

Mayor Bohle called to order a special worksession of the Cresco City Council on October 25, 2013 at 1:00 pm at City Hall. Council members Carman, Bouska, McGee and McCarville were present. Loveless arrived at 1:10 pm. No council members were absent.

Council met to set a minimum bid for the waterworks building on Highway 9 in case the Council decides on November 18th to sell the building at a public auction. Freidhof reported there are no legal requirements regarding how much land to keep around the water tower but the DNR recommended keeping enough to maintain the water tower including repairs and painting. Freidhof then asked the City's engineers, WHKS, for their recommendation. Their rule of thumb is to keep a radius the same as the height of the tower which would be 160 feet. However, they said many cities have a minimum of 50 feet around the tower. The 50 feet would extend into a corner of the building according to our rough estimates. Freidhof also pointed out that if the City should ever need to dig a new well or construct a new water tower or other storage facility that it could be done there since we already own that land.

Consensus of Council was that the City should maintain ownership of the land. After a lengthy discussion, it was decided that the City would allow the building to be moved from that location if the Historical Society would want to. A sale price of \$5,000 would be set to cover the legal expenses incurred by the City due to the sale of the building. The asbestos would be abated by the City prior to moving of the building. The Historical Society would need to submit a plan to the City of how the building would be moved and where it would be put. The plan must also show the mover has adequate insurance to cover any damages incurred during the move. The plan must be submitted at the Council Meeting on November 18, 2013 when the Council will vote on either selling or demolishing the building.

Bouska moved to adjourn at 2:03 pm. Carman seconded and it passed all ayes. The next regular Cresco City Council meeting will be at 7:00 pm on November 4, 2013 at Cresco City Hall.

Mayor Mark Bohle

City Clerk Michelle Girolamo