

The Cresco City Council met March 2, 2015, at 7:00 pm at City Hall. Council Members Carman, Bouska, McGee, Loveless and McCarville were present. No Council Members were absent.

By request, the Mayor moved item #6 in the Consent Agenda for a street closing request down into the Business Section of the agenda so it could be voted on separately.

Bouska made the motion to approve the consent agenda which included approval of the: agenda; claims; minutes of the February 16, 2015 meeting; Class C Beer Permit (carryout beer) and Class E Liquor License (LE) and Class B Wine Permit with Sunday sales to Ronald B Rear and Evelyn Kingsley d/b/a Cresco Liquor Store; Class C Liquor License (LC) (commercial) with outdoor service and Sunday sales to Thomas J and Mary Kleve d/b/a Kleve's Pub. McGee seconded and it passed all ayes.

Amy Bouska addressed a letter received from the Northeast Iowa Regional Agency on Aging regarding the March for Meals. This is the Meals on Wheels program that the Council strongly supports. This is a great program and hope volunteers will help sustain it.

Public Works Director Rod Freidhof reported (a) Street: New truck should be here in early May. They have done maintenance on the street sweeper so it will be ready for spring. Two employees will attend a school on street cleaning; (b) annual Tree Committee meeting will be March 11, 2015 at 1:00 to get ready for Arbor Day and the spring tree planting; (c) Train Committee met and will work on getting a fundraiser started. If enough money is collected they will attempt to save the whole train including the boxcar. Otherwise they may get rid of the boxcar which would save about \$10,000 which could be put towards the locomotive; (d) Sewer main was plugged on 2nd Street SE last week and used the Jetter truck to get it opened up. We had problems a year ago in the same spot so we will televise it to see what repairs are needed. Municipal Pipe is scheduled to come after June to slipline Crescent Drive; (e) Water main break at the fairgrounds. It was a challenge to find and repair. Unfortunately this was a new break and not the break that we have been looking for over the past few months. The accountability was down to 65% (normally is about 98%) so Steve will be here next week. Our staff will also do some listening at night or Sundays when there is less traffic to try to listen to find the leak; (f) Alex and Upper Tool and Die donated and installed spring loaded door holders at the Theatre for no cost to the City. Gosch's installed two used furnaces at cost for the Theatre as well; (g) the Earl bus stop will begin on March 9th in the public parking lot west of City Hall; (h) the gas tax increase will bring in \$64,000 for the City of Cresco annually. \$215 million will be collected statewide to be used 100% for maintaining roads and bridges.

Police Chief Ruroden reported that he collected the statistics that were requested regarding alcohol arrests. Over the past 5 years, City of Cresco has had 157 OWI's and 93 public intoxication arrests. Two officers will attend training for looking for narcotics in their system in addition to the standard Field Sobriety Tests. Another Officer will attend a three day narcotic conference in Des Moines.

Fire Chief Neal Stapelkamp wanted to recognize that Willard Balk passed away. Willard served as a Firefighter, Company Officer, Assistant Chief and Fire Chief. He gave to the community for over 30 years of service. Four firefighters attended fire school in Ames last week.

Theatre Manager Wendy Lickteig reported things are working very good at the Theatre except they are exploring options for a new booking agent. This would lower booking fees and also enable us to book movies farther into the future to help the advertising. She invited Council and the public to an open house on April 13, 2015 to show the projector, screens and improvements made and those yet to be made. They are experimenting with Sunday matinees for a few months. The first one was well attended so we will see if that is a profitable endeavor. They are using volunteers to help with the matinees.

The Public Hearing for the Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016 was opened up. There were no written or oral comments. The public hearing was closed. Bouska made the motion to approve the budget. Loveless seconded and it passed all ayes.

Phil and Kim Ollendieck submitted a letter requesting a credit for sewer charges for water from an outside faucet that was inadvertently turned on and left running. The water did not enter the sanitary sewer system. Loveless made the motion to approve a motion to grant \$123.98 sewer credit. McCarville seconded and it passed all ayes.

Sara Kleve addressed the Council to request that an ordinance be passed to address the outdoor wood burners. Freidhof reported that he had done some research on other city's ordinances. Some require a 15-25 foot chimney, some ban the use of outdoor woodburners but usually grandfather existing ones as long as they comply with the taller chimney. Bouska observed the smoke not going up in the air but rather coming back down and into the neighborhood. Bohle received complaints that some people are not burning the properly dried wood which causes a lot more smoke. Freidhof was instructed to do some more research and work with Attorney Braun to write an ordinance requiring the correct wood to be used, taller chimneys and how to address future installations. Council will need to review recommendations and a new ordinance be put in place before the next heating season.

