The Cresco City Council met July 15, 2013, at 7:00 pm at City Hall. Council members Carman, Bouska, McGee and McCarville were present. Loveless arrived at 7:04 pm. No Council members were absent.

Carman made the motion to approve the consent agenda which included approval of the: agenda; claims; minutes of the July 1, 2013 meeting; ClassC Liquor License (LC) (commercial) with outdoor service to M&M Lounge LLC dba M&M Lounge on 7/27/13; excavator licenses for Henry Backhoe Service, Mracek Plumbing, Heating & Electric LLC and Stoneage Enterprises LLC. Bouska seconded and it passed all ayes.

Public Works Director Rod Freidhof reported: (a) chip sealing is going good but are still about a month behind schedule; (b) cleaning up a few tree problems; (c) water and sewer departments worked together to fix back most of the watermain patches; (d) field testing at sewer plant to figure out issues with the diffuser heads in the aeration basins that are not working properly; (e) WHKS intern working on GIS mapping; (f) Bruening's is repairing concrete on the Vernon Road project. Only replacing what was damaged during the project even though the whole road is in bad shape; (g) storm sewer project with Windridge on the airport road is complete and is a good improvement; (h) working on a small extension to the storm sewer on 7th Street with A&W and Winneshiek Coop to address drainage problems; (i) the reservoir will be removed and so the retaining wall will need to come down. Rick will see if the football team could assist with removing the retaining wall. The Council may consider using the area for the Farmer's Market in the future.

Police Chief Tim Ruroden presented his monthly report. Officers are getting situated downstairs at City Hall. July 3rd went good with a lot of people around but not many issues. Ruroden requested a meeting with the Personnel Committee to discuss options regarding personnel shortages.

City Clerk Michelle Girolamo reported (a) Public Works Committee meeting July 19th for WHKS to discuss the Granger Road Feasibility Study and possible sewer plant expansion; (b) Data Technologies will be here this week to convert payroll software. Auditors are here next week. Data Technologies will be back the following week to convert the utility billing software; (c) Fit for Life Grant final report is due Wednesday. The fitness equipment is here thanks to Pat Boyle and Kelly McCarville for delivering it and to Campsite for supplying the truck and trailer. We are hoping to get it installed within the next month; (d) we will need to do a budget amendment soon due unforeseen expenses already and some carryover of projects that did not get paid for last year; (e) airport hangar door was damaged and the runway lights are not working so there will be some repair expenses.

McCarville made the motion to approve a resolution authorizing the City Clerk to extend the health insurance contract with Wellmark Blue Cross/Blue Shield for 5 months locking in the rate and plan until November 30, 2014. McGee seconded and it passed all ayes.

Bouska made the motion to approve a resolution directing the City Clerk to publish a Notice of Hearing on August 5, 2013 for the adoption of the proposed "Code of Ordinances of the City of Cresco, Iowa." Carman seconded and it passed all ayes.

Bouska made the motion to approve a resolution approving and authorizing an amendment to loan and disbursement agreements by and between the City of Cresco and the Iowa Finance Authority, and authorizing and providing for the reissuance of the $600,000 Sewer Revenue Capital Loan Note, Series 2001, and $400,000 General Obligation Capital Loan Note, Series 20001, of the City. This refinancing will lower the interest from 3% to 1.75%, saving interest expense of $25,250. This is the second refinancing so the total savings are over $61,000 on these two loans. McGee seconded and it passed all ayes.

Loveless made the motion to approve a resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into an agreement with Iowa Department of Transportation for an Airport Improvement

Program for pavement maintenance. This grant is for $10,500 (70%) of the cost for joint and crack sealing of the runway. Carman seconded and it passed all ayes.

Loveless made the motion to approve a resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into an agreement with Jessica Skoda for the Farmer's Market. The agreement allows the Farmers Market to be operated in Beadle Park and/or the Southside Parking Lot on Sundays July through October from 8 am to 2 pm. Carman seconded and it passed all ayes.

McGee made the motion to change the date of the first Council meeting in September to Wednesday September 4, 2013 due to the Labor Day Holiday. McCarville seconded and it passed all ayes.

Mayor Bohle informed Council that Cresco was selected to be featured in "Communities of Distinction TV". This five minute segment hosted by Terry Bradshaw is part of "America's Best Places to Live, Work and Play" in their "Discover America" series aired nationally on FOX Business Network and aired 19 times regionally on ABC & FOX. We passed the first interview and are scheduled for the second interview on July 16th. The cost to the City is $19,800 and then we retain all rights to the program after it is aired. Council agreed to continue in the process to see what happens. Funding from other sources will be needed to help defray the cost. It could be a great marketing tool to entice people to move to Cresco.

Mayor Bohle opened the discussion on the old City Hall and whether Council wanted to gift the building to Howard County or to sell the building by auction. After much debate and a struggle in making their decision, Bouska made the motion to proceed with gifting the building to Howard County and setting the public hearing at the next meeting to hear the public's input. The final vote would then take place after the public hearing and comments have been received. Loveless seconded the motion. McCarville, Loveless and Bouska voted aye. McGee and Carman voted nay. The motion passed by majority. The public hearing date will be set at the next Council meeting, with the public hearing most likely scheduled for August 19, 2013.

