

The Cresco City Council met April 4, 2011, at 7:00 pm at City Hall. Council members Blake, Bouska, Loveless, McCarville, and Moore were present. 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 March 21, 2011, City Council meeting; approval of Class B Native Wine Permit (WBN) for Plantpeddler, Inc. dba Plantpeddler; approval of Tree Surgeon License for Kevin Neuzil, Steve Hubka and Zach Steinmetz dba Tarzan Tree Service, LLC; approval of Excavator's License for James Kitchen dba Kitchen Construction, Inc.; approval of release of mortgage for Victor Mecklenburg. The motion was seconded by Moore and passed all ayes.

Public Works Director Rod Freidhof reported on: (a) press release in the paper informing citizens they can purchase flood insurance as part of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP); (b) community gardens are down to only two that are still interested. Working up the plot will cost \$35 per plot; (c) several nuisance letters were mailed out after complaints were received; (d) several nuisance houses should be cleaned up this month or they will be turned over to the city attorney; (e) we purchased a jet truck from the City of Harland and they will train our employees.

Police Officer Richard Hollenbeck reported that there has been no unusual activity.

City Clerk Michelle Girolamo reported that (a) Public Works Committee will be meeting with two engineers from WHKS to discuss possible future street assessment projects; (b) Black Hills Energy prepared a letter highlighting all of the community projects they have done for Cresco in the past year; (c) Mark Cory of Ahlers & Cooney thought we should be able to shift some of the excess GO Bond proceeds from the sludge storage project to a street assessment project because of the way the bond papers were written up.

Marla Johnson and David Gosch presented a fundraising project to update the 35 mm film projector to a digital and 3D projector. The current 35 mm film will be obsolete in 2-3 years and our equipment is breaking and parts are not available. Also, the sidewalk is in need of repair in front of the Theatre so they thought they could recognize donors in stars in the sidewalk. They received quotes from a couple of different options for replacing the sidewalk with a cement sidewalk and then stamp and seal the concrete with bricks and pavers which would need sealing every two years. There is also an option of doing concrete with an overlay for the brick road, stars with names of donors or memorials and a medallion. It would be a yellow brick road to tie into the Theatre theme. David Gosch is willing to donate an in-floor heat system to heat the sidewalk. Blake made a motion for the Theatre Commission to proceed with the fundraising program and run it through Criccett. Loveless seconded the motion and it passed all ayes.

Diane Kueker, representing Howard County Charitable Projects, Inc., presented a report on the County Store. The County Store's building lease expires in April and they were requesting the City to extend the lease for another year or two. They are working with many local non-profit organizations and creating jobs and bringing in an average of 55-85 paying customers. They have had tremendous success in working with many people and will continue to help the citizens of Cresco and surrounding areas. They understand the City does not want to be landlords but are requesting additional time to apply for grants to help them in purchasing the building. Blake made a motion to approve a resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into a lease agreement with Howard County Charitable Projects, Inc. McCarville seconded the motion and it passed all ayes.

Neil Shaffer informed the Council about what the Howard Soil and Conservation Service has been doing. He researched opportunities to pay for sinkhole issues but there are no grants available right now. The Watershed Improvement Review Board (WIRB) grant could be available in the future but there is no funding right now. The exciting news is that they have received a Silver Creek Planning Grant which is a 319 DNR Watershed type grant and is funded by the EPA and administered by the DNR. Only three of these grants were awarded. A portion of the City north of highway 9 is in the Silver Creek Watershed. In the next 18 months they will be doing monitoring and developing a plan. There may be some urban aspects that may be available for cost sharing projects. Silver Creek is a disappearing creek where it goes underground for a distance and then reappears above ground. It is inconclusive whether the

sinkhole runs into the Silver Creek so it may not be eligible for the Silver Creek grant but they will keep an eye out for any available WIRB grants.

Oscar Arras from Service Line Warranties of America (SLWA) discussed the City approving a marketing agreement with them whereas they would send a Council approved letter out to citizens of Cresco offering a service line warranty for their water and sewer lines. This would be an insurance policy and would be completely voluntary for any interested resident. SLWA would contract with local plumbers so all work would be done by local plumbers. Annually the City would be paid 10% of the revenue from warranty subscriptions collected in return for the City granting a non-exclusive license to use Cresco's name and logo on letterhead and marketing materials. SLWA is working with the Iowa League of Cities to be endorsed by them and has already been endorsed by the National League of Cities as cited in an article in the Cityscape Magazine.

Jason Connor and Larry Liefeld from Upper Explorerland Regional Planning Commission discussed the Smart Planning Grant that Cresco and Lime Springs have been awarded. They are requesting Council to sign the contract so they can move forward in forming the steering committee to start the process. They will be assisting the City in updating the comprehensive land use plan and hazard mitigation and a FEMA approved plan for a watershed program. This grant went through IDED as a CDBG so therefore there are many documents required for compliance. It is a reimbursed grant and pays fifty cents on the dollar. The project awarded was \$45,000 so a grant of \$22,500 and a match of \$22,500 to be split between Cresco and Lime Springs.

