

The Cresco City Council met May 18, 2015, at 7:00 pm at City Hall. Council Members Carman, Bouska, McGee, McCarville and Loveless were present. No council members were absent.

Carman made the motion to approve the consent agenda which included approval of the: agenda; claims; minutes of the May 4, 2015 meeting; parade permit for Memorial Day Celebration on May 25, 2015 on North Elm Street; parade permit for race car display at A&W and parade of cars to the race track on May 31, 2015; pay request #4 from Skyline Construction for the 3rd Street West Reconstruction Project for \$275,980.04. Bouska seconded and it passed all ayes.

Public Works Director Rod Freidhof reported (a) Nick Rissman, Howard County Engineer, discussed a cost-sharing project to core out a portion of Yankee Avenue and then double chip seal this portion. The cost for the County to do the coring out will be about \$5,400 and the City's cost for double chip sealing will be about \$5,300 for approximately 500 feet. This cost-sharing project will probably be mid-July before it gets done so hopefully everyone will be patient; (b) the City will also core out a small portion of 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue where the frost boils were really bad and then chip seal that section; (c) Bouska asked about straightening 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue where it intersects North Elm Street. Freidhof will keep trying to work with the property owner; (d) the portable "Yield to Pedestrian" signs on Elm Street have each been repaired at least once and may need to be replaced soon; (e) concrete patches are being worked on this week; (f) Granger Road concrete will be poured on Tuesday. Hopefully homeowners will have access again in about a week; (g) the oil tank for chip sealing has been installed at the Street Shop; (h) Jason Miller passed Grade I Water Treatment & Distribution. He will test for Grade II Distribution and take a class before testing for Grade II Treatment; (i) Mike Born will be testing Grade II Wastewater; (j) Adam Barnes is taking a class for wastewater training.

Police Chief Ruroden reported the Police and Hospital hosted a bicycle safety rodeo for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Graders. The Police also assisted the High School with a total evacuation drill.

City Clerk Girolamo presented financial statements which reflect a healthy balance and expenses which are right on budget. The current list of claims is over a million dollars which will lower the balances when they are paid out. The annual Firefighters Golf Tournament is June 3, 2015. Proceeds from the tournament and fundraising letters will help pay for the cost of the turnout gear. They are pleased with the great response so far.

Council Person Amy Bouska reported that she attended the Winneshiek County Sanitary Landfill Agency meeting. The City will need to update our contract with Hawkeye Sanitation stating our waste will go to the Winneshiek Landfill. She has been researching the City's obligation to the Winneshiek Landfill and also why the tipping fees are so high.

Alex Fortune, representing the Theatre Commission, informed Council that the marquee at the Theatre has not been working very well. For the past three years, they have been researching different options. They talked with several different companies and three submitted proposals with different options. The Theatre Commission is recommending the proposal by Nagle Signs changing all of the lights to LED. This will save \$2,100 per year in energy savings. The sign will be completely refurbished to try to maintain the original characteristics. The cost is \$44,136.26 with a 50% down payment required. Currently they have \$11,420 from the Chamber's Fall Auction, the Howard County Community Foundation grant and a rebate from Alliant Energy. They have several more grants they will apply for but have not been able to apply until a firm date and price is confirmed. The City had put a tourism grant request on hold which could now be granted for \$3,000. The remainder of the downpayment will be paid out of LOST since the amount budgeted for the repair of the Theatre wall will not happen until next fiscal year. The consensus was that the City will commit the funds for the marquee restoration with the hopes that grants and donations will be

collected to pay back the LOST fund. Carman made the motion to approve the resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to accept the proposal for the restoration of the marquee at the Cresco Theatre with Nagle Signs, Inc. McGee seconded and it passed all ayes.

Carman made the motion to approve the reappointment of Christine Minear to the Theatre Commission for a three year term expiring 6/30/18. Loveless seconded and it passed all ayes.

Bouska made the motion to approve the reappointment of Alex Fortune to the Theatre Commission for a three year term expiring 6/30/18. McGee seconded and it passed all ayes.

Carman made the motion to approve the appointment of Robert Ringoen to the Theatre Commission for a three year term expiring 6/30/18. McGee seconded and it passed all ayes.

Mayor Bohle performed the second reading of the proposed Ordinance #454 amending Chapter 92 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Cresco, Iowa, pertaining to water rates. Bouska made the motion to approve the second reading. McGee seconded and it passed all ayes.