Mayor asked if there were any comments from the audience. Dena Bently asked permission to continue to have recreational fires in their backyard near the alley even though it is less than 25 feet from their own shed. Moving the fire ring to satisfy the 25 foot rule would move it in the middle of their grass under utility lines and closer to the neighbor's house. It is currently on gravel and is farther from the neighbor's house. Council understood the dilemma of being practical versus following the Code. Council will discuss the issue with the Police.

Carman moved to adjourn at 7:42 pm. McGee seconded and it passed all ayes. The next regular Cresco City Council meeting will be at 7:00 pm on August 5, 2013 at Cresco City Hall.

Mayor Mark Bohle	City Clerk Michelle Girolamo

Following is a list of claims approved for payment:

ADVANCED SYS	MAINT	62.94
ALLIANT	ELECT	613.48
BAKER&TAYLOR	BOOKS	384.82
BANCARD	EQUIP	789.90
BC / BS	INSUR	25,132.82
BECKER, RYAN	SRVC	135.00
BLACKBURN, JOAN	SUPP	125.05
BLACK HILLS	NAT GAS	63.06
BOB'S ELECT	SUPP	6.04
BOHLE, MARK	REIMB	13.50
BOYLE, PAT	REIMB	99.81
BROWN SUPP	SUPP	110.25
BRUENING ROCK	ROCK	2,345.01
CAMPSITE RV	LP GAS	196.03
CARDMEMBER	DVD	27.31
CITY OF CRES	DEP REF	159.24
CITY OF CRES	INSUR,UTIL	3,074.11
CPU	SUPP	95.98
CRES FIRE SAFETY	SRVC	136.75
CRES INSUR	INSUR	937.00
DALCO	SUPP	185.98
DENNER, EILEEN	DEP REF	71.20
ELWOOD, O'DONO	LEGAL	1,342.50
EVANS, SANDRA	REF OVRPMT	29.66
FAREWAY	SUPP	54.48
FOLLETT SOFT	SUBSCPT	289.00
GAMETRUCK	SRVC	1,100.00
GOSCH'S	SRVC	35.00
HACH	ANALYS	166.34
HANSON TIRE	SUPP	29.00
HAWKEYE REC	ELECT	7,118.26
HAWKEYE SAN	GRIT	188.61
HO COUNTY	SHARED LEC	13,753.94
HO CO AGRIC	TOURISM	2,500.00
H & S	RPRS	411.89
IDALS	FEE	75.00
IA ASSOC OF MUNIC	DUES	872.27
IA DEPT OF NAT	FEE	454.59
IA DEPT OF TRANS	OIL	1,397.90
IOWA ONE	SRVC	47.70
IA WRESTLING HALL	TOURISM	583.84
JIM'S AUTO	SUPP	10.58
KEYSTONE LABS	ANALYS	1,071.05
KWIK TRIP	GAS	4,686.32
LT MECHANICAL	SRVC	578.07
MIDLAND SCIENTI	SUPP	39.60
NAT ASSOC OF TOWN	SUPP	68.00
NE IA COMM	DEP REF	33.56
NORTHERN SAFETY	UNIFM	80.21
O'HENRY'S	SUPP	213.96
OSMONSON, ERIC	DEP REF	56.00
OUTDOOR RECR	EQUIP	20,336.00
PAYROLL		64,879.78
PETTY CASH	SUPP	197.35
POSTMASTER	POSTAGE	125.00
PRINT SHOP PLUS	SUPP	32.00
RESEARCH TECH	SUPP	101.95
RICOH	COPIES,SRVC	306.69
RUPPERT	SUPP	379.51
SCHOLBROCK MASN	SRVC	2,450.00
SCHWICKERT'S TECTA	RPRS	834.00
SHERWIN-WILLIAMS	EQUIP	165.00
SIGNS & DESIGNS	SUPP	1,471.25
SKYLINE CONSTRUCT	RPRS	2,218.00
SPAHN & ROSE	RPRS	170.24
STATE HYGIENIC LAB	ANALYS	132.00
STOREY KENWORTHY	SUPP	315.23
US CELL	PHONE	135.23
VOBR, MICHELLE	SRVC	200.00

WEBER PAPER	SUPP	351.52
WINNESHIEK COOP	SUPP	24.45
WINDSTREAM	PHONE	148.50

General Fund	57,393.17
Hotel/Motel	3,083.84
Local Option Tax	4,447.07
Mediacom	474.58
Cresco Comm Fire	132.92
Road Use	11,740.60
Emp Benefits	29,112.32
Bike Trail	2,164.13
Fit for Life	21,835.81
Water Utility	13,292.25
Water Dep	320.00
Sewer Opera	21,861.72
Cap Improv	35.53
Yardwaste	1,132.37
EXPENDITURES	167,026.31
Revenues 7/2 to 7/15/13	225,889.66