

The Cresco City Council met February 7, 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 January 24, 2011 Council meeting; minutes of the January 26, 2011 budget work session; approval of a tree surgeon license for Tim Walton dba Walton Tree Service; approval of a tree surgeon license for Wilson Custom Tree; approval of an excavator's license for Mehmert Tiling Inc. The motion was seconded by Blake and passed all ayes.

Public Works Director Rod Freidhof reported on: (a) roof was ordered for the street shop and installation should occur in early March; (b) Street Department: busy clearing and hauling snow. Case Loader is broke down so we are waiting to hear what the problem is. Balk's are renting us a loader and charging per hour on an as needed basis until ours is fixed; (c) Sewer Department: removed the blower and will be hauled to Omaha with a load from Alum Line; (d) Water Department: cleaning out fire hydrants. Blake suggested we continue to promote citizens to take the initiative to keep their fire hydrants cleared out; (e) Mayor Bohle formed the Public Works Committee and appointed Council Members John Loveless and Steve McCarville along with a WHKS representative and PWD Rod Freidhof and City Clerk Michelle Girolamo to discuss projects more thoroughly and present to Council; (f) Silver Creek Watershed Program: meeting scheduled for March 2, 2011 at 1:00 to discuss the sinkhole; (g) Trees: received \$750 tree grant from Branching Out (Alliant Energy) and \$750 from Power of Trees (Black Hills Energy) and the City was also named Tree City USA again.

Police Chief Mark Kissinger distributed monthly police reports and also the annual report with comparisons from prior years. There is nothing new to report on the vandalism cases.

City Clerk Michelle Girolamo reported that (a) she attended the Howard County Board of Supervisors meeting to discuss the LEC building. A committee will be formed with Council Members Josh Moore and Amy Bouska along with Girolamo to work with the County Supervisors on the LEC project; (b) budget is done and Council was given a summary to review and it will be published in the paper February 23, 2011 for the public hearing on March 7, 2011; (c) Girolamo and Bohle will work with Keri to do an article on the City budget with graphs to inform the public; (d) reminder of the Regional Health Services meeting on February 23, 2011.

Dan Ollendick and Gary Aspenson from the Housing Development Committee were present to request funds for the Northeast Iowa Regional Housing Trust Fund. Funds would be matched 4 to 1 and would be used for housing rehab in the City of Cresco. Loveless made the motion to pledge \$5,000. Bouska seconded the motion and it passed all ayes.

Engineers Bill Angerman and Daren Sikkink of WHKS presented the initial estimates for four small assessment projects. Water mains may need to be replaced on three of the projects and one may need a retaining wall. Financing will be an issue as we may need to bond for the projects. Consensus of Council was for WHKS to proceed with figuring the assessments. Based on the results of the assessments, estimated costs and financing costs, Council will then decide which, if any, of the projects to proceed on.

Bill Angerman presented the proposed time schedule for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Sludge Handling and Storage Improvements. The cost of the project will be about \$725,000 of which the City received an I-Jobs water quality grant of \$275,000. We will do an SRF loan and GO loan for the remainder. McCarville made the motion to set the Public Hearing and Bid letting date for March 21, 2011 at 7:00 pm. Sealed bids are due March 16, 2011 at 2:00pm to the City Clerk at City Hall. Moore seconded the motion and it passed all ayes.

Bill Angerman discussed a sump pump inspection project. A significant savings for wastewater treatment costs would be to reduce infiltration issues into the sewer system and one method is to implement a sump pump inspection program. A sump pump program is one of the most cost effective ways of reducing your costs and trying to avoid having to do a capital improvement program but the sump pump program would need to have public education promoting the program. An estimated 5-10% of sump pumps could be hooked up to the sewer lines. The estimated cost of \$70,000 would be hiring WHKS to administer the program and doing the inspections and would take about 4 months for the initial inspections. We could also inspect all of the service lines for beaver systems and tile lines illegally connected but the cost would be around \$120,000. Council will discuss this later but no action was taken currently.

Loveless made a motion to reduce the excessive sewer charges of \$31.62 for Karyn Bishop-Henry because an outside water faucet had been tampered with and the water did not go into the sanitary sewer system. Blake seconded the motion and it passed all ayes.

