

The Cresco City Council met December 5, 2011, at 7:00 pm at City Hall. Council members Blake, Bouska, Moore and McCarville were present. Loveless arrived at 7:01 pm. No Council members were absent.

McCarville moved to approve the consent agenda which included approval of the agenda; claims; minutes of the November 21 City Council meeting; tax abatement under the urban revitalization plan for Aaron and Cindy Butikofer; approval of Class B Beer Permit (BB) (includes wine coolers) and Sunday sales to Sky Ventures LLC d/b/a Pizza Hut #13793; approval of Class C Liquor License (LC) (commercial) with outdoor service and Sunday sales to Howard County Agricultural Society d/b/a Mighty Howard County Fair – Howard County Expo Center. The motion was seconded by Moore and passed all ayes.

Public Works Director Rod Freidhof reported: (a) Karr Tuckpointing sent an estimate for the Theatre of \$3,130 for tuckpointing and installing sheet metal coping to help keep moisture out; (b) Rod attended a Silver Creek Watershed meeting where they explained an awareness campaign and Neil Shaffer will be writing a grant application and will keep council informed; (c) with the first snowfall of the year, the street department did snow removal and sanding; (d) water department also busy cleaning sidewalks and finished flushing valves for the year; (e) sewer will have the final walk through of the sludge storage project; (f) staff will be attending trainings on Tuesday.

Mayor Bohle introduced the new Police Chief, Tim Ruroden. This was his first day of work and met many people and was busy filling out paperwork. Tim distributed the monthly police report to council.

City Clerk Michelle Girolamo reported: (a) Sue Murphy was hired as Deputy Clerk and she started last Monday and is working out really good especially with her experience with fund accounting being extremely helpful; (b) Joe Casey who cleans the Library and City Hall will be resigning at the end of the month so we need to discuss the position and start advertising for that position; (c) Department heads have turned in their budgets and I will now need to work on those; (d) Paula Galvin has resigned her position on the Park Board so they will be advertising for a new Park Board member; (e) Airport Commission will be meeting on December 13th.

Freidhof reported that he received the Phase 1 Environmental Assessment on the Alliance Building which was 180 pages long. They are recommending a Phase 2 but we are not required to do anything if the building is sold. A copy will be given to the purchaser because it lists recognized environmental conditions and if demolition occurs then mold issues, asbestos and lead based paint will need to be mitigated.

Mayor Bohle opened the public hearing and opening of sealed bids for the sale of the building at Lot 5, Block 3, Park Addition to the City of Cresco. Jody Torgerson bid \$3,000. No other bids were submitted so Loveless made a motion to accept the bid of \$3,000. McCarville seconded the motion and it passed all ayes. Bouska made the motion to approve the resolution authorizing the sale of real estate. Moore seconded the motion and it passed all ayes.

Loveless made the motion to approve the 3rd reading and approval of Ordinance 438 amending chapter 90 regarding connection regulations and fees for connections outside the city limits. Moore seconded the motion and it passed all ayes.

Mayor asked if there were any comments from the audience and there were none.

It was moved by McCarville to adjourn at 7:14 pm. The motion was seconded by Bouska and passed all ayes. The next regular Cresco City Council meeting will be December 19, 2011, at 7:00 pm at Cresco City Hall.