The Cresco City Council met January 7, 2013, at 7:00 pm at City Hall. Council members Carman, Bouska, McGee, McCarville and Loveless were present. No council members were absent.

Loveless made the motion to approve the consent agenda which included approval of the: agenda; claims; and minutes of the December 17, 2012 meeting. Bouska seconded and it passed all ayes.

Public Works Director Rod Freidhof reported: (a) street dept has taken down and stored all the Christmas decorations, and are also moving snow and cutting trees; (b) Municipal Pipe Tool will be here to televise the storm sewer that we are having problems with; (c) watermain break was fixed last week; (d) water and sewer departments are working together; (e) Mike Born & Drew Zahasky are both testing for certifications; (f) Butler is reviewing our shop drawings and will give suggestions for the moisture issues in the street shop. On behalf of the whole City, he thanked the Balk Family for all that they have done for us over the years as they have sold their Louie Balk Lime & Ready Mix business to Skyline Construction. Balks have helped us out on many projects and have treated the City very well in the past. Skyline has agreed to honor the agreements and prices for projects that Balk's had quoted us.

Police Chief Tim Ruroden reported that Thor continues to do very well at training. He thanked everyone for their donations as we have reached the goal for the purchase of the dog and additional donations will pay for ongoing costs such as training and maintenance.

Deputy Clerk Sue Murphy asked Council who would be attending the pipeline safety awareness program on January 17th sponsored by Black Hills Energy. She reminded them that a special Council meeting is scheduled for 1:00 January 16, 2013 for the sale of the bonds. Following the sale, we will go into the budget worksession and meet with Department Heads.

Mayor Bohle read an email informing the Council that the Park Board has been working on an Emergency Preparedness Policy with outside security personnel and Officer Rick Busch. Mayor Bohle informed Council there was a Meet 'N Greet for newly elected Legislators on January 11, 2013 in West Union sponsored by Upper Explorerland.

Shannon Lerdal from Hogan Hansen PC presented the Audit of the financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2012. They issued an Unqualified Opinion which is the best possible opinion. They look at areas of possible fraud and reviewed many different areas. The outstanding debt was under the legal debt limit. Cash balance is at 9 months of expense which is a good position as they want less than one year but more than 6 months. Enterprise Funds also had healthy fund balances. There were no current year instances of noncompliance noted and no internal control deficiencies were reported.

Loveless made the motion to approve the recommendations of the Cresco Tourism Advisory Committee and award the travel and tourism grants of $1,200 to the Cresco Park & Rec for the Kessel Lodge Sign & Statue project and $1,500 to the Cresco Theatre Commission for an Illuminated Display Case. Carman seconded and it passed all ayes.

The Theatre Lease was discussed. Bouska commented that she had a request that before renewing next year that it should be opened up for others to submit bids. McCarville made the motion to approve a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Lease Agreement with Cresco Theatre. McGee seconded and it passed all ayes.

The City received a notice of request for variance on property east of the Fitness Center. Council did not foresee any issues that would negatively impact our property.

Bouska made the motion to approve a resolution for an amendment to resolution no. 121210 directing the advertisement for sale of $1,715,000 (dollar amount subject to change) General Obligation Capital Loan Notes, Series 2013, adopted December 17, 2012. McCarville seconded and it passed all ayes.

McGee made the motion to approve a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter in an agreement with Piper Jaffray & Co. to serve as Dissemination Agent for secondary market disclosures. Loveless seconded and it passed all ayes.

Bouska made the motion to approve Chapter 24 of the Code of Ordinances regarding the Theatre and Champlin Hall Commission as recommended by the Theatre Commission when updating the Code of Ordinances Book. Loveless seconded and it passed all ayes.

Mayor asked if there were any comments from the audience. Police Chief Ruroden commended Officer Godman for his efforts in organizing the National Night Out. There were over 60 agencies that were new to the program last year and we were one of nine that were awarded Rookie of the Year.

Carman moved to adjourn at 7:14 pm. Loveless seconded and it passed all ayes. A special Council meeting and budget worksession will be at 1:00 pm on January 16, 2013. The next regular Cresco City Council meeting will be at 7:00 pm on January 21, 2013 at Cresco City Hall.

Mayor Mark Bohle

City Clerk Michelle Girolamo

Following is a list of claims approved for payment:		
A E.S.	RPR	35.00
AM RED CROSS	FEE	285.00
BANCARD	SUPP	1,989.69
BLACK HILLS	NAT GAS	5,964.78
BODENSTEINER	SUPP	873.38
BRUENING ROCK	ROCK	1,151.62
CARQUEST	SUPP	245.69
CASPER P&H	SRVC	2,082.69
CITY LAUNDERING	SRVC	256.55
CITY OF CRES	UTIL, REFS	1,081.14
CITY OF DYSART	SUPP	75.00
CRES TPD	ADVERT	257.84
CULLIGAN	SRVC	122.55
DECORAH ELEC	SRVC	276.15
DES MOINES STAMP	SUPP	29.50
FENCO	RPRS	411.46
HANSON TIRE	SRVC	506.28
HAWKEYE SAN	GARB	42,725.62
HOW COU	SHARED LEC	18,067.88
HO CO BUSINESS	DUES	15,000.00
HYDRITE CHEM	SUPP	3,079.63
IA ASSO MUN	DUES	872.27
IA PRISON INDUS	SRVC	89.50
JOHN DEERE FIN	SUPP	830.27
JOHNSON ACCTG	SUPP	729.00
K & H ENERGY	FUEL	129.79
KEYSTONE LAB	ANALYS	972.90
KWIK TRIP	GAS	5,084.24
LOUIE BALK LIME	SRVC	1,797.31
MATT PARROTT	SUPP	125.61
MERCHANT SRVC	FEE	243.84
MISSISSIPPI WELDER	SUPP	641.49
MODERN MRKTG	SUPP	175.38
MUNICIPAL MAGT	SRVC	600.00
NE IA REG LEAGUE	DUES	20.00
OMNISITE	FEE	1,380.00
PAYROLL		132,642.18
PEPSI-COLA	SUPP	473.55
POSTMASTER	FEE	602.16
PRINCIPAL LIFE	INSUR	82.94
QUARTERMASTER	SUPP	23.31
RACOM	SUPP	52.50
SAM'S DISCOVER	SUPP	790.39
SPAHN & ROSE	SUPP	78.55
ST HYGIENIC	ANALYS	97.00
STOREY KEN	SUPP	607.60
TREAS, ST IA	SALES TAX	6,671.85
US POSTAL	SUPP	1,359.75
WINDRIDGE IMP	SUPP	268.24
WINDSTREAM	PHONE	944.30
	General Fund	148,677.56
	Road Use Tax	20,982.44
	Emp Benefits	19,059.99
	Local Option Tax	17,598.26
	Cresco Telecom	509.11
	Water Utility	23,390.60
	Water Dep	80
	MSSU Operation	20,251.41
	Water & Sewer CI	859.33
	Yard Waste	1,494.67
	EXPENDITURES	252,903.37
	Revenues 12/18 to 01/07/13	192,252.67