Mayor Bohle performed the second reading of the proposed Ordinance #455 amending Chapter 99 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Cresco, Iowa, pertaining to sewer service charges. Loveless made the motion to approve the second reading. Bouska seconded and it passed all ayes.

The Cresco Sesquicentennial Celebration was discussed regarding how much the City will fund the celebration. The hope is that it will pay for itself and any profits will be put towards a project to be decided on later. A project fund will be set up to track the revenues and expenses. Bouska made the motion to approve the resolution establishing a fund within the City's accounts: Fund #320 – 150th Celebration Fund. Carman seconded and it passed all ayes.

Loveless made the motion to approve the resolution allowing for the transfer of funds from the Local Options Sales Tax Fund #022 to the 150th Celebration Fund #320. The transfer will be up to \$50,000 total with up to \$10,000 transferred this fiscal year as needed. McGee seconded and it passed all ayes.

Bouska made the motion to approve the resolution establishing a Sesquicentennial Celebration checking account and authorizing signers to be Michelle Girolamo, Donna Thomas and Scott Thomson. Carman seconded and it passed all ayes.

Mayor Bohle performed the second reading of the proposed Ordinance #456 adding Chapter 93 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Cresco, Iowa, pertaining to Benefited Water Service Area No. 1. Carman made the motion to approve the second reading. McGee seconded and it passed all ayes.

Discussion was opened up regarding proposed changes to the Nuisance Ordinance. Freidhof made some comments that he has already encountered problems with a nuisance letter being sent and the person receiving it cannot afford to make the repairs nor is in the position to borrow money. He wanted the Council to consider what the options will be if a homeowner can't afford to make repairs required by the ordinance. A local loan officer voiced his concerns over the proposed ordinance and what will happen when they can't afford the repairs. Bouska commented that the local churches go to North Dakota to fix houses but is unaware of any local projects. Freidhof also pointed out how expensive it is to go through the process of getting possession and then maintaining the property afterwards. Freidhof also requested that the Council make sure they study the proposed changes so they understand it so if they are questioned by citizens that they can answer questions instead of just referring everything to the PWD. Council members will talk to different organizations

and churches to see if there is some help for homeowners that can't afford to make the improvements. Consensus was that this would be discussed again at the June 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.

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

Carman moved to adjourn at 8:07 pm. McGee seconded and it passed all ayes. The next regular Cresco City Council meeting will be at 7:00 pm on June 1, 2015 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:

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| ADVANCED SYS       | Maint           | 78.95     |
| BAKER&TAYLOR       | books&audios    | 1,117.20  |
| BEST SRVCS         | Srvc            | 119.88    |
| BC / BS            | Insur           | 28,403.61 |
| BOB'S ELECT        | Srvc            | 1,132.28  |
| BODENSTEINER       | Equip-partial   | 620.80    |
| BROWN SUPPLY       | Rprs            | 975.89    |
| BRUENING           | Srvc,supp       | 875.18    |
| BURKE, BRAD        | Srvc            | 275.00    |
| CANOE RIDGE KENNEL | Srvc            | 58.00     |
| CARD CENTER        | Lodging,meals   | 565.75    |
| CARDMEMBER         | DVDs            | 83.85     |
| CITY OF CRESCO     | Util, insur     | 2,721.48  |
| CONNIE'S CARPET    | Srvc            | 343.06    |
| COURTNEY SRVC      | Srvc            | 480.00    |
| CRESCO SHOPPER     | Advert          | 380.20    |
| CRESCO TPD         | Advert          | 388.01    |
| CROELL REDI-MIX    | Concrete        | 923.00    |
| DALCO              | Supp            | 1,849.31  |
| DEANS BODY SHOP    | Rprs            | 69.63     |
| DEMCO              | Supp            | 103.32    |
| DOUGH AND JOE      | Supp            | 18.30     |
| FAREWAY            | Supp            | 38.33     |
| FENCO              | Equip           | 4,193.32  |
| GALLS              | Equip           | 94.92     |
| GOSCH'S            | Rprs            | 1,259.84  |
| GROUP SRVC         | Fee             | 328.00    |
| GRUBE LAWN&GARDEN  | Rpr             | 20.00     |
| H & S MOTORS       | Rpr             | 2,387.74  |
| HANSON TIRE        | Rpr,supp        | 493.00    |
| HAWKEYE REC        | Elect           | 6,734.01  |
| HAWKEYE SAN        | Grbg/Rcyl       | 47,452.31 |
| HEALTHY CONTRIB    | Fee             | 46.05     |
| HEWETT WHOLESAL    | Concessions     | 966.15    |
| HO COUNTY          | Shared LEC exps | 7,960.86  |
| HO CO EMERG MAGT   | Assessment      | 17,406.00 |
| INTERSTATE POWER   | Srvc            | 1,693.00  |
| IA DEPART OF NAT   | Trng            | 340.00    |
| IA FIN AUTHORITY   | Loan            | 76,708.50 |
| IA ONE             | Srvc            | 54.00     |
| IA PRISON          | Supp            | 18.60     |
| JOHNSON ACCTG      | supp            | 22.00     |
| K & H COOP         | LP gas          | 218.13    |
| KIRKWOOD COMM COLL | Trng            | 450.00    |
| KWIK TRIP          | Gas             | 3,546.81  |
| LT MECHANICAL      | Srvc            | 220.00    |
| MARCO              | Lease           | 495.00    |
| MOELLERS, KEN      | Lease           | 125.00    |
| NAGLE SIGNS        | Equip           | 16,928.13 |
| NE IA MOTORS       | Rprs            | 388.81    |
| NE IA TELEPHONE    | Rprs            | 525.00    |
| O'HENRY'S          | Supp            | 480.80    |
| PAYROLL            |                 | 61,163.15 |
| PECINOVSKY,CLAIR   | Reimb phone     | 18.59     |
| PEPSI-COLA         | Concessions     | 318.50    |

