

The Cresco City Council met March 17, 2014, at 7:00 pm at City Hall. Council members Carman, Bouska and McGee were present. Council Member McCarville arrived at 7:02 pm and Loveless arrived at 7:05 pm. No council member was absent.

Carman made the motion to approve the consent agenda which included approval of the: agenda; claims; minutes of the February 17, 2014 and March 3, 2014 meetings; class B native wine permit (WBN) for Plantpeddler Inc d/b/a Plantpeddler; street closing permit for North Park Place and parade permit for a run/walk route on July 11-12, 2014 for Thor-A-Thon; parade permit for a walk route on May 22, 2014 for Northeast Iowa Area Agency on Aging for Older Americans Month Wellness Walk. McGee seconded and it passed all ayes.

Public Works Director Rod Freidhof reported: (a) last week was very busy with frozen sewer lines, frozen water lines and frozen storm sewers so all three departments were busy; (b) another water leak was detected and not sure if it is the City's watermain or a private service line. We will need to expose it and determine who will be responsible to pay to fix it; (c) all the trees have been cut down on the Granger Road; (d) the Hospital has a 4 inch private service line leaking under the mechanics room. We are helping them find solutions and will work with them to get it fixed; (e) requested citizens to be patient with the roads because we have already received a lot of complaints. The roads are going to get worse before they get better and we are doing the best we can. We have received some compliments that Cresco's roads are better than some other towns but it will be a tough spring for the roads due to the deep frost.

Police Officer Cory Jarchow reported the police have been busy with calls the last few weeks.

City Clerk Michelle Girolamo reported: (a) DOT will be inspecting the airport's runway reflectivity; (b) promotion to sign customers up with ACH and emailing of statements is going good with 80 new ACH customers and 177 ebill customers; (c) we have 120 accounts that are now billed on 21 statements which saves us printing and mailing 120 postcards; (d) working on a budget amendment with the major unexpected expenses for the sewer tractor, additional watermain breaks and Granger Road expenses are starting to come in.

Katie Bee, a certified prevention specialist with Helping Services for Northeast Iowa, explained the Prevention 5 Substance Abuse Coalition which started in the fall of 2010. The mission is to make our community as healthy as possible by reducing alcohol, tobacco and illegal drugs. They came to educate the Council on the benefits of a social host ordinance. They presented a draft form of the Social Host Ordinance they prepared for Howard County. This would be an ordinance making it illegal for an adult to knowingly allow minors to consume alcohol on their property. Other members of the Coalition, Gene Koschmeder, Reed Palo, David Godman and Rick Bush discussed benefits of a Social Host Ordinance.

Airport Commission Members Kevin Bill and Kim Bentz presented a draft copy of a lease agreement that could be used. Lynn Johnson, owner of Johnson's Airspray, has contacted the City and requested permission to build a hangar at the airport. The Airport Commission is looking at applying for grants for a fuel farm, renovation of existing hangars and taxiway/apron improvements. Council requested the Commission to get an estimated cost for all of the improvements and projects for the next few years. Council decided to send the draft copy of the lease agreement to Lynn Johnson for review before sending it to an attorney to review. This will be discussed after we hear back from Lynn Johnson hopefully at the next Council meeting.

At the last meeting, Theatre Commission President David Gosch and Cresco Theatre Manager Marla Johnson discussed Theatre lease issues. There is no operations manual and it needs to be developed. The rent is not covering the utilities and normal operating expenses for operating the Theatre. General property taxes have been subsidizing the Theatre. There has been interest from people interested in submitting bids for running the Theatre. Parameters will be written up to enable the City to go out for bids later this year or next year for operation of the

Theatre. Bouska made the motion that an operations manual be developed by August 31, 2014 and to increase the rent from \$600 to \$700 per month. McGee seconded and it passed all ayes.

Bids for a new generator for City Hall for July 2014 were received. We need a minimum of 35 KW and the bids came in between 36 KW and 40 KW with some bids trading in the old one. Loveless made the motion to accept the low bid from Best Services for a 36 KW generator for \$12,650.75 with trade-in of our old one. Bouska seconded and it passed all ayes.

The Engineer's Construction Cost Opinion for the Granger Road Reconstruction Project is \$1,770,000. Bids will be due 2:00 pm April 17, 2014 and the public hearing at 7:00 pm on April 21, 2014. Loveless made the motion to approve a resolution ordering bids, approving plans, specifications and form of contract and notice to bidders, fixing amount of bid security, and ordering clerk to publish notice and fixing a date for receiving same, and for a public hearing on plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of costs. McGee seconded and it passed all ayes.

