

The Cresco City Council met January 24, 2011, at 6:58 pm at City Hall. Council members Blake, Bouska, Moore, and McCarville were present. Council member Loveless arrived at 6:59pm. City Attorney Joe Braun was also present. No council members were absent.

It was moved by McCarville to approve the consent agenda, which included approval of: the agenda; claims; the minutes of the January 10, 2011, Council meeting; the minutes of the January 10, 2011, budget work session; the minutes of the January 12, 2011, budget work session; approval of a Special Class C Liquor License (BW) with Sunday sales to Mad Cam, Inc. dba Mabe's Pizza; approval of the second and final pay request by S&B Construction for a housing rehab project and acceptance of the project; and approval of a Class C Beer Permit (BC) to Casey's Marketing Company dba Casey's General Stores #2511 (premise change only). The motion was seconded by Bouska and passed all ayes.

Public Works Director Rod Freidhof reported on the status of five nuisance houses: no response has been received from 1207 3rd Street SW and the deadline is February 11, 2011; the owner of 221 4th Avenue West has confirmed that he will complete the siding this spring, so further action has been tabled until then; the owner of 216 1st Avenue West intends to make improvements this spring, so further action has been tabled until then; the owner of 231 2nd Street East has repaired the broken window; the City has taken possession of 331 2nd Avenue West and is preparing to put it up for sealed bids and auction on an "as is" basis. Mr. Freidhof also reported that: (1) after comparison of the details of the stump grinding bids, the contract was awarded to Wilson Custom Tree Service; (2) the Water Department is cleaning and painting its facilities; (3) the Street Department is still hauling snow; (3) at the Sewer Plant, a 100hp blower lost a bearing and will have to be repaired after being in service since 1971. The blower weighs approximately 2300 pounds and will have to be either shipped to Omaha for repairs or trucked there by the City.

City Clerk Michelle Girolamo was in Des Moines for training, so Mayor Bohle noted that halfway through the fiscal year revenues are 55% of budget and expenses are 43% of budget. Mr. Freidhof reported that the Northland Agency on Aging has donated the stoves in Champlin Hall that they formerly used for preparation of meals for the Senior Meal Site to the Howard County Agricultural Society, and Tom Barnes is working on arrangements for moving them. After that is done, the City will purchase a smaller residential-type range for the Champlin Hall kitchen, finish touch-up painting, and start advertising the availability of the hall for rental.

In the absence of Police Chief Mark Kissinger, Sergeant Troy Brandau had nothing unusual to report.

Jason Passmore of HCBT presented the recommendations of the Cresco Tourism Advisory Board for disposition of the 4th quarter 2010 travel and tourism dollars, totaling \$5,727.44. Seven requests were received, with recommendations as follows: (a) \$2,500 to the Driftrunners Snowmobile Club to offset increased marketing costs for their 40th Annual Snowfest; (b) \$2,500 to the Cresco Jaycees to increase their funding for their 30th Annual Fireworks display, noting that early purchase allowed them to receive significant discounts; (c) \$727.44 to the Howard-Winneshiek Genealogy Society as seed money for their project of microfilming the 1896-1956 diaries of Joshua Williams, with a recommendation to apply later in 2011 with an update on the project; (d) \$0 to the Driftrunners Snowmobile Club for funding for

expanded music offerings at their 40th Annual Snowfest; (e) \$0 to the Cresco Jaycees for advertising for their 30th Annual Fireworks and Demolition Derby, with a recommendation to reapply in 2011; (f) \$0 to Howard County Business & Tourism for a brochure and marketing to raise money for a new projector for the theatre, with a recommendation that any future applications should come from the Theatre Commission in conjunction with their lessees and should be accompanied by a more completely developed action plan; and (g) \$0 to the Avenue 2 project of the Theatre Commission with a recommendation that the Commission reapply in 2011 after securing commitment of other underwriters and sponsors. Blake asked who would notify the applicants, and Mr. Passmore confirmed that HCBT would handle that. McCarville made the motion to accept the recommendations. The motion was seconded by Loveless and passed all ayes.

Mr. Braun presented his recommendation to accept partial repayment of the housing rehabilitation loan from the estate of Marlene Wentworth. Loveless moved that the partial repayment be accepted. The motion was seconded by Bouska and passed all ayes.

Mr. Freidhof presented a resolution authorizing him to apply for participation by the City in the National Flood Insurance Program. Bouska asked if the maps sent by the program were correct and he reported that he had requested one change. Bouska made the motion to authorize the City's participation. The motion was seconded by Moore and passed all ayes.

Mr. Bohle presented a resolution setting a date and time for a public hearing on the sale of real estate and setting the manner and method of sale of real estate at 331 2nd Avenue West in Cresco. Loveless made a motion that the hearing be held at 7:00pm on March 7, 2011. The motion was seconded by Blake and passed all ayes.

Mr. Freidhof reported on the City's meeting with and a letter from Cresco Food Technologies, LLC, regarding their industrial agreement and some pH issues. He emphasized that Cresco Foods is working on the problem, that this is a learning process for all involved, and that the City wants to work with them. Blake asked how discharge violations are set and Mr. Freidhof responded that pH levels are set by ordinance and then there are separate agreements with each discharging entity. Cresco Foods is seeking a waiver of pH fines for the last three months, along with adjustments to their permit agreement. Mr. Freidhof recommended that we respond with changes to their request and that they be required to pay the City an additional \$4,000 so that we receive \$8,000 in total for surcharges, as that is the approximate amount of the City's costs for repair to the lift station. Loveless moved that we accept Mr. Freidhof's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Moore and passed all ayes.

