

Mayor Mark Bohle called the meeting of the Cresco City Council to order at 7:00 pm on January 18, 2010. Present were: Dennis Blake, Amy Bouska, and John Loveless. Council members Josh Moore and Steve McCarville were absent.

Mayor Mark Bohle presented former Mayor Ronda Hughes with a plaque for her service, work and efforts as Mayor of Cresco for the previous 8 years.

It was requested by Bouska to remove the approval of the minutes from January 4, 6 and 8, 2010 consent agenda and place them on the regular agenda. It was moved by Loveless to approve the consent agenda which included: the approval of the agenda, approval of claims and approval of a Tree Surgeons License to Shane Pinter dba Pinter Landscaping and Tree Service. The motion was seconded by Blake, and passed all ayes.

Bouska recommended changes to the January 4, 6 and 8, 2010 minutes that included the correction of capitalization, punctuation and spelling errors. Other changes included: the auditors giving an unqualified opinion, Cresco's general fund was in good shape not very good shape, and that the auditor did not address other funds. Loveless moved to approve the corrected minutes. Bouska seconded the motion. And the motion passed all ayes.

Public Works director Dennis Cauwels stated that the repairs to the old City Hall building are completed. He also mentioned that the sewer department has completed a survey of businesses and homeowners whose sewer services end up in the airport lift station with the exception of one business that would be followed up with. He stated that there was nothing unusual or changes to what was being sent to the lift station. More information will follow after conducting some odor logging.

Deputy Clerk Michelle Girolamo presented Council with the financial information from December 2009. She pointed out that revenues were a little over budget, while expenses were a little under budget as a whole. She did mention that both water and sewer department revenues were projected to be between \$15,000 and \$20,000 short for the current fiscal year.

City Administrator Lloyd stated that Cresco Industrial Development Corporation was putting the finishing touches on the Intermediary Relending Program, and that the City would be fulfilling its obligation of \$50,000 to the program within the next week. Lloyd updated Council on Alliant and Black Hills Energy Franchises. Lloyd briefly discussed a Travel and Tourism Board for recommending grant applications. It was moved by Bouska to form a Tourism Advisory Board with membership to be established by Howard County Economic Development Travel and Tourism Committee to recommend the disposition of hotel/motel tax monies. The motion was seconded by Loveless, and passed all ayes. Lloyd updated Council on current projects. He reiterated comments made by Cauwels regarding the old City Hall Building. He discussed briefly where staff was on the sewer odor South of Highway 9. He stated that Arla Kafka had met with a computer technician to see if the City has the capability to video Council meetings and run those on Channel 3. He also mentioned that the date for the offer on the old City Hall building had expired.

The Hotel/Motel Tax Tourism grant applications were reviewed. Council discussed and awarded \$3,000 to the Cresco Industrial Development Corporation for a welcome sign, \$500 to Cresco Community Theatre for theatre rent for the Cresco All School Reunion, and \$1,000 to Howard County Economic Development for reprinting brochures. There was discussion on funding the Prairie Springs Recreational Trail Committee for a bike and pedestrian trail. Council wanted more information before funding the project.

Mayor Bohle opened a public hearing on an addition to the Cresco Code of Ordinances Chapter 49 Curfew Regulations. Council made corrections to the Ordinance and Resolution. There were no comments from the audience, or written comments from the public. It was moved by Bouska to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by

Loveless. The motion passed all ayes. Lloyd performed the first reading of the proposed ordinance. It was moved by Loveless to approve the first reading. The motion was seconded by Bouska and passed all ayes. It was moved by Loveless to approve a resolution waiving the second and third readings of proposed Ordinance 421. The motion was seconded by Bouska and passed all ayes. It was moved by Blake to approve Ordinance 421. The motion was seconded by Loveless and passed all ayes.

Darren Sikkink of WHKS & Co. the City Engineers presented Council with specifications and contract documents for the 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue East Reconstruction. He informed Council that the opening of the bids would be February 11, 2010, with Council considering taking action on the bids February 15, 2010. It was moved by Bouska 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, and form of contract and estimate of costs. The motion was seconded by Loveless, and passed all ayes.

Mayor Bohle asked if there were any comments from the audience. Teresa McGee asked about a chip spreader that was discussed in a budget hearing. Lloyd stated that even with a repaving program, chip sealing would still be necessary to maintain streets, and that equipment wears out. Blake stated that the chip spreader was only a wish list item, and it has not been approved.

There were no further comments from the public. It was moved by Blake to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Loveless and passed all ayes. The January 18, 2010 City Council meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm. The next regular Council meeting will be February 1, 2010 at City Hall at 7:00 pm.

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Mayor Mark Bohle

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Cresco City Administrator/Clerk John Lloyd