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|-------------------|-------------------------|--------------|
| PETTY CASH        | Postage                 | 5.93         |
| PHIL'S LAWN       | Srvc                    | 75.00        |
| PLUNKETT'S PEST   | Fee                     | 320.59       |
| POOL TECH         | Supp                    | 97.08        |
| POST-BULLETIN     | Subscrpt                | 203.00       |
| POSTMASTER        | Postage                 | 100.00       |
| RILEY'S           | Supp                    | 35.86        |
| RUPPERT           | Supp                    | 413.88       |
| SONY PICTURES     | Movie rent              | 250.00       |
| SKYLINE CONST     | GrangerRdPayReq#4       | 275,980.04   |
| SQUARE TRANS      | Fee                     | 29.07        |
| STATE HYG LABS    | Anayls                  | 127.50       |
| STOREY KEN        | Supp                    | 69.26        |
| TWO WAY RADIO     | Equip                   | 1,447.00     |
| UNIVERSAL STUDIOS | Movie rent              | 873.00       |
| WEBER PAPER       | Supp                    | 276.07       |
| WELLS FARGO       | Bond pymt               | 530,838.75   |
| WHKS              | Engr srvcs              | 20,085.39    |
| WINDSTREAM        | Phone                   | 139.91       |
|                   | GENERAL                 | 129,930.73   |
|                   | HOTEL MOTEL             | 3,000.00     |
|                   | LOST PROJ               | 11,332.58    |
|                   | NUISANCE HSE            | 923.30       |
|                   | FIRE STATION BLDG       | 320.59       |
|                   | MEDIACOM                | 279.21       |
|                   | STREET TRUST            | 5,097.82     |
|                   | DRUG DOG                | 63.91        |
|                   | CRESCO COMM FIRE        | 682.44       |
|                   | ROAD USE                | 11,042.70    |
|                   | EMPLOYEE BEN            | 24,759.22    |
|                   | FC TRUST                | 480.80       |
|                   | PARK TRUST              | 1,253.95     |
|                   | DEBT SERVICE            | 545,874.75   |
|                   | STREET ASSESS           | 292,785.21   |
|                   | WATER                   | 12,536.49    |
|                   | WATER EQP RPLC          | 620.80       |
|                   | SEWER                   | 22,543.19    |
|                   | SEWER SINKING           | 61,672.50    |
|                   | CAP IMPROVE             | 94.88        |
|                   | YARDWASTE               | 749.51       |
|                   | EXPENDITURES            | 1,126,044.58 |
|                   | Revenues 5/5 to 5/18/15 | 245,536.02   |