

The Cresco City Council met February 21, 2011, at 7:00 pm at City Hall. Council members Blake, Bouska, Loveless, McCarville and Moore were present. No council members were absent.

It was moved by Bouska to approve the consent agenda, which included approval of: the agenda; claims; minutes of the February 7, 2011 Council meeting; approval of parade permit for 5K Fun Run on March 5, 2011; approval of a tree surgeon license for Shane Pinter dba Pinter Landscaping and Tree Service; approval of release of mortgage for Jessica L. Kuhse due to expiration of repayment required; approval of release of mortgage for Robert & Sharon Wildman due to expiration of repayment required. The motion was seconded by Blake and passed all ayes.

Public Works Director Rod Freidhof reported on: (a) Teresa McGee submitted a petition signed by residents of 5<sup>th</sup> Street SE requesting that Council consider their street for an assessed repaving project. A feasibility study will be done on the project; (b) Street Department: getting grader ready to be sold; Case Loader is fixed with an approximate cost of \$7,000; (c) Sewer Department: sludge storage is getting full but hoping to make it to spring so this exemplifies why we need the new sludge storage capacity; (d) Water Department: repaired a water main break on 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue East; (e) Cody and Jason passed their CDL tests; (f) GIS training is March 30 & 31 for Mike and Drew; (g) Rod attended a storm water utility meeting and learned about setting up the utility and has examples from other cities; (h) we received complaints about sewer odors from Vorwalds again. We will now install a backflow preventer in their sewer line. We are still experimenting with changing the pump levels and using the odor loggers to record effects and we are documenting everything. We have had some complaints from other areas of town so will do some smoke testing. (i) Cresco Foods Technology will be plugging their well by May 15, 2011 and has accepted our counter-proposal.

City Clerk Michelle Girolamo reported that (a) January Financial Statements were presented and nothing major to report on those but is working on a budget amendment for a few items; (b) reminder of RHS meeting on February 23<sup>rd</sup>; (c) the lease on the old city hall building is coming due on April 12<sup>th</sup> so we will discuss the rate and conditions in early April; (d) Rod & Michelle will attend the County Board of Supervisors meeting regarding the County TIF and the York Street paving project; (e) Denise has been improving the website and Bill and Denise are researching other options for the website. (f) census results show City of Cresco population decreased by 37 for a population of 3,868 which due to restructuring reduces our road use tax revenue for next year by about \$13,000.

Dusty Burnikel of Dusty's Total Tree Service questioned the policy of not going out for bids for tree cutting. Girolamo replied that we have only averaged \$1,700 a year in expense for hiring tree trimming for the past 5 years. The City Street Department does most of the tree removal. Freidhof commented that in the near future we may need to contract more of the tree trimming. Dusty stressed that keeping healthy trees would really slow down the spread of the Emerald Ash Borer and by pruning trees correctly would keep the trees healthy. The City will consider his comments and will keep him in mind but will not go out for bids since the present arrangement is working and the expense is relatively small at this time.

Loveless made a motion to approve a resolution to approve a 28E Agreement with the Iowa Department of Transportation regarding maintenance, repair and minor construction of the primary roads within the boundaries of the City of Cresco. Bouska seconded the motion and it passed all ayes.

Loveless made a motion to set the Public Hearing for the budget estimate for the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2012 for March 7, 2011 at 7:00 pm. McCarville seconded the motion and it passed all ayes.

Bouska made a motion to approve a resolution releasing the real estate mortgage with Mary Spieker. Moore seconded the motion and it passed all ayes.

Bouska made a motion to approve a resolution converting a four-way stop to a three-way stop sign at the intersection of 6<sup>th</sup> Street East and 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue East. McCarville seconded the motion and it passed all ayes.

Blake made a motion to approve a resolution prohibiting weapons in City of Cresco Buildings and on all property owned or controlled by the City of Cresco. Blake requested that it be included in the next update of the employee handbook as well. Bouska seconded the motion and Bouska, McCarville, Loveless and Blake voted ayes. Moore voted nay. Resolution was passed by majority vote.

Bouska requested that council discuss the possibility of the City of Cresco having a community garden. Location was discussed and the only feasible location would be the airport which brought up concerns regarding overspray from the crop farmers and the remote location. There was more discussion on responsibility of turning up the soil, water supply, having a disclaimer signed, size of plot and fee per plot. It was agreed to put an ad in the paper and channel 3 to see if there is a demand or not. If there is no response from the ads then we will not do it.

