

Mayor Bohle called the Cresco City Council meeting to order on February 15, 2016, at 7:00 pm at City Hall. Council Members Carman, Bouska, McGee, McCarville and Brenno were present. No council members were absent.

Bouska made the motion to approve the consent agenda which included approval of the: agenda; claims; minutes of the February 1, 2016 council meeting and worksession; Tree Surgeon License for Wilson Custom Tree. Carman seconded and it passed all ayes.

Public Works Director Freidhof reported (a) after installing the LED bulbs there have been some issues with the stoplights. The conflict monitor needed to be replaced which was probably damaged when hit by lightning a few years ago. A new flasher card and switch was purchased to have on hand. There is still some wiring problems that will be addressed after the snow melts; (b) Street Department has been sanding almost daily and busy hauling piles and cleaning corners. They cleaned out around the school to widen that road; (c) Water system is working great after finding that leak and pumpage is way down so accountability should greatly improve. Hawkins will be here this week to install the new equipment in the well houses; (d) Sewer is pulling samples from the sludge which will determine if it can be directly applied or needs to be knifed in when it is applied next year; (e) old pool building was cleaned out last week so it is ready to be torn down; (f) Theatre is looking really good where they have repaired and painted. Daryl Riehle will donate the gold leaf if we want it added to separate the colors on the ceiling. It will take a little more time but will look really neat.

Police Chief Ruroden submitted the January report indicating that January was relatively quiet with 30 arrests and charges. They were busy last week helping with the fire. This week they will help escort the wrestlers out of town for the State Wrestling Tournament.

City Clerk Girolamo reported (a) busy finishing next year's budget. Everything is tied out with a profit of about \$49,000 and levy of about \$18.09 which is a drop from the current \$18.76 levy; (b) working on Budget Amendment #2 for the current year that will reduce the budgeted loss in amendment #1; (c) Regional Health Services invited Council to a grand opening reception and tour on March 2, 2016 from 3-6 pm.

Carman reported the Theatre Commission met. In addition to what Rod already reported, they are working on grant applications and the Paranormal Investigators will give their report to the Theatre Commission on Saturday.

Bouska reported on the Library Board meeting. They are implementing an outreach program with Evans Home and Cresco Care Center with Pat and Larry Joiner heading it up. There are fun children's programming events coming up. The budget was also discussed.

Jason Passmore and Mark Grinhaus explained the American Legion has put \$1,000 down payment on a Freedom Rock. Bubba Sorenson paints rocks to commemorate war veterans and is trying to get one rock in each county in Iowa. 89 of the 99 counties have already committed with several already completed. They reviewed several locations throughout Howard County and picked the corner by the small water tower as a prime location. The City owns this property so they were coming to the City to see if it would be a possibility to have the rock and other monuments, plaques, flags, benches etc. This project will be funded all by donations and grants that the American Legion and VFW will collect. The Council was excited about the project and encouraged them to get a site plan drawn up so it could be reviewed by Council.

Carman made a motion to set a Public Hearing for March 7, 2016 for the budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2017. Bouska seconded and it passed all ayes.

McGee made a motion to approve a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with WHKS & Co. for a Wastewater Treatment Facility Stream Study. Bouska seconded and it passed all ayes.

Because General Motors does not have a police package for 2017 car models, the Chevy Impala will not be available in the next fiscal year. The Chevy is cheaper than other models and is the only brand with a local car dealer. There are two 2016 Impalas currently available but can't

be guaranteed to be available after July 1st. Options are to (1) wait until July to see if we can still get an Impala; (2) buy another brand which costs more according to the current quotes; (3) lease for a few months with option to purchase in July; (4) amend the current budget and buy it now. McGee made the motion to amend the current budget and purchase the Impala now. Carman seconded and it passed all ayes.

Girolamo reported on facts she collected since the worksession regarding the Cresco Urban Revitalization Plan for tax abatements. The plan can be amended to address the new multi-residential class of property. The law requires a cap of \$75,000 for residential property but no cap for commercial or multi-residential. The maximum terms are 5 years for residential, 10 years for multi-residential and 3 years for commercial. Council discussed adding caps for multi-residential and commercial because of the property tax rollbacks now in the tax code. Passmore recommended no cap so we don't jeopardize losing a potential new building because we have it capped. Council discussed the options and the need for more businesses and housing in Cresco.