Loveless made the motion to approve a resolution to request the assistance of the staff of the Upper Explorerland Regional Planning Commission. Bouska seconded the motion and it passed all ayes. Bouska made the motion to approve the Policy on the Prohibition of the Use of Excessive Force. Moore seconded the motion and it passed all ayes. McCarville made the motion to approve the Guideform Residential Antidisplacement and Relocation Assistance Plan. Bouska seconded the motion and it passed all ayes. Bouska made the motion to approve the signature authorization for alternate signators. McCarville seconded the motion and it passed all ayes. Bouska made the motion to approve the Code of Conduct. Loveless seconded the motion and it passed all ayes. Moore made the motion to approve the Equal Opportunity Policy Statement. McCarville seconded the motion and it passed all ayes. Moore made the motion to approve the Affirmative Fair Housing Policy. Loveless seconded the motion and it passed all ayes. Moore made the motion to approve the Procurement Policy. Loveless seconded the motion and it passed all ayes.

Loveless made the motion to set the Public Hearing for April 18, 2011 for Budget Amendment #2 for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2011. Blake seconded the motion and it passed all ayes.

Moore made the motion to award the housing rehabilitation contract for 506 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue West to S&B Construction in the amount of \$19,626.44. Loveless seconded the motion and it passed all ayes. Bouska made the motion to award the housing rehabilitation contract for 110 4<sup>th</sup> Street West to S&B Construction in the amount of \$24,349.39. Moore seconded the motion and it passed all ayes.

Moore inquired as to when work would begin on 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue. Work should start in May and must be completed in July. McCarville asked about York Street and that will probably be starting soon because bids were already opened. McCarville inquired about the street shop roof. Rod has talked to the insurance company and the bonding company and they should be getting back to us soon. Despite ceiling fans and the dehumidifiers there were still some moisture issues but not as bad as the previous year.

There were no comments from the audience.

It was moved by Bouska to adjourn at 8:03 pm. The motion was seconded by Moore and passed all ayes. The next Cresco City Council meeting will be held April 18, 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:

Ho Co Recorder	recording fees	33.00
ISU Extension	workshop	165.00
Petty Cash	reimbursement	130.36
Sidwell Co.	GPS training	5,057.00
Gosch's Inc.	service, installation	368.90
Bancard Services	website domain	179.90
Pecinovsky, Clair	reimbursement	67.55
Veri-Tank Inc	tank testing	65.00
Alliant Energy	electricity	10,095.62
Black Hills Energy	natural gas	2,308.27
City of Cresco	utilities	156.03
Group Services	admin fee	594.50
Kwik Trip	gas, diesel	3,744.63
Storey Kenworthy	office supply	219.48
Sun Life	life insurance	47.35
USPO	postage utility bills, April	361.62
Windstream	phone	893.17
American Test Center	ladder inspection	885.80
IA Division of Labor Service	boiler inspection	125.00
Alliant Energy	electricity	4,046.02
Alum-Line Inc.	fitness repair	101.10
Black Hills Energy	natural gas	4,674.75
Casper Plbg & Htg	service calls	2,986.20
Culligan	salt	42.00
Dalco	supply	600.62
IA Depart of Public Health	pool, spa registration	70.00
IA Park & Rec Assn	workshop	220.00
Metro Swim Shop	resale	2,997.00
Mitchell Co. Inspections	pool, spa inspection	406.00
Print Shop Plus	rec program	482.00
Sam's Discover Card	resale, supply	550.53
Zee Medical	first aid supply	166.40
City of Cresco	utilities	1,142.14
Hawkeye Sanitation	garbage fees	42,172.92
Sherwin-Williams	paint	419.17
Verizon	park phone	71.35
Black Hills Energy	natural gas	64.67
Dean's Body Shop	vehicle repair	2,651.30
Hanson Tire	repair	210.85
Malli Construction	police shed	3,291.54
Culligan	water conditioning	27.69
Mc2 Inc	supply	715.32
MVTL	wastewater analysis	820.45
Camp Site RV	lp tank fill	19.28
River City Paving	cold mix asphalt	755.74
Road Machinery & Supplies	manual	94.49
Signs & Designs	signs	14.00
Spahn & Rose	posts, supply	179.59
City Laundering	clean uniforms	11.40
IA Assn of Municipal Utilities	dues	417.32

Northern Safety Co.	safety vests	111.40
City of Cresco	deposit refund	80.00
Fareway	supply	8.44
Hygienic Laboratory	water analysis	186.00
Up & Running Electronics	supply	17.11
payroll		67,103.44

- General Fund
- Road Use Tax
- Employee Benefits
- Emergency Fund
- Local Option Tax
- Cresco Telecom
- Equipment/Repair-Fitness
- Equipment Replacement
- Debt Service Fund
- Street Project 2007
- Sewer Project 2007
- Water Utility Fund
- Water Deposits Trust Fund
- MSSU Operations
- MSSU Rev Bond
- Capital Improvement
- Yard Waste Fund

GRAND TOTAL OF FUNDS

Revenue Total of funds from 3/22/2011-4/4/2011