

The Cresco City Council met March 18, 2013, at 7:00 pm at City Hall. Council members Carman, Bouska, McGee, McCarville and Loveless were present. No Council members were absent. John Loveless was Mayor Pro-Tem.

Bouska made the motion to approve the consent agenda which included approval of the: agenda; claims; minutes of the March 4, 2013 meeting; Class C Liquor License (LC), (commercial) with outdoor service and Sunday sales to Thomas J. & Mary Kleve d/b/a Kleve's Pub. McGee seconded and it passed all ayes.

Public Works Director Rod Freidhof reported: (a) Airport Layout Plan kickoff meeting was 3/19/13. A timeline was developed for the project which is expected to take about a year to complete and will produce a 50 page document; (b) March 7th we had 3 watermain breaks going on at the same time and all three were repaired by March 8th; (c) due to the wintery March, roads will be bad this spring as they thaw out so we ask citizens to be patient as it will not get better overnight; (d) Randy Parcel from IAMU was here March 7th to investigate our stray voltage issues. He is planning a seminar/awareness class in this area concerning stray voltage. Alliant Energy reported that they found nothing; (e) radon levels in City Hall are about 37 whereas the safe level is less than 4 so Hubka Radon Reduction will do some more testing and mitigation with an estimated cost of about \$2,600; (f) Contractor for the Hospital project asked whether they could take trees to the yard waste site. Normally we don't allow contractors to discard trees in the City's Tree Dump but consensus of Council was to allow it for the Hospital's project.

Police Chief Tim Ruroden reported that tests show there is no mold in the basement of City Hall. Officers have been busy due to the weather and also doing investigations and trainings.

City Clerk Michelle Girolamo reported (a) Service Line Warranty letters for water service lines were mailed March 15th; (b) Hospital groundbreaking ceremony is March 22nd at 10:30 am; (c) March 26th will be bid letting for another rehab housing project; (c) RFPs were mailed out and advertised in the newspaper for an auditing firm since it has been over three years. Bouska and Loveless agreed to help Girolamo evaluate the firms and recommend one to Council; (d) financial reports were presented through February which does not show all the expenses for the watermain breaks. Due to decreased amount of usage, water revenue is also under budget. A budget amendment will be done in May.

Mayor Pro-Tem Loveless opened the public hearing for proposed plans, specifications, form of contract, and estimate of the cost of construction of 5th Avenue SW, Vernon Road and Highway 9 watermain improvements, in and for the City of Cresco, Iowa. There were no written or oral comments so the public hearing was closed. Bids received were: Kitchen Construction \$128,829.97; Skyline Construction \$122,213.29; Mehmert Tiling \$128,724.08; GM Contracting \$201,957.50. McCarville made the motion to accept the low bid from Skyline Construction. Carman seconded and it passed all ayes.

Bouska made the motion to approve the resolution approving the contract and bond for construction of 5th Avenue SW, Vernon Road and Highway 9 watermain improvements, in and for the City of Cresco, Iowa. Carman seconded and it passed all ayes.

Due to the inclement weather, Rachele Howe rescheduled for a later meeting to discuss services offered by Upper Explorerland Regional Planning Commission.

Bids were opened for the sale of a 1979 Chevy Van. Dale Snow bid \$632 and Bruening Recycling bid \$502. McGee made the motion to accept the high bid and sell to Dale Snow for \$632. Bouska seconded and it passed all ayes.

Mayor Pro-Tem Loveless performed the second reading of proposed Ordinance #443 which amends Chapter 92 Sections 02 and 03 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Cresco, Iowa, 1998, pertaining to water rates. Bouska made the motion to approve the second reading of proposed Ordinance #443. Carman seconded and it passed all ayes.

Mayor Pro-Tem Loveless performed the second reading of proposed Ordinance #444 which amends Chapter 99 Section 02 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Cresco, Iowa, 1998, pertaining to sewer rental. Carman made the motion to approve the second reading of proposed Ordinance #444. Bouska seconded and it passed all ayes.

Loveless made the motion to reduce \$81.44 of sewer charges for water not entering the sanitary sewer system for Dennis Blake. Bouska seconded and it passed all ayes.

Loveless made the motion to approve a resolution adopting the Code of Conduct for members of the Cresco City Council. McGee seconded and it passed all ayes.

