The Cresco City Council met April 2, 2012, at 7:00 pm at City Hall. Council members Carman, Bouska, McGee, McCarville and Loveless were present. No council members were absent.

Bouska moved to approve the consent agenda which included approval of the: agenda; claims; minutes of the March 19, 2012 meeting as amended; approval of an Excavator's License for James Kitchen d/b/a Kitchen Construction, LLC; approval of pay request #5-final for $4,800.90 for Skoda Home Improvement for Housing Rehab Project. Loveless seconded and it passed all ayes.

Public Works Director Rod Freidhof reported: (a) Bill Ferrie has resigned from the Board of Adjustments so an ad will be in the paper. Everyone expressed appreciation for the years of service Bill committed; (b) MP Nexlevel, the contractor that did the fiber optic project last summer, fixed the concrete problems and the affected homeowners are all satisfied with the results; (c) Street: repaired Schroeder Drive last week and will sweep the town for the 2nd time; (d) Water: repaired another water main break and will begin fixing patches from watermain breaks; (e) Sewer: has had two sewer mains backup which is less than normal possibly due to weather or because we have been doing more rehab and maintenance; (f) Theatre: repaired a bad spot in the roof and will receive an estimate on other roof repairs as well as repairs for the scene shop roof.

Police Chief Tim Ruroden submitted his monthly report. He also reported that we have received the parts for the tornado sirens and will be contacting Racom to get them installed.

City Clerk Michelle Girolamo reported: (a) the Airport Commission is getting bids on concrete for the south apron and also for runway repair. The runway repair would be eligible for a 70% grant; (b) working on the budget amendment but still waiting for some bids. Bouska inquired about the status of the hangar project. Girolamo replied that Johnson has moved the date of construction back to the fall and the Airport Commission is still determining the best location. Bohle inquired about the roof on the street shop. Freidhof replied that the bonding company will contact Bollman to get the inspection done. Girolamo distributed the final assessment plat & schedule for the 1st Avenue Reconstruction project for council to review and ask questions since Bill and Daren were here from WHKS. The positive aspect was that the final assessments are lower by almost $23,000 than the preliminary estimates. The official paperwork will be done at the next council meeting. Rod stated there will be a pre-construction meeting at City Hall for the 2nd Avenue East reconstruction project on April 10th.

Fire Chief Neal Stapelkamp reported one fire call last week and their house-burn training last week went very well.

William Angerman, Engineer from WHKS, presented a feasibility study report for the possible expansion of water and sewer services to potential growth areas of the industrial park. A power point presentation showed maps and associated costs for each potential phase of expansion. The City would need to work with the Engineers and the City Attorney to determine if the ordinance would be changed to include water accessibility charges (WAC) or sewer accessibility charges (SAC) or a benefitted district fee. The 1st step is choosing the project timing so the proverbial question is whether we put the services in the ground before the new industry comes or wait until an industry comes and then put the services in. The 2nd step is to pursue land options and easements. The 3rd step is to analyze and update annexation policies. The 4th step is to determine a fee recovery system. Another option is to explore whether other areas should have feasibility studies done.

Loveless moved to award Hotel/Motel Tax tourism grants as recommended by the Tourism Advisory Committee as follows: (a) Jaycees $2,100 for Motorcross races; (b) Cresco Community Theatre $500 marketing for bus tours; (c) Howard-Winn Alumni & Foundation $700 for mailings and newsletters; (d) Cresco Chamber $915.30 for Family Fun Nights.

Requests denied were from Jody Torgerson/Alliance Store for roof repair and the County Store for a laptop and cameras because they did not meet the tourism definition. McCarville seconded and it passed all ayes.

First Assistant Fire Chief Charles Reicks discussed the need for a new pumper fire truck. Both the Rural and City pumpers are over 21 years old and need to be replaced. The City and Rural authorized forming a truck committee to research and get bids on a new truck. Discussions have also occurred between the City and Rural Fire Departments about purchasing the truck jointly instead of each department purchasing one. One of the companies that they requested a bid from has offered a Tier 2 motor for $20,000 less than the new Tier 3 motor but then we would be obligated to purchase the truck from that company. This company manufactured many of the trucks that the committee had been considering and they feel that we would still get a fair price on the rest of the truck. This motor is available on a first-come, first-serve basis and would require a $10,000 deposit to hold the motor. Loveless made the motion to commit to the purchase of the Tier 2 motor contingent on the fact that the Rural Fire Department also commits to the purchase of the motor and the joint purchase of a truck. Bouska seconded and it passed all ayes.

