

The Cresco City Council met February 2, 2015, at 7:00 pm at City Hall. Council Members Carman, Bouska, McGee, Loveless and McCarville 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 January 19, 2015 meeting and January 22, 2015 worksession; Tree Surgeon License for Wilson Custom Tree Service; Tax Abatement under the Urban Revitalization Plan for Dean & Kim Zakostecky. McGee seconded and it passed all ayes.

Public Works Director Rod Freidhof reported (a) Street: busy over the weekend with the snow storm and have a lot of piles to move; (b) Kevin Anderson, crane operator for Perry Novak, will remove the oil tank Wednesday. He looked at the train but does not want to try to move the boxcar. Rod will get estimates on a 60 ton crane; (c) filed for tree grants from Black Hills Energy and Alliant Energy for boulevard; (d) Water: still trying to locate a watermain break in the system; (e) Sewer: grit pump needs a complete overhaul which will cost about \$4,000. They found their non-potable water leak which they will fix in the spring but now have a leak in the potable water system. Steve will be coming to locate the leak and may also listen again to try to find the leak we still have in town.

Police Chief Ruroden submitted his monthly report. January was busy with 48 total arrests and charges, 20 of which were narcotic. There will be some trainings this week and next.

City Clerk Michelle Girolamo reported she has been busy working on the budget. Rod, Drew and Michelle met with Donaldson's to discuss their Industrial Agreement and the reservoir.

Stump Grinding bids were received for 2015. Bids were received from Wilson Custom Tree Service for \$.95 and from Walton Tree Service \$.89. Loveless made the motion to accept the low bid from Walton Tree Service for \$.89 per inch. McGee seconded and it passed all ayes.

Loveless made the motion to approve a sewer credit of \$835.62 for a broken pipe and the water did not enter the sanitary sewer system. Bouska seconded and it passed all ayes.

Carman made the motion to approve a sewer credit of \$546.29 for a water leak and the water did not enter the sanitary sewer system. McGee seconded and it passed all ayes.

McCarville made the motion to approve the resolution allowing partial exemption under the Cresco Urban Revitalization Area to Gordon and Patricia Koehler. Loveless seconded and it passed all ayes.

Dusty Burnikel was not present to discuss trees.

Curt McNew explained the Northeast Iowa Community Action Transit System. He reminded everyone that anyone can ride it. He also distributed brochures regarding EARL and the bus stop schedules. These brochures are available for the public at City Hall. They are looking at changing some of the bus stops to have one downtown.

David Boss, Community Outreach and Development Director of Northeast Iowa Community Action, informed Council of all the programs they administer for the residents of Cresco and Howard County. Programs include Family Services, Emergency Services (food/shelter), Weatherization, Housing, Family Development and Self-Sufficiency, Health Services-Family Planning, Low Income Home Energy Assistance, Public Transit, Early Childhood Programs, and Child Care Food Programs.

A request was received from Linda Quam to assess the \$5,000 water connection charge to her property taxes so it could be paid over 10 years. Attorney Braun's opinion was that he did not think the City can legally assess those costs over time like on a street improvement. Consensus of Council was that the connection fee should be collected before

the connection is made in the future. This bill will be due upon receipt with no payment plan allowed.

Freidhof asked Council what they wanted to do about the City Hall sign because it is not lit up at night anymore. He thinks the ballast is bad again. Council requested that he get estimates on a retrofit for LED lights.

Mayor asked if there were any comments from the audience and there were none.

Carman moved to adjourn at 7:45 pm. Bouska seconded and it passed all ayes. The next regular Cresco City Council meeting will be at 7:00 pm on February 16, 2015 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:

20th CENT FOX	Movie rent	186.96
ALLIANT	Elect	17,093.75
ANTONY, DEVIN	DepRefApp	80.00
BARRETT, LAURA	DepRefApp	80.00
BEARD, ROLLIN	DepRefApp	35.18
BLACK HILLS	Nat Gas	10,056.51
BURNIKEL, DARIN	Dep Ref	80.00
CARQUEST	Supp	3.36
CITY LAUNDERING	Srvc	580.48
CITY OF CRESCO	Util	1,238.67
CPU	Srvc	211.98
COURTNEY SERV	Srvc	140.00
CRESCO CHAMBER	AnnContr	2,115.00
CRESCO SHOPPER	Advert	250.00
CRESCO SMALL ENG	Supp	2.20
CRESCO TPD	Advert	296.12
WATER CONDITIONI	Supp	140.61
DECORAH VET CLINIC	Srvc	25.50
DISNEY	Movie rent	412.00
ELECTRIC PUMP	Srvc	1,099.50
FAREWAY	Supp	13.15
FOLEY'S CONST	Rprs	181.50
GALLS	Uniform	112.90
GOSCH'S	Supp	129.25
H & S MOTORS	Supp	18.50
HAWKEYE SAN	Grit pickup	101.57
HEWETT WHOLESAL	Concess	652.80
HOVEY OIL	Diesel fuel	848.00
JOHN DEERE FIN	Supp,unif	873.04
LICKTEIG, CLINTON	DepRefApp	34.10
MARCO	Copier lease	495.00
MCMASTER-CARR	Equip	125.83
MEINERS, GLADYS	DepRefApp	37.61
MID-STATES ORGANIZED	Dues	100.00
MILLER, JACOB	DepRefApp	23.73
NATIONAL TOWN WA	Dues	35.00
NORTH IOWA INSPECT	Srvc	406.00
OPAT, JANETTE	DepRefApp	38.51
PARISH, AXEL	DepRefApp	80.00
PAYROLL		60,454.51
THE PITT STOP	Dep Ref	80.00
PEPSI-COLA	Concessions	494.80
POSTMASTER	Postage	450.01
PRINCIPAL LIFE	Inusr	82.68
REGIONAL HEALTH	Srvc	70.00
RURODEN, TIM	DepRefApp	3.18
SAM'S CLUB	Supp, equip	2,018.07
SCHATZ, ADAM	DepRefApp	13.08
SPAHN & ROSE	Supp	348.33
USA BLUE BOOK	Supp	41.90
WEBB, FRANKLIN	DepRefApp	37.93
WILBUR, LISA	DepRefApp	22.30
WINDSTREAM	Phone	1,076.54
	GENERAL	64,369.19
	LOST PROJECT	4,284.89
	NUISANCE HSE	55.52

FIRE STATION BLDG	803.42
MEDIACOM	437.22
DRUG DOG	31.24
CRESKO COMM FIRE	663.41
ROAD USE	11,723.20
EMPLOYEE BEN	63.60
WATER	11,195.26
WATER DEP	80.82
SEWER	9,574.86
CAP IMPROVE	172.50
YARDWASTE	172.51
EXPENDITURES	103,627.64
Revenues 1/20 to 2/2/15	162,710.63