Suzanne Ollendick and Bootie Kapler are organizing an all-school reunion. They would like to coordinate the date with the City's 150th Celebration. John Loveless and Steve McCarville will be the Council representatives on a committee for the 150th Celebration. The committee will meet at the Chamber office on March 25, 2015 at noon. Interested volunteers are encouraged to come to this meeting to help plan the celebration. Loveless made the motion to set the date for the 150th Celebration to be August 7, 2016 which is the same weekend as the 3-in-1 (flight breakfast and art show). McGee seconded and it passed all ayes.

Carman made the motion to approve a street closing for a portion of South Park Place on March 21, 2015 for the Brew & Stew Fun Run or 15 K Bike Ride sponsored by the FIT Running Club. Proceeds will benefit the Cresco Fire Fighters, Cresco Police Thor Fund, NEICAC, and Dollars for Scholars. Bouska seconded and it passed all ayes.

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

Carman moved to adjourn at 7:25 pm. McGee seconded and it passed all ayes. The next regular Cresco City Council meeting will be at 7:00 pm on March 16, 2015 at Cresco City Hall.

Mayor Mark Bohle

City Clerk Michelle Girolamo

Following is a list of claims approved for payment:

20TH CENT FOX	Movie rent	265.20
ALEXIS EQUIP	Rprs	323.86
ALLIANT	Elect	16,112.68
BLACK HILLS	Nat Gas	9,439.55
CARQUEST	Equip	124.60
CHEAPER THAN DIRT	Supp	751.45
CITY LAUNDERING	Srvc	649.20
CITY OF CRESCO	Util	1,201.93
CLARK, TYLER	Dep ref	80.00
CPU	Equip	626.46
COURTNEY SRVC	Srvc	345.00
CREATIVE PROD	Supp	175.05
CRESCO HEAT&VENT	Srvc	130.45
CRESCO SHOPPER	Advert	260.00
CRESCO TPD	Publ,advr	286.32
CRITTER PET CARE	Srvc	129.79
CULLIGAN	Srvc	188.04
DALCO	Supp	641.51
FAREWAY	Supp	36.21
FELD FIRE	Rprs	567.29
FERRIE, KENNETH	Dep ref	15.00
FOLTA, GEORGE	Mbr ref	283.50
GALLS	Unif	76.95
GOSCH'S	Equip	770.00
HARDNESS, JACKSON	Dep ref	80.00
HAWKEYE SAN	Grit	101.57
HEALTHY CONTRIB	Fee	32.65
HOW CO EXT	Trng	35.00
IA DEPT OF PUBLIC	Fee	70.00
IA PRISON IND	Supp	68.90
K & H COOP	LP	60.70
KAUFFMAN, JR	Dep ref	80.00
LEPA, DARYL	Dep ref	65.00
LEWIS, CRAIG	Dep ref	25.00
LIONSGATE	Movie rent	811.01
LT MECHANICAL	Srvc	395.00
MIDTHUN, JEFF	Dep ref	80.00
NE IA REG HSNB	Hsng Rehb 14-15	5,000.00
NE IA MOTORS	Rprs	177.98
O'HENRY'S	Srvc	10.00
PATTERSON, JIM	Dep ref	30.00
PAYROLL		59,804.91
PEPSI-COLA	Concession	114.36
PERRY NOVAK ELECT	Srvc	706.00
POOL TECH	Supp	3,768.41
POSTMASTER	Postage	450.44
PRECISION OVERHD	Srvc	1,661.84
PRINCIPAL LIFE	Insur	92.22
R.A.D. SYSTEMS	Fee	50.00
RICKARD, BILL	Dep ref	65.00
RICOH	Copies	282.54
ROBERTS, CYNTHIA	Dep ref	80.00
SAM'S CLUB	Supp,equip	3,111.00
SINDELAR, JOHN	Dep ref	15.00
SINDELAR, JULANN	Dep ref	30.00

SOVEREIGN, LOWELL	Dep ref	25.00
SPORTSMITH	Equip	188.68
STOREY KEN	Supp	87.89
TASC	Fee	245.88
TERRACON CONSULT	Srvc	869.40
TROXEL, SHEILA	Dep ref	80.00
WARNER BROS	Movie rent	834.00
WINDSTREAM	Phone	1,012.10
	GENERAL	69,279.44
	LOST PROJECT	9,053.47
	NUISANCE HSE	74.60
	FIRE STATION BLDG	717.54
	MEDIACOM	446.73
	STREET TR	706.00
	DRUG DOG	135.53
	CRESCO COMM FIRE	1,474.00
	ROAD USE	12,914.66
	EMPLOYEE BEN	319.02
	WATER	751.45
	WATER	9,728.79
	WATER DEP	525.31
	SEWER	7,795.53
	CAP IMPROVE	104.74
	YARDWASTE	150.71
	EXPENDITURES	114,177.52
	Revenues 2/17 to 3/2/15	147,693.19