

The Cresco City Council met February 6, 2012, at 7:00 pm at City Hall. Council members Carman, Bouska, McGee, McCarville and Loveless were present. No council members were absent.

Bouska moved to approve the consent agenda which included approval of the: agenda; claims; minutes of the January 16, 2012 City Council meeting; minutes of the January 16, 2012 budget work session; mortgage release for Inez Ehlert; mortgage release for Daniel & Irene Slifka; Tree Surgeon License for Tim Walton d/b/a Walton Tree Services; Tree Surgeon License for Shane & Elisa Pinter d/b/a Pinter Landscaping & Tree Service LLC; 2011 gross wages paid; pay request #4 from Skyline Construction for 1st Ave project for \$5,115.75. McCarville seconded and it passed all ayes.

Public Works Director Rod Freidhof reported: (a) street department has been filling potholes and trimming trees. Street shop moisture problem seems to be solved by fixing the roof and installing the fans; (b) sewer department has contractors working on the punchlist to finish the sludge storage project and will be getting bids for diffusers for the aeration basins; (c) water department had two more watermain breaks. This makes 11 perhaps dues to the dry fall and the limestone. Last month there was 99% accountability between water pumped and billed. EPA has suggested that we can eliminate adding fluoride to our water so we are looking into that and testing the natural fluoride levels; (d) Service Line Warranties reported 204 water and 216 sewer enrollments with two sewer claims and the City received \$1,958 in royalties from enrollments; (e) Attorney Braun is working on zoning changes and Rod expressed much appreciation to the Howard County Auditor's office for compiling all the legal descriptions; (f) Letters of Intent were mailed to various contractors to sign as part of our emergency response plan; (g) improvements have been made on the property at 402 3rd Ave East.

Police Chief Tim Ruroden distributed his monthly report. Sheriff Miner, a Blackhawk County Deputy and Tim met with school officials to discuss implementing programs in the school. Officers are lined up for local training.

City Clerk Michelle Girolamo questioned Council if they preferred the council packets to be emailed and all were in favor. Black Hills Energy wanted the public to be aware of initiatives they are doing in our community. These include a chance to win a \$2,000 grant for a school to plant trees, six \$500 scholarships at www.blackhillsenergy.com/scholarships, and door-hangers encouraging participation in their energy efficiency program.

Mayor Bohle opened the public hearing to open sealed bids and sale by auction of Lots 7 & 8, Block 7, Beadle & Strong Addition, Howard County, Iowa. Five bids were received for at least the minimum of \$14,000. After a live auction between the five bidders, the high bid was \$30,000 from J. Michael Grube. Bouska moved to approve a resolution authorizing the sale of real estate to J. Michael Grube for \$30,000. McCarville seconded and it passed all ayes.

Don Davis requested Council to waive a portion of his water bill on a rental house for excessive water used. Sympathy was expressed for the excessive bill but no credits have been granted in the past for a plumbing malfunction where the water went into the sanitary sewer system. Consensus of Council was that his request for the credit be denied.

Bouska moved to approve a resolution accepting public improvements for the Airport North Apron Rehabilitation Project. Loveless seconded and it passed all ayes.

Loveless moved to approve a resolution accepting public improvements for the 2011 Yellow Avenue and York Street Improvements Project. McGee seconded and it passed all ayes.

Bouska moved to approve a resolution amending the limitations on the City of Cresco Revolving Loan Fund. The cap will be \$50,000 or 30% of the project value, whichever is less. Carman seconded and it passed all ayes.

Bouska made the motion to pledge \$5,000 for the Northeast Iowa Regional Housing Trust Fund for fiscal year ending June 30, 2013. McGee seconded and it passed all ayes.

Loveless made the motion to set a public hearing for March 5, 2012 for the budget for Fiscal year ending June 30, 2013. Carman seconded and it passed all ayes.

Bouska moved to approve a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with WHKS & Co. for the 2012 Watermain Looping Project. Carman seconded and it passed all ayes.

Carman moved to approve a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with WHKS & Co. for the 2012 Water Storage Report. Bouska seconded and it passed all ayes.

McGee moved to approve a resolution establishing a Fund #165 – Nuisance House Fund. Bouska seconded and it passed all ayes

Freidhof discussed bids the Street Department received for a new truck box. Michael's Truck Equipment bid a Crysteel box for \$7,086 and Alum-Line bid an aluminum box for \$12,975. Typically trucks are replaced every 10-12 years so the concern was that neither box would last for the life span of two trucks. McCarville made the motion to accept the lower bid of \$7,086. Loveless seconded and it passed all ayes.