Ruroden presented samples of a "Social Host" Ordinance that other communities are passing. Howard County is holding a town hall meeting on April 4th and is considering passing this ordinance for the County. The City could also pass a similar ordinance. This ordinance would hold property owners more responsible for allowing under-age drinking on their premises by assessing civil fines and penalties. Bouska voiced concerns over invasion of privacy. She hoped there would be some allowance for family members only. Ruroden said he was just informing Council of this proposed ordinance the County was considering. Consensus was to wait and see what Howard County implements and then the City would evaluate the issue again.

Mayor Pro-Tem asked if there were any comments from the audience and there were none. Loveless commented that Bouska, McGee and he had attended the Turkey River Watershed meeting and found it very informative and a good meeting.

Carman moved to adjourn at 7:42 pm. Bouska seconded and it passed all ayes. The next regular Cresco City Council meeting will be at 7:00 pm on April 1, 2013 at Cresco City Hall.

Mayor Pro-Tem John Loveless

City Clerk Michelle Girolamo

Following is a list of claims approved for payment:		
ADVANCED SYS	MAINT	62.94
BAKER & TAYLOR	BOOKS	653.62
BC / BS	INSUR	24,346.98
BOB'S ELECT	SRVC	552.80
BODENSTEINER	RPRS	653.75
BOOK PAGE	SUBSCP	30.00
BORN, MICHAEL	REIMB UNIF	72.76
BROWN	SUPP	369.68
BRUENING ROCK	SUPP	4,856.17
BUSINESS TECH	SUPP	34.00
CITY OF CRES	DEP REF	76.09
CITY OF CRES	INSUR,UTIL	3,067.53
COURTNEY SNOW	SRVC	180.00
CRESCO SHOP	ADVERT	83.25
CRESC TPD	ADVERT	347.92
CUB SCOUTS	PROGM	60.00
DEANS BODY	RPRS	185.00
DEMCO	SUPP	112.20
FAREWAY	SUPP	15.94
FELD FIRE	SUPP	268.50
FENCO	RPRS	61.40
FOLLETT SOFT	SRVC	480.00
GROUP SRVCS	FEE	338.25
HACH	SUPP	296.67
HAWKEYE REC	ELECT	5,133.01
HAWKEYE SAN	GRIT	98.61
HEALTHY CONT	FEE	10.55
HO COUNTY	SHARED LEC	12,249.88
IA MUNICIPAL UTIL	DUES	594.31
IA PARK & REC	TRNG	510.00
KEYSTONE LAB	ANALYS	789.60
MCMASTER-CARR	SUPP	20.28
MERC SRVCS	CC FEE	77.04
MERTZ, TAMMY	DEP REFUND	3.91
MIDLAND SCIEN	SUPP	46.01
MIDWEST BREATH	EQUIP	191.98
MUNICIPAL MAGT	SRVC	600.00
MUNICIPAL PIPE	SRVC	2,273.96
NORTH IA INSPEC	SRVC	406.00
NE IA APPL	EQUIP	500.00
PAYROLL		63,392.56
PETTY CASH	LIB PROG	95.22
PIPER JAFFRAY	ADVISOR	13,500.00
POSTMASTER	POSTAGE	75.00
RICOH	MAINT,COPY	170.30
RILEY'S	SUPP	170.98
RIVER CITY PAV	COLD MIX	637.79
RUPPERT	SUPP	195.12
SANDRY FIRE	SUPP	987.00
ST HYGIENIC	ANALYS	62.00
TRANS-IOWA EQUIP	RPRS	86.80
TRUCK COUNTRY	SUPP	17.07
US CELL	PHONES	121.84
USA BLUE BK	SUPP	76.32
WEBER PAPER	SUPP	66.16
WELLS FARGO	FEE	750.00
WESTCOTT, EMORY	REIMB MIL	64.41
WHKS	ENGRG	4,234.22
WINDRIDGE IMP	SUPP	278.21
	General Fund	45,845.28
	Road Use Tax	8,489.97
	Emp Benefits	29,148.84
	Local Option Tax	826.41
	Cresco Telecom	254.55
	Rehab Hsng	77.40

	Equip Repl	1,553.00
	Debt Service	10,573.00
	Watermain Loop	1,283.00
	Water Utility	22,104.41
	Water Deposit	80.00
	Water Utility	841.00
	MSSU Operation	24,277.30
	Water & Sewer	6.24
	Yard Waste	331.19
	EXPENDITURES	145,691.59
	Revenues 3/5 to 3/18/13	142,777.43