

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

McCarville made the motion to approve the consent agenda which included approval of the: agenda; claims; minutes of the January 20, 2014 meeting; minutes from January 20 and 22, 2014 worksessions. McGee seconded and it passed all ayes.

Public Works Director Rod Freidhof reported: (a) 21 letters were mailed last week to shovel sidewalks after receiving a list from the postmaster; (b) Street Department busy with snow removal. They are doing the best they can so hoping the residents will be patient and work with the City; (c) Black Hills and Alliant Energy each awarded the City a \$750 grant for trees; (d) we are still adding ferric chloride to our sewer system at the sewer plant. It is helping with our settling problems in the clarifiers and we are monitoring it and reducing the amount added; (e) 8" watermain break near SMI was fixed last week and appreciate Donaldsons working with us when we shut off their water. Two more watermain breaks were repaired today; (f) insurance adjuster walked through seven city buildings and recommended installing emergency lighting at the Theatre; (g) Dave Gosch is investigating a solar or geothermal link for the HVAC system at the Theatre; (h) discussed 2 hour call-back policy for emergency calls for frozen waterlines.

Police Chief Tim Ruroden submitted his monthly report for January 2014.

City Clerk Michelle Girolamo reported (a) Mediacom sent a notice that the rate schedule for installation will increase; (b) statement billing is now available for customers who receive multiple postcards for water bills; (c) email billing will soon be available after we experiment to make sure it is working correctly; (d) we received a 10% royalty check from Service Line Warranties of America for \$2,417; (e) Eric Johnson will be at the next council meeting with the Airport Layout Plan.

Mayor Bohle opened the Public Hearing on proposed Resolution of Necessity for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Street West (Granger Road) Reconstruction Project. The City's Engineer, Daren Sikkink, from WHKS presented a powerpoint explaining the project and assessment process. Owners of property adjacent to the Granger Road should have received a letter showing their assessment. Fifty percent of the cost of the street, curb and gutter will be assessed to adjacent property owners. The cost of intersections, storm sewers, sanitary sewers and watermains are not assessed and will be paid by the City of Cresco. The City is actually paying 77% of the total project due to tax deficiencies, agricultural deferrals, assessments for city owned property and the non-assessable costs of the project. The width of the road will be narrowed to 31 feet for the urban section and 24 feet for the rural section. Concrete will be at least 6 inches thick but the engineers are still researching. Request for bids will start on March 17<sup>th</sup> and on April 17<sup>th</sup> the bids will be considered at an open meeting. Construction will hopefully begin in June 2014 and be finished in October 2014. Assessments can be paid over 10 years and will be added to the property taxes. Interest will be 1% over the rate the City will pay on the loan for this project. Many comments were received including: having the rest of city pay more to reduce burden on property owners; because the road is so heavily travelled collecting from the users; having the County help fund the cost because it is a farm-to-market road; concerns about no parking allowed on the street; enforcing the speed limit to slow down the truck traffic; limiting the weight of trucks. The City did research the availability of grants and also asked Howard County to help fund the project but they don't have any extra funds either. Estimated increase to the property tax levy for the City is about \$1.69 per \$1,000 of taxable value for all Cresco residents. The Council had considered all subjects that were brought up and the conclusion was that the road is in such poor condition and the waterlines and valves need fixing that this project is necessary. Costs will continue to rise as well as interest rates so it seems like this is the best time to do the project. The Council hopes that by doing our project at the same time the County is

repaving the road to Lime Springs that we will get a lower bid. A written objection was read from Beverly Koshatka. No further objections were received so Carman made the motion to close the Public Hearing. Bouska seconded and it passed all ayes.

McCarville made the motion to approve a resolution with respect to the adoption of the Resolution of Necessity proposed for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Street West (Granger Road) Reconstruction. Loveless seconded and it passed all ayes.

Bouska made the motion to approve a resolution directing preparation of detailed plans and specifications, form of contract and notice to bidders on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Street West (Granger Road) Reconstruction. McGee seconded and it passed all ayes.

Bids for the stump grinding for the next year were opened. Bids were based on gas prices: Dusty's Total Tree Service \$.95/.96/.97 average \$.96; Tarzan Tree Service \$.90/.95/1.00 average \$.95; Walton Tree Service \$.90/.93/.99 average \$.94. Loveless made the motion to award the contract to the low bidder Walton Tree Service. Bouska seconded and it passed all ayes.

A request for credit on sewer not entering the sanitary sewer from Jonathon and Fran Hayek was discussed. After a lengthy discussion, it was decided that since an outside faucet was turned on by minor children without any knowledge of the adult homeowners that credit for the sewer charges would be granted. The water did not enter the sanitary sewer and was done without the knowledge of the homeowners. Bouska made the motion to grant credit for the sewer charges of \$431.77. Loveless seconded and it passed all ayes.

