

The Cresco City Council met August 6, 2012, at 7:00 pm at City Hall. Council members Carman, Bouska, McGee, McCarville and Loveless were present. No council members were absent.

Bouska moved to approve the consent agenda which included approval of the: agenda; claims; July 16, 2012 minutes; July 18 worksession minutes; excavator license for Mracek Plumbing, Heating & Electric LLC; Class C Beer Permit (BC) with Sunday sales to Kwik Trip, Inc dba Kwik Star #428; parade permit for Cresco Area Chamber of Commerce for 9/15/12; pay request #6 – final for Magney Construction for WWTP Biosolids Handling and Storage Improvements Project for \$15,847.38. Loveless seconded and it passed all ayes.

Public Works Director Rod Freidhof reported: (a) Scene Shop roof repairs will be more than budgeted because 5 sheets of decking need to be replaced; (b) Street Dept finished chip sealing and will start working on trees; (c) Water & Sewer are still fixing patches from main breaks; (d) waiting to hear back from Cresco Foods regarding the treatment agreement; (e) Well #3 was hit by lightning and hopefully insurance will cover damages. Repair of the motor will cost about \$10,000 and new motor about \$13,000; (f) street shop roof investigation is still ongoing.

Police Chief Tim Ruroden distributed monthly reports and reported that Officer Godman is organizing the National Night Out. The police bike that was purchased from donations will also be on display. The speed trailer was set up on various streets and they received positive feedback. Council Member McGee rode with the police one night to observe and she reported that it was enlightening to see what they do and she commended them on doing a good job.

City Clerk Michelle Girolamo reported: (a) the debt obligation report was completed showing the \$3 million dollars we owe and interest rates ranging from 2.5% to 4.25%; (b) Iowa DOT reported total crashes were reduced by 50% and injuries by 64% on Highway 9 after the conversion from 4 lanes to 3 lanes; (c) Jason Connor resigned from Upper Explorerland so Karla Organist will be finishing our comprehensive plan; (d) Mediacom sent a notice that rates will be increasing \$2-\$3 per package due to increased costs. They requested that City officials contact Congress and the FCC to change regulations to help keep costs lower for pay television; (e) Black Hills Energy reported that in the past year they contributed \$750 for trees, weatherized a home in Cresco, awarded \$33,083 in rebates to Cresco residents, and contributed to the Fine Arts, After-Prom and the Chamber.

Mayor Bohle opened a public hearing to request an extension of time to respond to a nuisance abatement notice. Lois Kennedy submitted a letter requesting an extension until September. She informed Council that it has been going faster than expected and that it should be done in about a week. Council extended the deadline to September 1, 2012.

Jason Passmore explained a street closing request regarding the Norman Borlaug Fest September 13-16th. There will be an expanded trailer housing a traveling museum on North Elm Street. Tom & Sue Barnes arranged for the Monsanto sponsored trailer to come to the Fest. It will be set up Thursday night and the school will be having tours on Friday. It will then be opened to the public Friday night and Saturday. Loveless made the motion to approve the street closing requests for the Norman Borlaug Fest. Carman seconded and it passed all ayes.

Loveless made the motion to set a Public Hearing for August 20, 2012 for an Ordinance for an Electric Franchise Agreement with ITC. Carman seconded and it passed all ayes.

Carman made the motion to approve a resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into an agreement with Iowa DOT for an Airport Improvement Program to update the master plan. This grant is for 85% of the estimated \$50,000 cost. Loveless seconded and it passed all ayes.

Loveless made the motion to accept the recommendation of the Theatre Commission to reappoint Fran Burke to the Theatre Commission for a three year term expiring 6/30/2015. Bouska seconded and it passed all ayes.

McGee made the motion to accept the recommendation of the Theatre Commission to appoint Christine Minear to the Theatre Commission for a three year term expiring 6/30/2015. Loveless seconded and it passed all ayes.

Bouska made the motion to approve the resolution accepting public improvements for the Airport North Apron Rehabilitation Project. Carman seconded and it passed all ayes.

Loveless made the motion to approve the resolution accepting public improvements for the Airport Runway Pavement Repair Project. Carman seconded and it passed all ayes.

Bids were presented for a new loader for the Street Department. Caterpillar's bids of \$139,735 and \$113,535 were disregarded because they did not meet the spec on the power shift transmission and the tier IV motor respectively. JCB bid of \$82,981 was disregarded because it did not include all required equipment including the clam bucket. John Deere bid of \$100,644 did not meet specs because they don't make a tilt hood. This was not considered important as the tilt hood would not make a difference in the performance of the equipment. Case bid of \$100,984 met all specs. Both Caterpillar and John Deere explained their inability to meet the spec requirements before submitting their bids so that we were aware of the issues prior to reviewing the bids. Loveless made the motion to accept the John Deere bid of \$100,644. McGee seconded and it passed all ayes.

Steve McCarville reported that Campsite LLC did not accept the proposal regarding voluntarily annexation in exchange for sharing the cost of looping the watermain. He suggested that the watermain not be done at this time. Council discussed whether to proceed with the watermain looping project at this time. Loveless felt it should wait because even if the property were annexed we would not receive much property tax for ten years due to existing County TIF agreements and also that expansion to the north of Hwy 9 does not appear probable. Bouska recommended waiting until the feasibility study was completed for the east side. Carman and McGee recommended proceeding with annexation and the watermain. Mayor Bohle thought the City should keep proceeding and not put it off any longer. McCarville abstained due to conflict of interest therefore Council was split evenly so it will be put on hold until the feasibility study is done.

Council members Bouska and Loveless along with the Chief of Police will draft an ordinance regarding operating golf carts on City streets for Council to review.

