Mayor Bohle called the Cresco City Council meeting to order on March 7, 2016, at 7:00 pm at City Hall. Council Members Carman, Bouska, McGee and McCarville were present. Brenno was absent.

Carman made the motion to approve the consent agenda which included approval of the: agenda; claims; minutes of the February 15, 2016 council meeting; Class B Native Wine Permit (WBN) to Plantpeddler, Inc. d/b/a Plantpeddler; displaying Irish Flags for the Brew and Stew from 3/16-3/20/16; street closing for portions of South Park Place from 3/19-3/20/16 and North Elm Street on 3/19/16; Class C Liquor License (LC) (Commercial) with outdoor service for 3/19-3/20/16 for M&M Lounge LLC d/b/a M&M Lounge. Bouska seconded and it passed all ayes.

Public Works Director Freidhof reported (a) starting the streetlight replacement project. Thirteen have been taken down. The poles will be sandblasted and painted by Harvey's and the new LED lights will be put up. The remaining lights will all need work done on the cement bases so those will take longer but hopefully will be all done in early April. Alliant will work on cleaning up the meter poles. The "Discover Cresco" banners are getting weathered with some damaged and removed. Passmore agreed to take them all down for now and we will just have the flags for now until a decision on new ones can be made. We may sell the banners on a Burke's auction; (b) Trees Forever notified the City that we have again been awarded two $750 grants from Alliant Energy and Black Hills Energy for boulevard trees. The tree committee will meet this month to start planning; (c) We have a potential small watermain looping project on 4th Street SW to alleviate some water problems. This would be an eligible project for the bond proceeds to be used for. We are waiting to get the quotes back for an estimated cost; (d) the old pool building is down and the façade was saved. Troy Scholbrock is seeing what he can do with it so we can use it somewhere; (e) Emerald Ash Borer has been discovered in Decorah and they think they have 30 trees infected. Dean and Rod are going there to look at the infected trees so they can see firsthand what to look for; (f) Service Line Warranty mailers will be sent out for service line warranties. Also, HomeServe is also sending out mailers. This may cause confusion. We don't know anything about HomeServe and they have never contacted us.

City Clerk Girolamo reported busy preparing the agenda and all of the paperwork for the next few meetings. There are a lot of projects going on right now.

Bouska reported the Library Board met. There is an immediate opening for a Library Board member. Special story hour with Pete the Cat, was a huge hit. They are updating some Library policies.

McCarville reported the 150th Celebration will be launching their advertising campaign this month. Everything is getting lined up and contracts have been signed. Housing is in big demand with all the neighboring towns' hotels already filled up. Anyone interested in opening their homes should contact the Chamber. Everyone is getting excited as it gets closer.

Carman reported she toured the new animal facility at the fairgrounds and reported it was really nice and should draw a lot of tourism to Cresco. The Theatre will hopefully be opened up by April 1st. The seams between the buildings have been sealed up and doors in the Scene Shop are getting replaced.

Mayor Bohle opened the public hearing for the budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2017. There were no written or oral comments and the hearing was closed. Bouska made the motion to approve the Resolution for the Adoption of Budget and Certification of City Taxes for Fiscal Year July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. Carman seconded and it passed all ayes.

A letter was submitted requesting a credit on the sewer bill for Patrick & Samantha Langreck for a constant leak on an outside hose connection that did not enter the sanitary sewer system. The letter stated it was a hose connection with a constant leak. The Water Department went there but nobody was home so we did not witness the leak. There was a lot of debate on how to handle this request and how other requests had been dealt with in the past. Usually the Water Department verifies the leak and determines that it does not enter the sanitary sewer. If it

is negligence on the property owner, such as leaving on their outside faucet or overfilling a swimming pool, then it is denied but is approved if the leak is beyond their control. The Council tried to stick with past practice and follow the precedence set and unanimously denied the request for credit based on no evidence that it didn't enter the sanitary system. All members admitted this was a difficult decision.

The City is ready to sign the Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) to proceed with the solar project. This would commit the City to purchasing all electricity produced for a maximum of 25 years with a buyout in 7 to 10 years. The City wants to make sure the public is informed about the project and has a chance to ask questions before the agreements are signed. Maps with the proposed locations will be made available. Carman made a motion to have an informational meeting (and public hearing, if required) on March 21, 2016 during the regular Council meeting at 7:00 pm. McGee seconded and it passed all ayes.

Carman made a motion to approve a resolution fixing the date of March 21, 2016 for a public hearing on the authorization of a Solar Energy Lease and Easement Agreement. McCarville seconded and it passed all ayes.

McCarville made a motion to approve the proposed calendar from the Cresco Chamber of Commerce Flag Committee for displaying flags for annual events. Bouska seconded and it passed all ayes.

Bouska made the motion to approve the Resolution Determining the Necessity and Fixing Date for a Public Hearing on the Matter of the Adoption of a Proposed Amended and Restated (2016) Cresco Urban Revitalization Plan for March 21, 2016. Carman seconded and it passed all ayes.

Carman made a motion to set a Public Hearing for March 21, 2016 for budget amendment #2 for fiscal year ending June 30, 2016. McCarville seconded and it passed all ayes.

McGee made a motion to set a Public Hearing for March 21, 2016 for proposed Ordinance #458 repealing Ordinance #375 Designating the Evans Home Assisted Living Urban Revitalization Area in the City of Cresco, Iowa. Carman seconded and it passed all ayes.