PWD Freidhof presented a proposed yardwaste collection calendar. No yardwaste will be picked up from June through September 28<sup>th</sup>. There will be four pick-up dates in the spring and also five in the fall. The yardwaste site will remain open all year. The reduced curbside pick-ups will enable the billing fees to stay the same and not increase to pay the extra cost of grinding the yardwaste this next year. Carman made the motion to approve the yardwaste calendar for 2014. McGee seconded and it passed all ayes.

Loveless made the motion to approve the recommendation of the Personnel Committee to appoint Dean Reicks as the Street Superintendent to replace John Schmauss who is retiring. Carman seconded and it passed all ayes.

Carman made the motion to approve the appointment of Cody Courtney as a Street Laborer to replace Dean Reicks. Cody transferred from the Sewer Department. McGee seconded and it passed all ayes.

McGee made the motion to approve the resolution that the City will pay the ACA (Affordable Care Act) fees for the employee and the fees for family members will be passed on to the employee to pay. Loveless seconded and it passed all ayes.

Loveless made the motion to write off an uncollectible account balance of \$462.63 due to discharge of debt in bankruptcy filing. McCarville seconded and it passed all ayes.

Mayor asked if there were any comments from the audience. Jim Hughes had a question about stump grinding and trees. There were no other questions or comments.

Carman moved to adjourn at 8:12 pm. McGee seconded and it passed all ayes. The next regular Cresco City Council meeting will be at 7:00 pm on February 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:

ACCO	Equip	3,265.00
ALEXIS FIRE	Fire truck share	104,963.00
ALLIANT	Elect	15,580.47
ALUM-LINE	Srvc	150.00
AM WATER WRKS	Trng	60.00
ANDERA, DALE/LYNETTE	RefFinal	58.85
BILLMYER FURN	Equip	8,481.65
BLACK HILLS	Nat gas	10,181.08
BODENSTEINER	Supp	122.83
CITY LAUNDERING	Srvc	425.62
CITY OF CRES	Util	1,241.48
COURTNEY LAWN/SNOW	Srvc	630.00
COURTNEY, TIM	Uniform	112.25
CRESCO INSUR	Insur	1,281.00
CRES TPD	Publ	261.97
CRICCET	Tourism	3,000.00
CULLIGAN	Supp	169.98
DECORAH MOBILE	Supp	50.13
DES MOINES STAMP	Supp	49.60
DIETZENBACH, DUANE EST	RefFinal	16.07
FAREWAY	Supp	20.93
FELD FIRE	Supp	57.00
FIRE SERVICE TRNG	Trng	300.00
GARNER, HOLLY	RefFinal	10.71
H & S MOTORS	Srvc	72.92
HAIR BY JAIME	RefFinal	114.73
HERSHBERGER, ANDY	RefFinal	80.00
HOMETOWN ACCTG	Supp	50.00
HYDRITE	Supp	2,266.60
IA LAW ENFORCE	Supp	20.00
JOHN DEERE FIN	Supp	673.87
KWIK TRIP	Gas	8,224.60
LT MECHANICAL	Srvc	911.59
MATT PARROTT	Supp	218.37
MUNICIPAL MAGT	Srvc	600.00
PAYROLL		66,703.53
PEPSI-COLA	Concessions	367.75
POOL TECH	Supp	99.50
POSTMASTER	Postage	489.82
PRINCIPAL LIFE	Insur	82.94
REHAB SYS	Equip	3,950.00
RODRIGUES,SIMON KATHY	RefFinal	9.30
SAM'S DISCOVER	Supp	2,499.45
SHIMEK, RANDALYN	RefFinal	7.56
SPAHN & ROSE	Supp	51.30
SPORTSMITH	Supp	22.28
STOREY KEN	Supp	408.05
TREAS, ST OF IA	Sales Tax	7,400.00
TRUCK COUNTRY	Supp	116.78
WALTON, HAZEL ESTATE	RefFinal	6.43
WALTON, TIM	Srvc	1,125.00
WHKS	Engr srvc	57,330.00
WINDRIDGE IMP	Tractor	98,300.00
WINDRIDGE IMP	Rprs	709.40
WINDSTREAM	Phone	1,097.70

GENERAL	69,410.95
HOTEL/MOTEL	3,000.00
LOST PROJECT	4,218.43
FIRE STATION BLDG	946.97
MEDIACOM	263.75
EQUIPMENT REPLACE	104,963.00
CRESCO COMM FIRE	971.50
ROAD USE	20,315.88
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	60.05
FITNESS CENTER TRUST	15,696.65
STREET ASSESSMENT	57,416.62
WATER	14,432.51
WATER DEP	189.30
WATER EQUIP REPL	8.00
SEWER	13,898.23
SEWER REPL	98,300.00
CAP IMPROVE	203.61
YARDWASTE	203.64
EXPENDITURES	404,499.09
Revenues 1/21 to 2/3/14	167,448.78