Mayor Bohle presented action plans for the Strategic Plan. Freidhof and Girolamo gave recommendations on several of the plans and updated responsible staff and dates. There was considerable discussion as to whether to keep the projects in the strategic plan and timelines projected for each action plan. Girolamo will forward the changes to Pat Callahan to incorporate the changes into the final Strategic Plan to be presented at a work session on March 7, 2011.

Girolamo extended an invitation from Carmen to the mayor and council to attend the Library Board meeting at 5:00 pm on March 7, 2011 to join in the discussions of the water infiltration problems at the Library.

Freidhof thanked Willard Balk and Balk Lime & Ready Mix for the use of their loader while ours was repaired.

Comments from the audience were requested by Mayor Bohle. Willard Balk requested that the alley behind the old Jack & Jill be changed from a one-way to a two-way. Freidhof will work with the police and street department to determine if this would be acceptable. A resolution would then be presented at the next council meeting.

It was moved by Blake to adjourn at 8:15 pm. The motion was seconded by Bouska and passed all ayes. The next regular Cresco City Council meeting will be March 7, 2011, at 7:00 pm at Cresco City Hall.

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Mayor Mark Bohle

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City Clerk Michelle Girolamo

Following is a list of claims approved for payment:

Advanced Systems	maintenance	50.18
Alliant Energy	electricity	14,686.53
Alum-Line	freight	250.00
Auditor of State	audit filing fee	425.00
Baker & Taylor	books	1,041.92
Barco Municipal Products	chains	175.66
Black Hills Energy	natural gas	531.57
Blue Cross/Blue Shield	health ins	25,374.51
Bradbury, Heather	refund	63.43
Brown Supply	supply	50.25
Cardmember Services	books, DVD, video	442.67
CarQuest	supply	91.62
City of Cresco	refunds	159.98
City of Cresco	utilities	27.68
CPU	repair	40.00
Dean's Body Shop	repair	3,831.01
Decorah Newspapers	subscription	35.00
Demco	supply	69.77
Dough & Joe	programming	24.00
Elwood Law	attorney fee	2,032.16
Fareway	supply	15.99
Farm Plan aka Fisks	supply	749.00
Fencil Oil & LP	lp gas	481.30
Fire Service Training	workshop	50.00
Follett	maintenance	480.00
Gosch's Inc.	repair	169.15
Hawkeye REC	electricity	6,686.74
Highsmith	supply	94.21
Howard County	lec costs	12,979.26
Hydrite Chemical	chemicals	575.00
IA Narotics Officers	conference	160.00
Ikon Office	copier	78.48
JJ Keller	manual	175.98
Lakeside Equipment	element	412.00
Lime Springs Herold	subscription	33.00
Marco	computer expense	150.00
Matt Parrott	utility bills	1,403.33
MVTL	analysis	81.15
Ostrander Farmers Coop	lp	100.89
payroll # 4		58,197.02
Pelley, Seth	refund	26.68
petty cash	postage	8.22
Pool Tech	chemicals	407.72
Post Office	postage	75.00
Riley's Inc	tech, supply	84.74
Ruppert, Inc.	supply	5.98
Schumacher	maintenance	127.42
Spahn & Rose	TIF Rebate	17,766.56
Sportsmith	parts	746.44
TASC	admin, card fee	222.12
Tri-State Fire	repair	657.25

Truck Country	repair	270.18
US Blue Book	algae brush	69.29
US Cellular	phone	368.40
Von Bokern	labor negotiations	450.00
Wells Fargo	service fee	400.00
Windstream	phone	261.28

General Fund	56171.43
Road Use Tax	9706.70
Employee Benefits	25893.69
Emergency Fund	715.00
Local Option Tax	4225.77
Urban Renewal TIF	17766.56
Cresco Telecom	619.69
Debt Service Fund	400.00
Water Utility Fund	17425.31
Water Deposits Trust Fund	240.00
MSSU Operations	20671.09
Capital Improvement	293.74
Yard Waste Fund	293.74

GRAND TOTAL OF FUNDS	154,422.72
Revenue Totals from 2/08/11-2/21/11	142,160.33