

The Cresco City Council met November 1, 2010, at 7:00 pm at City Hall. Council members Blake, Bouska, Moore, and McCarville were present. Loveless arrived at 7:05 pm. No Council members were absent.

It was moved by Bouska to approve the consent agenda, which included approval of: the agenda; claims; minutes of the October 18, 2010 and October 28, 2010 City Council meetings; and pay request #1 for \$11,688.88 for S&B Construction for the Housing Rehab project. The motion was seconded by Blake and passed all ayes.

Public Works Director Denny Cauwels reported on: (a) the boiler at the waterworks building quit working and a replacement would cost about \$4,000. Fortunately, Gosch's Inc. had a used furnace on hand that they donated to the City and we only had to pay for installation; (b) sewer rerouting project: punch list was done so that project is virtually completed; (c) street shop: Upper Iowa Construction put insulation back up and ordered items for the vapor barrier so he should be back on Tuesday to work on it; (d) plow truck is getting the box installed now and we anticipate a delivery date by the end of November; (e) sewer plant chart recorder: they had one on hand and were able to use that one so that has been installed and is working; (f) yardwaste collection is now weekly until the final pick up date on November 15th; (g) Denny's last day of work before he retires will be December 22, 2010. Blake asked about the maintainer we are purchasing from the County and Cauwels replied that we should get that at the end of the month. McCarville asked if anything could be done about the dust problems on 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue. Unfortunately, with the cold weather the dust control will not work so there is nothing we can do. We did have to put some rock on the road to fill the potholes.

Public Works Director Rod Freidhof sent an email to Council updating the status of the GIS. Rock Tuchek was able to aid the City in finding the information. Mike Born will be the GIS manager/coordinator for the City.

Police Chief Mark Kissinger presented an activity report to Council. He commented that they finished the firearms qualifications, applications have been received and are being processed and they had no vandalism reports during Halloween. Mayor Bohle asked about the other vandalism/burglary case and Kissinger replied that the evidence is still being evaluated so they can't comment on the open case. Bohle, on behalf of the City, wanted to make sure everyone knows that it has not been forgotten and we are still working on it.

City Clerk Michelle Girolamo reported she would be going to a public finance training put on by Mark Cory on November 10<sup>th</sup>. She reminded Council that the Howard County Business & Tourism Annual Banquet is on November 13, 2010. Johnson Air Spray inquired about purchasing the airport hangar that they are currently renting from the City. Council did not think we should sell it. One of the three furnaces at City Hall is not working right and Mark Kubik recommended that it be replaced and gave the City a quote for a replacement furnace. Staff was instructed to get quotes from other vendors as well.

There was discussion about the rent and electricity charges that the City charges for the antennas on the water tower. The staff was just wondering if we are collecting enough to cover additional electrical costs. Rent has been increasing 3% annually but this may not be enough to cover the increase in electrical costs the City has been paying. Blake thought this had been discussed in the past year or two. Staff was instructed to find the minutes on that discussion before we discuss it anymore.

The Mayor asked for any comments from the audience. A group of Boy Scouts were in the audience observing the meeting. They asked some questions regarding what strategic planning was and Mayor Bohle explained the process and why it was necessary.

It was moved by McCarville to adjourn at 7:13 pm. The motion was seconded by Bouska and passed all ayes. A Strategic Planning Meeting for public input will be November 10, 2010 at 7:00 in the Community Room at Cresco Bank & Trust. The next regular Cresco City Council meeting will be November 15, 2010, at 7:00 pm at Cresco City Hall.

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Mayor Mark Bohle

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City Clerk Michelle Girolamo