

The Cresco City Council met October 6, 2014, at 7:00 pm at City Hall. Council Members Carman, Bouska, McGee, McCarville and Loveless were present. No Council Members were absent.

Bouska made the motion to approve the consent agenda which included approval of the: agenda; claims; minutes of the September 15, 2014 meeting; class C beer permit (BC) and class B native wine permit with Sunday sales to Casey's Marketing Company d/b/a Casey's General Stores #2511; permit for supervised display of fireworks to Marinus Mlady at the Howard County Fairgrounds on October 18, 2014; tax abatement under the Urban Revitalization Plan for Lindstrom Funeral Home Inc; pay request #2 to Skyline Construction Inc for \$478,240.45 for the 3rd Street West Reconstruction Project. McGee seconded and it passed all ayes.

Public Works Director Rod Freidhof reported: (a) Street: still cutting trees down and did yardwaste pickup with four more this year. We extended the storm sewer at the airport another 120 feet that had been budgeted for this year. We have been filling holes with the durapatcher before winter and putting some rock in alleys. Bid requests for the new truck have been sent out and will advertise the sale of the old truck. Mark Brincks is working on the alley by the new truckwash; (b) Water/Sewer: Ron, Mike and Drew attended fall conferences for CEU's. Ron & Rod will attend Region 1 Annual Conference in Manchester; (c) Staff is busy helping with the Granger Road Project which is progressing at a fast pace right now. They finished valve work in the intersection of 3rd and 3rd which was the most difficult. They are laying storm sewer on the south end working north. Some permanent hookups have been made to the new watermain; (d) Received a letter of Significant Noncompliance from the Iowa DNR for ammonia at the wastewater treatment facility. A plant expansion would probably solve the issue. We can't afford it without significant commitment from Cresco Food Technologies.

Police Chief Tim Ruroden presented his monthly report. September was the biggest month for calls this year with 424 calls including 33 arrests and charges filed. October 18th testing will be done for police candidates with a target start date of November 15, 2014. Tim attended training that included suggestions for updating their policies and procedures manual.

City Clerk Michelle Girolamo reported (a) the new computer for the Mediacom Channel 3 still will not play video and Arla continues to work with the company to rectify the problem; (b) the crack sealing project at the airport has been finished.

Council Member Jan Carman reported on the Theatre Commission meeting. The next project they will work on is Champlin Hall. They should be receiving an estimate for repairs and updating of the marquee. A free movie, "Oceans 11", will be held November 16, 2014. They are hoping to schedule a magician in November. October 18th is the play "Changing Habits – The Nuns Monologue".

Council Member Amy Bouska reported the Housing Task Force Meeting received revised data that looked better. This supports the fact that we don't have enough rentals or affordable housing options. She also reported on the Library meeting. Landscaping has been done around the Library and looks really nice. They switched the public computers internet provider to Mediacom which is a free service for the Library and has increased the speed radically. There will be joint advertising with the Converse House for open houses marking the 100th Celebration. William Ambrose Converse applied for the Carnegie funding of the Library.

Park and Rec Director Bill Caffrey presented a summary of the projects completed at the Fitness Center and the parks over the past year. He also presented a list of possible projects for the future. Two Eagle Scout projects are currently being done installing a charcoal grill at Kesel Lodge and Bean Bag Boards at three parks. He reported the Lodge had been rented 71 times. The budget compared to actual numbers was also presented

showing that the Fitness Center had a net profit of about \$11,000 with no Local Option Sales Tax money needed to subsidize the operations for the past two years.

Carman made the motion to approve the recommendation of the Tourism Advisory Committee to award: (a) \$1,000 to the Driftrunners Snowmobile Club for trail maps; (b) \$750 to Cresco Area Chamber of Commerce for Santa's Parade and Christmas Promotions; (c) \$500 to Meals from the Heartland for marketing expenses; (d) \$1,000 Cresco Chamber Membership Committee for Flags. Loveless seconded and it passed all ayes.

Loveless made the motion to grant a credit of \$41.10 for the water bill for 243 4th Ave West on the Granger Road Project who did not have water for a week when temporary services were inadvertently not hooked up to her house. Carman seconded and it passed all ayes.