McCarville made the motion extend the Cresco Urban Revitalization Plan for 5 years. The plan will provide 100% tax abatement for 3 years for all residential, multi-residential and commercial properties. Improvements must increase the value at least 10%. Pursuant to the Iowa Code, residential abatements will be calculated on the first \$75,000. McGee seconded and it passed all ayes.

Mayor asked if there were any comments from the audience. Jason Passmore reported that there was a lot of discussion at the CIDC meeting about the legislative proposals regarding the coupling of the depreciation rules for Iowa and Federal income taxes and the potential impacts it could have on businesses.

Carman moved to adjourn at 7:48 pm. McGee seconded and it passed all ayes. The next regular Cresco City Council meeting will be March 7, 2016 at 7:00 pm at Cresco City Hall.

Mayor Mark Bohle

City Clerk Michelle Girolamo

Following is a list of claims approved for payment:

ADVANCED SYS	Maint	88.42
ALEXIS FIRE EQUIP	Maint	335.56
ALLIANT	Elect	638.52
AM WATER WKS	Trng	40.00
BACKFLOW PRE	Water test	450.00
BAKER&TAYLOR	Bks&audios	1,202.85
BC/BS	Insur	28,968.47
BOB'S ELECT	Srvc,supp	2,166.69
BODENSTEINER IMP	Srvc	84.04
CARD CENTER	Postage,dues	252.46
CARDMEMBER	DVDs	329.55
CARQUEST AUTO	Supp	57.11
CITY OF CRESCO	Insur, util	2,635.32
CRESCO HEAT&VENT	Srvc	75.00
CRESCO SHOPPER	Advert	103.00
CRESCO TPD	Advert	257.97
CRESCO VET	Srvc	55.86
DALCO	Supp	634.39
DELUXE EHOSTAR	Movie rent	119.85
DEMCO	Supp	194.58
FAREWAY	Supp	16.48
FENCO PROD	Rprs	194.67
H & S MOTORS	Supp	151.85
HANSON TIRE	Tires	167.95
HAWKEYE REC	Elect	7,976.20
HAWKEYE SAN	Grbg/Rcyl	46,883.28
HAWKINS	Equip	259.04
HOWARD CO	Shared LEC exps(3)	11,191.44
HOWARD CO AGRI	150th mrkt	200.00
IA MUNICIPAL UTIL	Dues	681.23
IA DEPT OF PUBLIC	Dues	70.00
IA POETRY	Lib book	9.00
IA SPORTS	Supp	110.37
JIM'S AUTO	Supp	16.82
K & H COOP	LP	33.50
KRATZ, JOANNE	Ref mbr	259.87
KWIK TRIP	Gas	3,320.58
MEDIACOM	Phone/CH3	205.24
MURRAY RAD KING	Rprs	701.17
NE IA REGION HSNG	Dues	5,000.00
NE IA MOTORS	Srvc	54.38
O'HENRY'S	Supp	210.24
PAULSON LAW	Legal Srvc	1,485.00
PAYROLL		60,178.23
POSTMASTER	Postage	150.00
PRECISION OVERHEAD	Supp	84.00
RILEY'S	Maint	151.00
RUPPERT ACE HRDW	Supp	323.64
SCHUMACHER ELEV	Maint	141.99
STATE HYG LABS	Analys	529.00
STOREY KEN	Supp	271.60
TRACKING PROD	Srvc	96.00
TREAS, ST OF IA	Sales Tax	6,651.00
TRUE NORTH LUBRI	Supp	525.53
WINDSTREAM	Phone	133.49
ZEE MEDICAL	Supp	406.63

GENERAL	125,392.81
LOST PROJECT	1,521.64
MEDIACOM	768.92
DRUG DOG	72.66
CRESCO COMM FIRE	423.82
ROAD USE	14,225.24
EMPLOYEE BEN	7,189.66
150TH CELEB	200.00
WATER	13,595.39
WATER EQUIP	259.04
SEWER	22,311.31
CAP IMPROVE	52.00
YARDWASTE	1,517.57
EXPENDITURES	187,530.06
Revenues 2/2 to 2/15/16	210,348.14