Mr. Braun presented information on the City's ability to restrict the carrying of firearms on City property, saying that the City could choose to do this, with certain exceptions (e.g., police officers on duty). Following discussion, there was a consensus that Mr. Braun and City staff should proceed to prepare such a resolution.

Mayor Bohle presented a proposed Code of Conduct for members of the City Council. Mr. Braun reported that he found no legal problems with the proposed document. Loveless made a motion to accept the Code of Conduct. The motion was seconded by Bouska and passed all ayes.

Mayor Bohle asked for comments from the audience. Matt Miner of the Driftrunners Snowmobile Club reported that they had a very successful event, with 350-400 people attending. They asked people to indicate where they were from and received responses from all over Iowa, with many from the southern counties and the Des Moines area. He said that there were about 120 sleds in the parking lot in Granger at one event. The Mayor and Council congratulated the club and thanked them for their efforts. Jason Passmore reported that NICC is having an open house on February 1, 2011, from 4-6pm to learn about continuing education and business training courses that are available online, and that the Smart Start program is seeking enrollees for small business training. Bill Murphy, vice president of the Cresco Jaycees, thanked the Council for the \$2,500 funding for the fireworks display, noting that they are trying to double their fireworks this year in celebration of their 30th anniversary, hoping to spend \$11,000 (up from an average of \$5,500).

Pursuant to Iowa Code section 21.5, Moore made a motion that the Council go into closed session. The motion was seconded by McCarville and passed all ayes. At the end of the discussion, Moore made a motion to end the closed session. Loveless seconded the motion, which passed all ayes. No formal action was taken during the closed session.

Bouska made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Loveless and passed all ayes. The meeting adjourned at 7:50pm. The next regular Cresco City Council meeting will be February 7, 2011 at 7:00 pm at Cresco City Hall.

Mayor Mark Bohle

City Clerk Michelle Girolamo

Following is a list of claims approved for payment:

Advanced Systems	maintenance	50.18
Alliant Energy	electricity	15,058.68
Aramark	mat service	505.02
Baker & Taylor	books	658.83
Bartlett Electric	spa motor	107.24
Beiwel, Erik	refund deposit	44.28
Black Hills Energy	natural gas	3,848.37
Blue Cross/Blue Shield	health ins	24,432.94
Bob' Electric	maintenance	81.52
Brown Supply	supply	177.80
Caffrey, Mike	subscription	75.00
Cardmember Services	videos, DVDs, books	57.42
Carlock, Kalsey	refund deposit	18.77
Carquest	supply, mower	208.63
Casper Plbg & Heating	repair, labor	15,769.63
City of Cresco	\$afe-t-fund	2,582.69
City of Cresco	refunds	551.48
City of Cresco	utilities	32.81
CPU	computers	2,218.96
Cresco Ins Agency	insurance	2,721.79
Dalco	supply	819.40
Galls	uniforms	238.95
Group Services	admin fee	348.50
Hanson Tire	mower	58.45
Hawkeye REC	electricity	4,477.87
Hawkeye Sanitation	grit pickup	98.61
Heartland Theatre	bulb	561.25
Helping Services for NE IA	contribution	1,000.00
Hollenbeck, Richard	uniforms	29.98
Holstrom Jewelers	plaques	48.00
IA Dept of Transportation	tire chains	308.00
IA Police Chiefs Assn	dues	75.00
Ikon Office	copiers	148.13
Iowa One Call	one calls	8.10
Iowa Poetry Assn	book	9.00
ISWEP	training	90.00
Kubik Inc.	maintenance	1,034.73
Marco	computer exp	475.00
Mid-States Crime Center	dues	100.00
Murray Radiator King	repair	95.00
MVTL	analysis	243.45
O'Henry's	resale, staff	851.52
payroll		73,743.69
Pepsi Co.	concession	502.60
Pettengill, Don	refund deposit	62.49
petty cash	programs, supply	25.61
Polashek Tile	pool deck	155.00
Post Office	postage	75.00
Print Shop Plus	supplies	60.00
Regional Health Services	random drug test	49.50
Riley's Inc	tech exp, supply	144.98

Rupperts Ace Hardware	supply	152.41
S & B Construction	housing rehab	7,093.29
Signs & Designs	decal	101.00
St. Lukes Center	annual dues	50.00
Storey Kenworthy	office supply	563.34
Tyler Technologies	maintenance	578.55
USA Blue Book	supply	52.87
USPO	envelopes	506.60
Vessco Inc.	parts	90.40
Weber Paper Co	supply	187.62
Wesermann, Bob	programming	185.00
Westcott, Emory	mileage	33.95
Windstream	phone	136.51
Zee Medical	first aid, safety	206.15

General Fund	53,342.81
Road Use Tax	10,021.75
Employee Benefits	23,389.08
Local Option Tax	5,447.13
Cresco Telecom	546.36
Rehab/Housing Trust	7,093.29
Equipment/Repair-Fitness	14,968.99
Water Utility Fund	17,985.93
Water Deposits Trust Fund	640.00
MSSU Operations	17,119.70
Capital Improvement	115.23
Yard Waste Fund	116.97

GRAND TOTAL OF FUNDS \$150,787.24
Revenue Total of Funds from 1/11/11 to 1/24/11 \$151,520.13