Carman made the motion to approve the resolution converting traffic to one-way on 2nd Avenue East between 2nd Street East and 3rd Street East. Loveless seconded and it passed all ayes.

Three bids were received to remove the underground storage tank at the airport: (a) \$9,250.90 Mid Iowa Petroleum Services Inc; (b) \$9,888.66 Rochester Petroleum Equipment; (c) \$7,678 Terracon Consultants Inc. A reimbursement of \$7,678 will be received from Cunningham Lindsey U.S. Inc. under Iowa Code 455G. Bouska made the motion to approve a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Terracon Consultants, Inc. to conduct tank closure services at the Airport. McGee seconded and it passed all ayes.

Bouska volunteered to represent the City and to be the contact person for the City Energy Management Program. The program will come up with energy saving plans for the City and the City must agree to implement one of the plans. We need to form a City Energy Action Team of 3 to 8 people in addition to staff. McGee made the motion to approve a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a City Energy Management Program Agreement with Iowa Economic Development Authority. Loveless seconded and it passed all ayes.

A landlord requested the City Council consider a settlement of \$100 for a delinquent tenant's water bill of \$201.33. This was discussed and the City had followed procedures in posting the past due account. The tenant came in and paid \$50 with a promise to pay the remainder but did not pay anything before the next bill was prepared. Water was shut off at this point and the \$80 deposit was applied leaving a balance due of \$201.33. The past history of the tenant was that the bill was paid every month so the City had no reason not to accept the payment arrangement that was promised. Landlords are ultimately responsible for the bill and it will be assessed to the property if not paid. To be consistent with past practice and not to set a precedent, Council felt the bill could not be written off. Bouska made the motion that we not make an allowance of any of the charges. McCarville seconded and it passed all ayes.

McGee made the motion to approve a written Utility Payment Agreement Form to be signed for payment arrangements. Carman seconded and it passed all ayes.

Discussion was held regarding nuisance property acquired October 1, 2014 at 134 North Elm Street. This has been a long process to obtain the property. There has been no electric or heat for a while and the roof is leaking. Electric and heat should be restored as soon as possible. The City already repaired the awning last week. The sidewalk is in very bad shape but it may be difficult to get it replaced this fall. The coal chutes may be needed if the purchaser decides to concrete the basement so it would be best not to concrete them shut. We will look at repairs for the holes and try to wait for spring to replace the sidewalk. The contents should be appraised or auctioneers contacted to sell the contents that may help offset the costs the City will incur in preparing the property for auction.

The City was offered a donation of property located at 521 North Elm Street. This house had a fire a few weeks ago and sustained fire damage in one bedroom and significant smoke damage to the upstairs. Council was concerned with clear title and outstanding obligations. Consensus was to contact them and tell them we would need proof of clear title before we would consider accepting the donation. We also think they may want to explore other possibilities such as selling it for someone to fix it up.

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

Carman moved to adjourn at 7:48 pm. McGee seconded and it passed all ayes. The next regular Cresco City Council meeting will be at 7:00 pm on October 20, 2014 at Cresco City Hall.

Mayor Mark Bohle

City Clerk Michelle Girolamo

Following is a list of claims approved for payment:

