

The Cresco City Council met November 15, 2010, at 7:00 pm at City Hall. Council members Blake, Bouska, Moore, McCarville and Loveless were present. No Council members were absent.

It was moved by Moore to approve the consent agenda, which included approval of: the agenda; claims; minutes of the November 1, 2010 City Council meeting; and street closing/parade permit for the Santa Holiday Parade. The motion was seconded by Bouska and passed all ayes.

Public Works Director Rod Freidhof received quotes on replacing one furnace at City Hall for \$2,000-\$2,850. The furnace has been repaired and is now working, so he recommended that we wait and replace all three furnaces along with the gas water heater next year so we can budget for them. The contractors recommended doing all three at one time due to more efficient venting and better pricing. We will get specs and request bids for next fiscal year's budget.

Public Works Director Dennis Cauwels reported on: (a) street shop: been working on it and are almost done resealing it and then will get the ceiling fans installed; (b) street department is getting equipment ready for winter and will put up Christmas decorations (c) sewer rerouting punch list has been completed.

Police Chief Mark Kissinger reported that Bob Elwood will be starting in December as a part-time officer. We are still waiting for results from the fingerprinting and other evidence to be processed on the vandalism. Testing was done on the applicants and three have passed so they will be put on a waiting list in the event that a job opening occurs.

City Clerk Michelle Girolamo presented the Council with the October Financial Statements and reported that everything was on budget so far. She has started printing the budget worksheets and will start on that soon. Bob's Electric will be here this week to wire the light for the flag. The theatre needs a new digital projector with an estimated cost of \$85,000. The City owns the projector. Council decided to get together with the Theatre Commission and decide how to proceed. A fund-raising project may be discussed as well as the rent and upkeep of the Theatre. The promotional campaign to sign up residents for ACH payment of water bills is going really good with 124 signed up so far. The promotion will run through November with a drawing for Cresco Bucks for those that enroll in the ACH. The public forum had 46 people signed in and many good ideas were discussed. Pat has summarized the results. We have received 288 questionnaires or about 17% of the number mailed. These are being tabulated and the results will be sent to Pat Callahan to be summarized into a report for an action plan. The winner of the drawing for \$50 Chamber Bucks was Don Todora and the winner of the one year single membership to the Fitness Center was Richard Buck Sr. Council appreciates everyone who submitted questionnaires.

Mike and Lori McConnell requested a reduction in their water bill. The City flushed water hydrants and they were at the end of the line so the pressure popped a pressure valve in the water heater, causing the water to run down the drain. It happened in the spring but was caught earlier and now plumbers have fixed the problem. Blake made a motion to reduce their water bill by \$100. McCarville seconded the motion and it passed all ayes.

Mayor Bohle introduced a resolution to change the 2-way stop sign to a 4-way stop sign at the intersection of 6th Street East and 7th Avenue East. Loveless made a motion to approve the resolution and Bouska seconded it and it passed all ayes.

Mayor Bohle introduced a resolution accepting the Annual Financial Report and directing the City Clerk to publish and file the report with the Iowa Auditor of State. Moore made a motion to approve the resolution and Bouska seconded it and it passed all ayes.

Mayor Bohle introduced a resolution appointing Wells Fargo Bank, National Association of Des Moines, Iowa to serve as Paying Agent, Note Registrar, and Transfer Agent Agreement and authorizing the execution of the agreement. Bouska made a motion to approve the resolution and McCarville seconded it and it passed all ayes.

Mayor Bohle introduced a resolution for the approval of a Tax Exemption Certificate. Loveless made a motion to approve the resolution and Moore seconded it and it passed all ayes.

Mayor Bohle introduced a resolution approving and authorizing a form of loan agreement and authorizing and providing for the issuance of \$1,050,000 General Obligation Capital Loan Notes, Series 2010, and levying a tax to pay the notes. Bouska made a motion to approve the resolution and Blake seconded it and it passed all ayes.

Mayor Bohle reported that he is researching duties of the Council and rules on what we can and cannot do so we have a policy to follow that everyone understands.

The Mayor asked for any comments from the audience. Willard Balk asked if the GPS system is working yet. Bohle and Freidhof reported that they have been working on it. Balk thinks it is important to get it working soon to help in digging up sewer lines. The City is progressing and getting educated on it and now we are really pushing to get it working. Much of the data has been collected and they are working on getting the maps developed.

McCarville asked about the sinkhole by the County Shop and Freidhof replied that we are still waiting for RC&D from Postville to send us the report. We are waiting for the report to determine if we may be eligible for some grants. The City will need to abandon the sinkhole and install pipe and route the water to the West and South.

Chuck Ollendieck inquired about reallocating funds from other departments to the street and sewer departments to upgrade the streets and sewer. Bohle replied that we do look at that during the budget process and we do analyze the needs of all the departments. One of the goals of the strategic planning process is to learn where the citizens feel the money should be allocated to help us in prioritizing items for the budget. Freidhof replied that we do spend a lot of money upgrading our systems that people don't see such as lining sewer lines.

It was moved by Loveless to adjourn at 7:33 pm. The motion was seconded by Bouska and passed all ayes. The next regular Cresco City Council meeting will be December 6, 2010, at 7:00 pm at Cresco City Hall.

Mayor Mark Bohle

City Clerk Michelle Girolamo