

The Cresco City Council met in special session on January 8, 2015, at 1:00 pm at City Hall. Council members Carman, Bouska and McGee were present. McCarville and Loveless arrived shortly thereafter. No council members were absent.

City Clerk Girolamo presented the budget as requested by all departments of the City of Cresco. The requests resulted in a budgeted deficit of \$392,754. The deficit in the general funds is projected to be \$110,887. The goal is to have a balanced budget in the general funds.

The General Fund is compiled of the operating budgets of the Police, LEC, Fire, Street, Airport, Library, Theatre, Park & Rec, Fitness Center, City Hall and Administration. Requests from all of the departments were reviewed and prioritized. Cuts were recommended by the Council.

An overall budget deficit may be necessary due to a few large projects that we have been saving money to do including purchasing turn-out gear for the fire department, pull well #3, slip lining sewer mains, sump pump inspection program and replacing a watermain. Another project that Council feels that needs to be done next year, is to replace the concrete poles and street lights with LED fixtures. The poles are deteriorating to a dangerous condition but estimates are between \$120,000 and \$200,000 for the 31 poles, fixtures and wiring.

The suggested changes will be made to the Budget and then Council will review it again.

Carman moved to adjourn at 2:30 pm. McGee seconded and it passed all ayes. The next regular Cresco City Council meeting will be at 7:00 pm on January 19, 2015 at Cresco City Hall.

Mayor Mark Bohle

City Clerk Michelle Girolamo