AHLERS&COONEY	Srvc	82.00
ALLIANT	Elect	17,675.41
AMSTERDAM PRINT	Supp	88.55
ANDERSON,CHRIS	Dep ref/app	80.00
BADGER METER	Srvc	989.04
BLACK HILLS	Nat gas	1,477.83
BODENSTEINER IMPL	Rprs	389.90
BOTKIN, ALYSSA	Dep app	45.27
BROWN Co	Supp	456.94
CARD CENTER	FlagPoles,Trng	1,430.63
CARQUES	Supp	38.44
CASEY'S	Supp	68.44
CITY LAUNDERING	Srvc	390.67
CITY OF CRES	Util	976.29
COLICH, JASON	Dep app	80.00
CRESCO HEAT	Srvc	89.95
CRES SMALL ENG	Supp	83.20
CRES TPD	Publ	743.12
CROELL REDI-MIX	Concrete	1,899.00
CULLIGAN	Supp	137.37
DALCO	Supp	220.11
ELITE K-9	Supp	392.65
ELWOOD,O'DON...	Attny	1,815.00
FAIR-PLAY	Equip	675.00
FAREWAY	Supp	32.79
FEATHERLITE	Supp	193.53
FELD FIRE	Rprs	165.96
FELDERMAN, TIM	Dep app	75.47
GALLS	Unif	154.85
GARCIA, ASHLEY	Dep app	80.00
GARDNER, JOANN	Dep app	43.25
GEO THERMAL ECO	Dep app	100.00
GOSCH'S	Supp	130.31
GRUBE LAWN	Supp	305.16
HANSON TIRE	Supp	744.16
HAW, SHIRLEY	Supp	116.85
HAWKEYE SAN	Srvc	391.11
HEARTLAND THEATRE	Supp	1,150.00
HEIMERDINGER, DEANNA	Dep app	61.21
HOWARD, JEREMY	Dep a	51.26
HOW COUNTY	Shared LEC	11,436.20
IA ASSOC MUN	Dues	906.44
IA DEP OF NAT	Fee	99.00
IA DEP OF TRANS	Supp	1,010.70
IA RURAL WATER	Mtg	50.00
JIM'S AUTO	Supp	13.99
JOHN DEERE FIN	Supp	474.75
KAY PARK-REC	Supp	523.00
KEYSTONE LAB	Analys	1,099.37
KLASSEN, ADAM	Dep ref/app	80.00
KRIVACHEK, MELANIE	Dep ref/app	80.00
KWIK TRIP	Gas	3,886.54
LIME SPRINGS FIRE DEPT	Srvc	200.00
LT MECHANICAL	Srvc	721.50
MAGIC, KEVIN	Dep app	80.00

MERCHANT SRVCS	Fees	66.88
METERING&TECH	Supp	1,034.84
MODERN MRKTNG	Supp	116.14
O'HENRY'S	Supp	1,343.55
PAYROLL		70,712.50
PEPSI-COLA	Concessions	417.05
PETROLEUM MARKET	Insur	750.00
POSTMASTER	Postage	454.64
PRINCIPAL LIFE	Insur	82.68
RACOM	Srvc	47.50
RICOH	Lease/copies	1,079.41
RUPPERT ACE	Supp	1,311.32
SAM'S CLUB	Concessions	2,443.16
SANDRY FIRE	SUpp	749.15
SCHOLBROCK MASON	Srvc	3,610.00
SKYLINE CONST	GrangerRd#2	478,240.45
SOBOLIK, DAVE	Srvc	45.00
SPAHN&ROSE	Supp	331.48
SPILE, RICHARD	Dep app	46.33
SPORTSMITH	Supp	43.79
STOREY KEN	Supp	204.00
THOMPSON MOTORS	Rprs	75.00
TREAS ST OF IA	Sales tax	5,271.00
U.S. POSTAL	Supp	901.45
UPPER EXPLORER	Supp	25.00
WALTON, TIMOTHY	Srvc	725.68
WENTHOLD, GENE	Dep app	24.22
WILSON CUSTOM TREE	Supp	40.00
WINDRIDGE IMP	Parts	167.45
WINDSTREAM	Phone	139.70
WINNESHIEK COOP	Supp	83.33
YOUTH SPORTS FND	Fees	2,330.00
	GENERAL	74,976.46
	LOST PROJECT	9,282.82
	NUISANCE HOUSE	700.00
	FIRE STATION BLDG	218.76
	MEDIACOM	252.90
	DRUG DOG	586.18
	CRESCO COMM FIRE	9,794.66
	ROAD USE TAX	13,468.59
	EMPLOYEE BEN	3,953.37
	FC TRUST	1,456.55
	RECREATION SUPP	3,005.00
	STREET ASSESS	478,240.45
	WATER	18,283.70
	WATER DEP	927.01
	SEWER	11,069.24
	CAP IMPROVE	324.73
	YARDWASTE	1,154.49
	EXPENDITURES	627,694.91
	Revenues 9/16 to 10/06/14	130,493.53