Loveless made the motion to make a sewer adjustment for water not entering the sanitary sewer system for Chad and Sandy Evans for Shady Oaks Trailer Court. Bouska seconded and it passed all ayes.

Loveless made the motion to make a sewer adjustment for water not entering the sanitary sewer system for Dale Vrba for Willow Courtyard. Bouska seconded and it passed all ayes.

Mayor asked if there were any comments from the audience. McCarville reported that he has received a request from a resident to put a handicap parking spot in front of Dollar General. Freidhof will look into it. Jason Passmore reminded everyone of the Howard County Business and Tourism annual banquet on April 11, 2012.

Carman moved to adjourn at 7:50 pm. McGee seconded and it passed all ayes. The next regular Cresco City Council meeting will be April 16, 2012, at 7:00 pm at Cresco City Hall.

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Mayor Mark Bohle City Clerk Michelle Girolamo

Following is a list of claims approved for payment:		
ALL FLAGS	SUPP	228.86
ALLIANT	ELECT	10,818.56
AMES ENVIRO	TRAINING	420.00
ARAMARK	SRVC	414.66
BANCARD	TRAINING	289.27
BLACK HILLS	GAS	5,793.07
BLAZEK	SRVC	28,380.00
BODENSTEINER	SRVC	47.13
BROWN SUPP	SUPP	349.47
CITY OF CRES	UTIL	1,070.61
CITY LAUNDER	UNIFORM	126.72
CPU	SUPP	169.97
CULLIGAN	SUPP	105.24
DALCO	SUPP	562.50
DEANS BODY	SRVC	151.34
DIGITAL ALLY	SUPP	68.00
ENVIRO RESC	TESTING	283.02
FAREWAY	SUPP	14.27
FIRE SRVC TRAIN	TRAINING	100.00
HACH	SUPP	162.14
HAWKEYE	GARBAGE	42,863.36
HC RECORD	REHB HSG	64.00
HYDRITE	SUPP	3,409.02
IA ASC MUN UT	FEES	841.33
JOHN DEERE FIN	SUPP	1,458.85
MATT PARROTT	SUPP	1,403.33
MICHAEL'S TRUCK	EQUIP	7,086.00
NE IA SERV	SRVC	29.86
NORTHERN SAF	EQUIP	2,127.27
PAYROLL		62,783.27
PEPSI-COLA	CONCESS	139.50
POOL TECH	SUPP	912.21
POSTMASTER	POSTAGE	410.48
PRO TECH	SUPP	160.20
RIVER CITY PAV	SUPP	470.59
SAM'S DISCOVER	SUPP	786.65
SANDRY FIRE	EQUIP	114.61
SHANNON COX	TRAINING	53.42
SHERWIN-WILLIAMS	EQUIP	349.00
SKODA HOME IMPRV	REHAB HSG	4,800.90
SOUTHSIDE TRUCK	RPRS	103.26
SPAHN & ROSE	SUPP	243.52
SPORTSMITH	EQUIP	828.69
STAPELKAMP, NEAL	TRAINING	253.08
STATE HYG LAB	TESTING	113.00
SUN LIFE FIN	INSUR	44.75
TRANS-IOWA EQP	RPRS	49.36
USA BLUE BK	SUPP	8.01
VERIZON	PHONE	95.15
WHKS	SRVC	7,330.71
WINDSTREAM	PHONE	927.48
WINKIE, DAVID	TRAINING	8.29
ZARNOTH BRUSH	SUPP	91.10
ZEE MEDICAL	SUPP	219.95
	GENERAL FUND	93,797.06
	ROAD USE TAX	13,638.28
	EMP BENEFITS	6,501.21
	LOCAL OPT TAX	6,672.35
	CRESCO TELECOM	296.51
	REHAB/HOUSING	4,864.90
	STREET TRUST	2,362.00
	1ST AVE PROJ	7,330.71
	WATER UTILITY	13,770.16
	MSSU OPERATION	9,669.08

	MSSU REPL	30,507.27
	WATER/SEWER C.I.	362.75
	YARD WASTE	362.75
	EXPENDITURES	190,135.03
	Revenues 03/20 to 04/02/12	260,419.02