced live on KCZQ to encourage people to shop locally. A \$60,000 grant was received for the Northeast Iowa Regional Housing Trust Fund to continue the rehabilitation program. Teresa McGee asked about the new police chief and Bohle replied that he was originally from Northeast Iowa and anxious to move back. He and his wife have four children ranging from 2-13 years old. He has experience dealing with diversity and conflict and we feel confident that he will do a good job. There were no other comments from the audience.

It was moved by Blake to adjourn at 8:08 pm. The motion was seconded by Bouska and passed all ayes. The next regular Cresco City Council meeting will be November 21, 2011, 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	electricity	13,906.39
American Red Cross	fee	54.00
Aramark	service	497.82
Balk Lime & Ready Mix	concrete, rental	2567.73
Bancard	hotel, meal, gas	519.71
Black Hills Energy	natural gas	1,477.91
Bob's Electric	repairs, supply	514.23
Brian, Tracy	refund deposit	6.95
Brown Supply	paint, supply	71.50
C U S Bank	card machine	260.91
Carquest	filters, bulb	136.47
Casper Plbg	service	623.68
City Laundering	uniforms	123.44
City of Cresco	apply refunds	454.23
City of Cresco	utilities	928.96
CMI Inc.	repair	332.80
CPU of America	supply	32.99
Cresco Building Service	maintenance	100.53
Cresco Fire Safety	service	32.50
Cresco Ins Agency	insurance	25.00
Cresco Shopper	ads, notices	259.00
Cresco Small Engine	oil, equipment	75.37
Culligan	salt, softener	136.26
Dakota Supply	repair	439.72
Dalco	supply	1,718.26
Decorah Mobile Glass	repair	40.00
Fareway	supply	17.58
Fenco	parts, supply	324.21
Foley's Backhoe & Repair	repair	108.99
Galyan, Sam	refund deposit	34.79
Gosch Inc.	furnace, supply	2,490.55
Group Services	admin fee	317.75
Grube Construction	repair	1,506.00
H & S Motors	service	183.23
Hanson Tire	service	292.98
Hawkeye Sanitation	garbage & recycling	42,664.16
Ho Co Recorder's Office	record mtg	57.00
Holstrom's Jewelry	uniform supply	9.00
Hovey Oil	diesel, oil, grease	928.06
Howard County	shared lec costs	14,870.88
Hydrite Chemical Co.	chemicals	2,141.34
Hygienic Laboratory	analysis	475.00
IA DNR	permit	350.00
IA LEIN	conference	165.00
IA Sports Supply	equipment	138.88
IA Water Environment Assn	conference	30.00
Ikon	copy machine	1,074.72
Iroc Web Design	website	2,725.00
J.P. Cooke	supply	48.16
Keith Gibson, PH. D.	testing	75.00
Klimesh, Kathryn Newton	refund deposit	53.52

Kwik Trip	gas, diesel	3,534.53
Masonry Technology	refund	946.97
McGee Estate, Marj	garbage refund	5.57
McMaster-Carr	hoist, parts	243.57
Metro Swim Shop	resale	679.05
Mettler Toledo	calibrate scale	225.00
Morse Equipment	supply	54.00
MVTL	wastewater analysis	243.45
North American Salt Co.	salt	7,216.84
Pavlovec, Roger	refund deposit	16.94
payroll # 22		57,439.39
Pepsi	concession	252.30
Perry Novak Electric	rental	350.00
petty cash	reimburse	49.58
Pool Tech	pool parts	60.70
Racom Corp.	installation, maint	1,108.64
Regional Health Services	screening	53.10
Riley's Inc.	calculator	175.00
RLS Construction Supply	blade	279.99
Ruppert Inc.	supply, ups	202.62
Sam's Discover	resale, supply	2,174.76
Sandry Fire Supply	equipment	87.00
Scholbrock Masonry, LLC	sidewalks, curb	650.00
Smith, Derek	refund deposit	40.85
Smith, Jennifer L.	refund deposit	56.94
Spahn & Rose Lumber	posts	17.26
Sportsmith	equipment	102.84
St. Lukes Center	testing	37.00
Stanard & Associates	testing	11.00
Storey Kenworthy	supply	408.00
Sun Life	life ins	43.45
TPD	notices	597.02
Treasurer, State of IA	sales tax	5,409.44
True North	fireman, ins	372.40
U.S. Postmaster	postage	380.64
Up & Running Electronics	supply	52.98
Upper Explorerland	comprehensive planning	11,159.00
Verizon	phone	74.59
Von Bokern	labor negotiations	1,625.00
Weber Paper Co.	gloves	42.04
Wells Fargo	loan fee	400.00
WHKS	engineering	2,497.39
Windridge Impl	filters, oil	659.89
Windstream	phone	977.40
Zee Medical	first aid, safety	258.30
	General Fund	110,468.81
	Road Use Tax	12,525.69
	Employee Benefits	10,196.17
	Local Option Tax	18,356.06
	Cresco Telecom	446.00
	Rehab Housing Forf/Trust	57.00
	Street Trust Fund	0.60

Debt Service Fund	400.00
Smart Planning Grant	11,159.00
Water Utility Fund	19,108.60
Water Deposits Trust Fund	640.00
Water Utility Repair/Replacem	2.75
MSSU Operations	12,795.41
Capital Improvement	179.04
Yard Waste Fund	1,355.46
GRAND TOTAL OF FUNDS	197,690.59
Revenue Total of Funds f from 10/18/11 thru 11/7/11	563,340.54