Loveless made the motion to set the public hearing to amend the budget for fiscal year July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014 for April 7, 2014. Bouska seconded and it passed all ayes.

Loveless made the motion to allow a credit for the sewer of \$122.01 to Roger Halverson for a leak in the garage in-floor heat in which the water did not enter the sanitary sewer. Bouska seconded and it passed all ayes.

Mayor asked if there were any comments from the audience. Jeff Wilson thanked PWD Rod Freidhof and the street department for moving a snow pile that was causing more flooding damage similar to last year. Wilson commended the Street Department for the fantastic way they plowed the snow all winter on Short Street and piled it so it would run to a storm sewer away from his property. There were no other comments.

Carman moved to adjourn at 8:30 pm. McGee seconded and it passed all ayes. The next regular Cresco City Council meeting will be at 7:00 pm on April 7, 2014 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:

ADVANCED SYS	Maint	70.49
ALEXIS FIRE	Rprs	346.17
ALLIANT	Elect	659.61
BAKER&TAYLOR	Books	1,035.09
BLACK HILLS	Nat Gas	568.70
BC / BS	Insur	25,888.13
BOB'S ELECT	Supplies	6.12
BRUENING ROCK	Srvc	2,005.54
CARD CENTER	Fire trng	1,954.20
CARDMEMBER	DVDs	285.10
CITY OF CRES	Util,insur,maint	3,946.50
CPU	Srvc	397.99
COURTNEY LAWN SNOW	Srvc	720.00
CRESO INSUR	Insur	212.00
CRESO SHOPPER	Advert	500.50
CRES TPD	Advert	86.60
CUB SCOUTS	Flag srvc	60.00
DATA TECH	Trng	245.00
DECORAH NEWS	Subscpt	35.00
DRIFTRUNNERS	Tourism grant	2,000.00
DUSTY'S TOTAL TREE	Srvc	8,495.00
FAREWAY	Supp	4.76
FELD FIRE	Supp	350.37
FENCO PROD	Supp	303.56
FOLEY'S CONST	Rprs	911.69
GALLS	Unif, supp	632.79
GROUP SERVC	Fee	328.00
H & S MOTORS	Rprs	1,163.38
HANSON TIRE	Srvc	216.50
HAWKEYE REC	Elect	6,377.25
HAWKEYE SAN	Garb/recyl fees	44,821.72
HEALTHY CONTRI	Mbrshps	31.00
HELPING SERVICES	Contrib	250.00
HOD COUNTY	Shared LEC	11,355.06
IA MUNICIPAL	Dues	618.08
IA NACOTICS	Trng	185.00
IA POETRY	Book	9.00
IA STATE UNIV	Supp	98.00
K & H COOP	LP	164.51
KEYSTONE LAB	Analys	1,315.05
KUBIK	Rprs	318.27
KWIK TRIP	Gas	7,240.26
LS HERALD	Subscpt	33.00
LT MECHANICAL	Rprs	264.92
MERCHANT SRVC	Fees	76.10
MIDWEST BREAT	Srvc	685.58
NORTH AM SALT	Salt	1,531.08
PAYROLL		61,994.56
PETTY CASH	Educ,postage,supp	150.08
POSTMASTER	Postage	100.00
PUSH PEDAL PULL	Rprs	200.00
RICOH	Copies	99.20
RILEY'S	Supp	232.38
RUPPERT	Supp	249.24
SANDRY FIRE	Rprs	318.50

SEC OF STATE	Fee	30.00
SIGNS & DESIGNS	Supp	50.00
SPAHN & ROSE	TIF agree	19,912.80
STATE HYGIENIC	Analys	67.00
STOREY KEN	Supp	41.68
TRUCK COUNTRY	Rprs	19.04
U.S. CELL	Phones	207.36
WELLS FARGO	Fee	750.00
WINDSTREAM	Phone	121.08
WINN CO LANDFILL	Srvc	8,918.40

GENERAL	97,532.19
HOTEL/MOTEL	2,000.00
LOST	2,177.44
MEDIACOM	628.93
EQUIP REPLAC	39.14
DRUG DOG	67.68
CRESCO COMM FIRE	3,886.55
ROAD USE TAX	17,424.82
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	23,324.03
TIF FUND	19,912.80
DEBT SERVICE	750.00
STREET ASSESS	8,495.00
WATER	15,703.72
WATER EQUIP	8,918.40
SEWER	21,073.57
PROPRIETARY CAP	70.36
YARDWASTE	259.36

EXPENDITURES	222,263.99
Revenues 3/4 to 3/17/14	173,649.53