Freidhof discussed a bucket truck that REC will be selling in a few months. We may be able to purchase it for a reasonable amount and with cost savings this winter, we may be able to fund it with this current budget. There are many uses the street and sewer department could use the bucket for to increase safety and efficiency.

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

Loveless commented that Gordon Watros passed away. He was a former police chief and worked for the City for a long time and did a good job.

Carman moved to adjourn at 7:27 pm. McGee seconded and it passed all ayes. The next regular Cresco City Council meeting will be February 20, 2012, at 7:00 pm at Cresco City Hall.

Mayor Mark Bohle

City Clerk Michelle Girolamo

Following is a list of claims approved for payment:

Alliant Energy	electricity	13,586.23
Aramark	contractual	376.40
Bancard Services	training	128.22
Black Hills Energy	natural gas	6,743.54
BC/BS	insurance	27,384.25
Bob's Electric	supplies	317.72
Bodensteiner	service	56.52
Born, Michael	mileage	323.57
Brown Supply	supplies	737.13
Campsite RV	supply	231.82
Casper	service	835.34
CIA Insurance	insurance	1,932.55
City Laundering	service	124.86
City of Cresco	insurance	2,717.83
City of Cresco	utililites, refunds	1,360.90
Cresco Heating	service	370.30
Cresco Medical Clinic	service	179.00
Cresco Member Comm	contribution	2,000.00
Cresco Shopper	advertising	270.00
Culligan	rent & salt	105.24
Dalco	supply	316.96
Detection Instru	supplies	17.25
Erdman Engineering	services	594.00
Fareway	supplies	21.57
Fastenal	supplies	396.84
Fenco Products	repairs	301.73
Galls	uniform	128.47
Gosch's	supply	21.75
Group Services	admin fee	338.25
H & S Motors	repairs	420.66
Hanni Estate, Lois	refund	17.94
Hanson Tire	repairs	385.30
Hawkeye Sanitation	services	43,126.50
Hawkeye Truck	services	544.62
Hometown Acctg	supplies	50.00
Hovey Oil	supplies	658.56
How Co Auditor	fee	3,719.13
How Co Court	law enforce ctr	13,654.99
How Co Recorder	fee	7.00
IKON Office Solutions	service	1,159.48
Iowa One Call	service	8.10
Kwik Trip	gas	6,187.64
Leigh, Nicole	refund	15.04
Louie Balk Ready Mix	service	1,071.98
Matt Parrott	supplies	279.00
Merchant Services	fees	48.77
Midand Scientific	testing	70.91
MVTL	analysis	624.30
Municipal Mgt	servies	600.00
Auditor of State	fee	425.00
O'Henrys	clothing	40.25
Payroll (2)		116,657.20
Pecinovsky, Clair	telephone	18.59
Pepsi	concession	505.65
Petty cash	postage	35.06
Regional Health	testing	106.20

Rupert's	supplies	356.87
Sam's Discover	supplies	1,449.42
Sandry Fire Supply	uniform	1,775.38
Simmering Cory	rehab housing	4,295.00
Skyline Construction	services	5,115.75
Spahn & Rose	supplies	767.80
Sportsmith	supplies	350.60
St. Lukes	fees	50.00
Star Equipment	supplies	22.07
Storey Kenworthy	supplies	331.31
Sun Life	insurance	44.75
Times Plain Dealer	advertising	530.91
Treasurer, State of IA	sales tax	12,619.49
Tyler Technologies	fees	78.00
U.S. Postmaster	postage	410.48
USA Bluebook	supplies	90.27
Verizon	phone	90.07
Vinton Police Dept	training	44.00
Weber Paper	supplies	54.94
White, Lewis	refund	10.65
Windstream	phone	977.94
Winneshiek Co-Op	supplies	23.90
Zee Medical	supplies	196.30

General Fund	151,279.28
Road Use Tax	21,049.28
Employee Benefits	37,730.31
Emergency Fund	1,674.78
Local Option Tax	3,823.73
Cresco Telecom	658.61
Rehab/Housing	4,302.00
Equipment Repair-Fitness	825.38
Street 1st Ave Project	5,115.75
Water Utility Fund	29,954.37
Water Deposits	108.59
Water Utility Fund	5.50
MSSU Operations	25,030.38
Capital Improvement	241.15
Yard Waste Fund	242.90

GRAND TOTAL OF FUNDS	\$282,042.01
Revenue Total from 01/17/12 thru 02/06/12	\$300,586.33