Freidhof brought to the attention of Council the possible need for adopting an ordinance regarding wind turbines. Bouska questioned the sound decibels and that will be researched. The consensus of Council was to proceed with drafting an ordinance to address wind turbines.

Freidhof and City Hall have received several complaints regarding the new 4-way stop sign at the intersection of 6<sup>th</sup> Street East and 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue East. Bouska recommended going to a 3-way stop instead of going back to a 2-way stop due to the difficulty of seeing and to slow down the east bound traffic. Staff was instructed to work with the street department and police department to determine whether to make it a 2-way or 3-way stop.

Comments from the audience were requested by Mayor Bohle. Charlie McIntyre had a question about an empty house with a broken window. Freidhof replied that the window had been fixed as requested by our nuisance letter. He also had a complaint about cars parked on both sides of the road making it narrow to drive through. Freidhof will look into the complaint. Teresa McGee asked if a petition was filed by a neighborhood to request an assessment project on their street if the City would consider doing a street project. Council answered that if the petition is received, we would work with the engineers to determine the cost and feasibility of the project and consider the project based on the findings.

It was moved by Moore to adjourn at 7:59 pm. The motion was seconded by Bouska and passed all ayes. The next regular Cresco City Council meeting will be February 21, 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:

Ahlers & Cooney	attorney fee	530.00
Bancard Services	tools, gas	405.01
Black Hills Energy	natural gas	6,112.22
Bob's Electric	heat element	326.08
Bodensteiner Implement	repair, parts	692.19
Casper Plumbing	service	444.81
CIA Insurance	insurance	53.00
City Laundering	uniforms	194.10
City of Cresco	refunds	45.57
City of Cresco	utilities	1,208.83
Cresco Heating	service	203.23
Cresco Medical Clinic	injection	179.00
Cresco Shopper	notices, supply	271.30
Culligan	water conditioning	137.19
Dalco	supply	243.09
Dean's Body Shop	repair	155.00
Fire Service Training	fire school	585.00
Hach Co.	lab supplies	248.50
Hanson Tire	tires, maint	408.30
Hawkeye Sanitation	garbage, recycling	43,388.11
Holstrom Jewelers	plaque	58.50
Hometown Accounting	1099s	50.00
Hovey Oil	grease, kerosene	480.80
Howard County Extension	continuing ed	35.00
Howard County Recorder	record release	23.00
Hydrite Chemical Co.	chemicals	3,706.70
Hygienic Lab	analysis	55.00
IA Prison Industries	street signs	26.75
Ikon Office	copier	1,074.72
Kwik Trip	fuel	5,964.94
Mark's Electronics	repair	220.00
Mayville Repair	repair	440.00
MVTL	analysis	125.30
Northeast IA Motors	towing	90.00
Northeast IA Service	repair	351.35
O'Henry's	resale	59.20
payroll # 3		57,781.00
Perkins, Helen	refund	6.07
Petty Cash	supply, postage	141.64
Postmaster	presort fee	185.00
Region 1 AWWA	training	30.00
Regional Health	random drug test	49.50
Ruppert Inc.	UPS, supply	148.51
Sam's Club Discover	supply, resale	1,811.50
Sensus	software support	30.00
Signs & Designs	graphics	68.00
Spahn & Rose	supply	305.44
St. Lukes Center	random drug test	74.00
Storey Kenworthy	office supply	654.64
Sun Life Financial	life ins	47.35

Thomas, Sara	refund deposit	49.29
Times Plain Dealer	notices	164.01
Treasurer, State of IA	sales tax	5,408.94
Tyler Technologies	antivirus renewal	91.00
USPO	postage	359.17
Verizon Wireless	phone	82.85
Windridge Implement	filters, oil	204.44
Windstream	phone	1,083.75

General Fund	93,184.59
Road Use Tax	12,153.34
Employee Benefits	6,499.05
Cresco Telecom	242.40
Rehab Housing Trust	23.00
Street Fund Trust	1.26
Water Utility Fund	14,769.06
Water Deposits Trust Fund	80.00
MSSU Operations	9,867.50
Capital Improvement	272.97
Yard Waste Fund	274.72

GRAND TOTAL OF FUNDS	\$137,367.89
Revenue Total of Funds from 1/25/2011 to 2/7/2011	\$102,869.62