Mayor asked if there were any comments from the audience. Warren Steffen, Howard County Treasurer, asked permission to purchase signs indicating no parking 9am – 3pm, Monday – Friday for part of the parking lot west of the Theatre for the motorcycle skills course for licensing.

Sheryl Zweibohmer and Officer David Godman are forming a neighborhood watch program. This will help with cleaning up around town as well as crime prevention efforts. They will have a booth at the National Night Out and hope that people will be interested in becoming involved in this community effort.

Jason Passmore reported that the Fly-In breakfast was a great success with more than 50 airplanes flying in and serving more people at the breakfast than last year. Art in the Park also had a good turn-out. DreamBigGrowHere.com is launching the new contest where business owners could win \$15,000.

Carman moved to adjourn at 8:10 pm. McGee seconded and it passed all ayes. The next regular Cresco City Council meeting will be August 20, 2012, at 7:00 pm at Cresco City Hall.

Mayor Mark Bohle

City Clerk Michelle Girolamo

Following is a list of claims approved for payment:		
ALLIANT	ELEC	17,483.48
AM RED CROSS	FEE	621.00
APRIL BROWN	DEPOSIT REFUND	5.99
ARAMARK	SRVC	369.56
AUTO SYS	SRVC	602.00
BANCARD CTR	SUPP,TOURISM	1,729.94
BARTLETT ELEC	RPRS	115.75
BITUMINOUS	OIL - CHIP SEAL	17,574.54
BLACK HILLS	NAT GAS	968.76
BC / BS	FEE	340.00
BOB'S ELEC	SRVC	396.21
BROWN SUPP	SUPP	147.00
CAMPSITE RV	LP GAS	376.69
CASPER P&H	SRVC	8,140.04
CITY LAUNDER	SRVC	249.35
CITY OF CRES	UTIL, REF	1,412.72
CRES JAYCEES	TOURISM	2,100.00
CRES SHOPPER	ADVERT	74.25
CRES SMALL ENG	RPRS	337.36
CULLIGAN	SUPP	182.79
DALCO	SUPP	667.96
ELWOOD,O'DONOHOE..	FEES	1,485.00
ENG AMERICA	SUPP	150.00
GILLUND ENTER	SUPP	62.92
H & S	SUPP	106.45
HAWKEYE SAN	SRVC	42,737.37
HEALTHY CONTRI	FEES	13.90
HOVEY OIL	SUPP	304.60
HC	SHARED LEC	27,569.27
HC TREAS	PROP TAX	108.00
HO WINN SCH	TRANSPORT	2,310.43
IA DNR	FEES	1,275.00
IA RURAL WATER	TRAINING	240.00
IROC	FEE	80.00
JANE BROWN	DEPOSIT REFUND	80.00
JOHN DEERE FIN	SUPP	1,488.12
KEYSTONE	WWTP ANYLS	162.30
KWIK TRIP	GAS	4,167.45
LIFEGUARD STORE	SUPP	87.00
LOUIE BALK	SUPP	1,384.26
MAGNEY CONST	FINAL PMT	15,847.38
MCCARVILLE AUCT	SUPP	50.00
MELITA KLEIN ESTA	DEPOSIT REFUND	7.73
MERCHANT SRVC	FEES	87.44
MICHELLE VOBR	SRVC	200.00
MIDLAND SCI	TESTING	225.12
MODERN MRKT	SUPP	90.34
MUNICIPAL PIPE	SRVC	1,470.75
NE IA SRVC	SRVC	63.84
O'HENRY'S	SUPP	542.40
PAYROLL		128,556.79
PEPSI-COLA	CONCESS	211.60
PETTY CASH	SUPP	125.80
POSTMASTER	POSTAGE	411.04
PRINCIPAL LIFE	INSUR	82.94
RACOM	SUPP	25.00
REGGIE'S AUTO	RPRS	6,160.99
REGIONAL HLTH	TRAINING	140.00
RICOH	FEE	1,337.70
RIVER CITY	COLD MIX	536.26
SAM'S DISCOVER	SUPP	7,940.11
SANDRY FIRE	SUPP	27.50
SCHMAUSS, TOM	SRVC	200.00

SPAHN & ROSE	SUPP	72.41
SPORTSMITH	SUPP	276.37
ST. LUKE'S CTR	TESTING	74.00
STATE HYG LAB	WATER ANYLS	137.00
STOREY KEN	SUPP	42.60
TPD	ADVERT	467.06
TREAS ST IA	SALES TAX	5,657.92
UPPER EXPLOR	SMART PLAN PMT	2,690.94
USA BLUE BK	SUPP	226.04
UTILITY EQUIP	SUPP	912.60
WHKS	ENGRNG	30,311.43
WINDSTREAM	PHONE	1,008.75
ZACH JENSEN	DEPOSIT REFUND	56.40
ZEE MEDICAL	SUPP	117.24
	General Fund	170,091.01
	Hotel / Motel	2,626.29
	Road Use Tax	20,287.03
	Emp Benefits	21,635.71
	Emergency Fund	35.65
	Local Option Tax	22,845.58
	Nuisance House	720.50
	Cresco Telecom	562.95
	Rehab / Housing	191.52
	Equipment / Repair-Fit	8,140.04
	Street Trust	150.97
	Sewer Project	46,158.81
	Smart Planning	2,690.94
	Water Utility	22,374.82
	Water Deposits	320.00
	Water utility repair	629.98
	MSSU Operation	22,972.91
	Water & Sewer C.I.	150.81
	Yard Waste	1,513.43
	EXPENDITURES	344,098.95
	Revenues 07/17 to 08/06/12	220,942.22