Mayor Bohle performed the first reading of Ordinance #458 repealing Ordinance #375 Designating the Evans Home Assisted Living Urban Revitalization Area in the City of Cresco, Iowa. Bouska made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance #458. McGee seconded and it passed all ayes.

Mayor asked if there were any comments from the audience. Gert Wheeler asked about a credit on her bill for a break in her water service line. Staff explained that the break was before the meter so her bill should not be affected. She asked if her service line was copper and Freidhof said he assumed that it was copper because that street had been redone but he couldn't guarantee it.

McCarville requested that the citizens of Cresco take pride in their property and clean it up to show off Cresco before the 150th Celebration in July. Bouska commented that *Inspire Magazine* may highlight Cresco in their next issue.

Carman moved to adjourn at 7:27 pm. McGee seconded and it passed all ayes. The next regular Cresco City Council meeting will be March 21, 2016 at 7:00 pm at Cresco City Hall.

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Mayor Mark Bohle City Clerk Michelle Girolamo

Following is a list of claims approved for payment:

ALLIANT	Elect	15,521.66
ATOR,COREY	RefGrbgeFinal	11.16
BARCO MUNICIP	Equip	846.24
BLACK HILLS	Nat gas	7,351.10
BOB'S ELECTRIC	LED St Lights	77,939.40
BOB'S ELECTRIC	LEDs&rprs	3,360.21
BODENSTEINER IMP	Equip	1,128.55
BROWN SUPP	Supp	336.86
CARD CENTER	Supp,trng	750.42
CARQUEST	Supp	24.62
CERTIFIED LAB	Supp	856.28
CITY LAUNDERING	Srvc	475.85
CITY OF CRESCO	Util	1,172.55
CPU	Supp	11.99
COURTNEY SRVCS	Srvc	140.00
CREATIVE PROD	Supp	161.74
CRESCO CHAMBER	Flwer cont	2,000.00
CRESCO HEAT&VENT	Supp	17.70
CRESCO SHOPPER	150th&Thtre	118.80
CRESCO TPD	Publ mins,budget	270.28
CRESCO VET	Supp	61.60
CULLIGAN	Srvc	203.85
DEANS BODY SHOP	Rprs	136.96
DUERRE,DAN	RefGrbgeFinal	34.37
EDDIE EAGLE GUNSAFE	Costume	2,800.00
ELWOD,ODON,BRAU	Legal svc	1,356.25
FENCO	Supp	30.81
GALLS	Uniform	249.91
GILLUND ENTER	Supp	102.48
GOSCH'S	Equip	426.65
H&S MOTORS	Police veh	19,859.25
HACH	Supp	365.32
HANSEN,COURTNEY	DepRefApp	8.37
HANSON TIRE	Rprs,supp	508.40
HARRIS,BRIAN	DepRefApp	80.00
HAWKEYE SAN	Grit,dumpster	161.57
HAWKINS	Supp	479.98
HOW CO	Shared LEC exps	3,644.98
IA DEPT NAT	Dues	400.00
JIM'S AUTO	Supp	149.24
JOHN DEERE FIN	Supp	1,062.06
K&H COOP	LP	68.21
KEUNE,TODD	RefGrbgeFinal	71.63
KEYSTONE LAB	Analys	1,327.78
KWIK TRIP	Gas	2,938.87
LEE,DEREK	Equip,srvc	770.28
LICKTEIG,STEVE	Srvc	60.00
MARCO	Supp	40.88
MARIN,CEASAR	DepRefApp	80.00
MERCHANT SRVC	Fees	113.73
METERING&TECH	Supp	311.90
MK SRVC&RPR	Supp	106.81
MUNICIPAL PIPE	Srvc	1,500.00
NEUZIL,MEGAN	DepRefApp/final	80.00
OUTBACK ENTER	150th dep	3,438.00
PAULSON LAW	Legal srvc	4,386.66
PAYROLL		61,699.87
PEPSI-COLA	Concessions	415.56

POSTMASTER	Postage	419.53
PRINCIPAL LIFE	Insur	89.64
RACOM CORP	Supp	36.75
RAUSTAD,TROY	DepRefApp/final	80.00
RIEHLE DECORAT	Paint/Rpr	50,000.00
RUPPERT	Supp	379.25
SAM'S CLUB	Concessions	1,705.25
SANDRY FIRE	Supp	31.09
SECRETARY OF ST	Dues	30.00
SIGNS&DESIGNS	Supp	86.00
SPAHN & ROSE	Supp	158.23
SPORTSMITH	Supp	158.16
STATE HYG LAB	Analys	109.00
STOREY KEN	Supp	90.07
THOMPSON TRK&TRAIL	Supp	215.56
TREAS ST OF IA	Sales tax	5,752.00
TRUCK COUNTRY	Supp	107.97
USA BLUE BOOK	Supp	190.01
WINDRIDGE IMP	Supp	96.63
WINDSTREAM	Phone	1,283.57

GENERAL	95,322.56
LOST PROJECT	135,193.08
NUISANCE HSE	325.00
FIRE STATION BLDG	840.03
MEDIACOM	514.84
DRUG DOG	220.77
CRESCO COMM FIRE	766.36
ROAD USE	15,119.68
EMPLOYEE BEN	16.60
150TH CELEBRAT	3,810.30
WATER	14,841.75
WATER DEPOSIT	400.00
WATER EQUIP REPLAC	860.41
SEWER	14,638.55
CAP IMPROVE	90.73
YARDWASTE	85.69

EXPENDITURES	283,046.35
Revenues 2/16-3/7/16	183,749.25