

The Cresco City Council met March 3, 2014, at 7:00 pm at City Hall. Council members Carman, Bouska, McGee, and Loveless were present. Council Member McCarville was absent.

Carman made the motion to approve the consent agenda which included approval of the agenda; claims; minutes of the February 17, 2014 meeting; temporary transfer to 111 N Elm St for the Class C liquor license (LC) (commercial) (outdoor service) for Howard County Agricultural Society for March 15-16, 2014; Class C liquor license (LC) (commercial) with outdoor service and Sunday sales to Thomas J & Mary Kleve d/b/a Kleve's Pub; Class E Liquor License (LE) and Class B Wine permit and Class C beer permit (carryout beer) with Sunday sales to Ronald B Rear and Evelyn L Kingsley Partners d/b/a Cresco Liquor Store; Tree Surgeon License for Northeast Iowa Tree Service; amended street closing on 1st Ave N to extend closure from March 14th to March 16, 2014 at 11:00 am for the Brew and Stew; tax exemption under the Cresco Urban Revitalization Area for Aspenson Real Estate. Bouska seconded and it passed all ayes.

Public Works Director Rod Freidhof reported: (a) street department busy with snow removal. Complaints have been received about not plowing on weekends but most understand the budget cuts and they are doing the best they can; (b) running short on salt and sand so we ordered more; (c) some concrete street light poles need to be replaced and will cost \$2500-\$3000 for each pole; (d) we are anticipating more watermain breaks when the weather gets warmer and are investigating a possible break now; (e) Cresco's water department was complimented on how helpful and organized they are by contractors thawing water lines for citizens; (f) Sewer Dept repaired one more digester and they have one more to do. The blower got set on the concrete pad last week; (g) working with WHKS and Cresco Food Technologies on a response letter to the Iowa DNR for the violations. The DNR has commended the City for working with them on the issues; (h) Federal monies may be available to help cities with all the watermain breaks due to the freezing so Howard County may be declared a disaster area; (i) asbestos abatement should be done this week. They had problems with the lift they rented so it is taking longer than anticipated.

Police Chief Tim Ruroden presented his monthly report. February was busy averaging 10 incidents a day. There were 24 arrests made last month. Officer Godman will be starting the Eddie Eagle Safety Program at the schools this week. Several officers attended Hazardous Materials training. They are still working with Decorah Police on the vandalism case.

Mayor Bohle opened the public hearing on the proposed budget for fiscal year July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015. There were no written or oral comments. The public hearing was closed. Bouska pointed out that the levy was decreased due to the cooperation of all the City departments in cutting their budgets. McGee made the motion to approve the budget. Loveless seconded and it passed all ayes.

Paul Lovell requested permission to display Irish flags from March 7 – 21, 2014 for business promotions for St. Patrick's Day and the Brew & Stew. They would put up the flags and take them down so no additional work for the City employees and their flags would fit right into the brackets already on the poles. Council granted permission to use their poles and thought it was a good idea to promote the events for the retailers and especially since the proceeds benefit the Cresco Community Fire Department, NEICAC and Dollars for Scholars.

Katie Bee was unable to attend this meeting so will be at the next meeting to discuss benefits of a Social Host Ordinance.

Theatre Commission President David Gosch and Cresco Theatre Manager Marla Johnson discussed Theatre issues. Gosch reported that the restrooms have been renovated, seats have been installed on the main level and Simon Estes performs March 23rd to kickoff the 100th Celebration events. He asked about the moisture issues and Freidhof reported that Riehle's are going to inspect it again. Commemorative coins can be purchased with the Theatre on one side

and the Library on the other side. You can go to www.crescotheatre.com to purchase tickets and pick your seat for the 100th Celebration special events. Free Sunday matinee "Movies of the Decades" will be shown April through November. The Theatre Commission understands the reasons the City is discussing going out for bids for the rent of the Theatre. They want to make sure the bidder needs to have some knowledge, or the ability to gain the knowledge, of how to order movies and operate a movie theatre and not just accept the highest bid. Council understands there is more to running the Theatre than just turning on a switch. Marla commented that they are doing it for the community and not making much money and trying to keep it affordable for family entertainment. McGee pointed out that general property taxes are subsidizing the operation of the Theatre and asked if the rent could be increased. The Commission asked if the City would hold off on going out for bids until after the 100th Celebration events which will be from March 2014 through spring of 2015.

Patty Shaver was not able to attend the meeting to discuss her nuisance complaints.

Spring campaign letters will be sent out for the Service Line Warranties of America.

Bouska voiced her opinion that she thinks rates are too high and does not think the City should be promoting it. Many residents are utilizing the insurance and council decided to again give support to the program with the understanding that it is up to the residents to decide if they want to purchase the insurance or not. The City is not involved in enrolling residents nor administering the program.

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

Carman moved to adjourn at 7:39 pm. Bouska seconded and it passed all ayes. The next regular Cresco City Council meeting will be at 7:00 pm on March 17, 2014 at Cresco City Hall.

Mayor Mark Bohle

City Clerk Michelle Girolamo

Following is a list of claims approved for payment:

ALLIANT	Elect	15,151.39
BLACK HILLS	Nat Gas	11,101.19
BODENSTEINER IMP	Supp	27.28
CAMPSITE	LP	19.78
CARQUEST	Supp	295.20
CITY LAUNDERING	Srvc	378.06
CITY OF CRES	Util	1,199.47
COURTNEY LAWN/SNOW	Srvc	450.00
CRESCO CHAMBER	Annual	2,000.00
CRES TPD	Publ	767.02
CULLIGAN	Supp	75.12
CUSTOM COMM	Srvc	297.29
DALCO	Supp	842.00
FAREWAY	Supp	6.99
GOSCH'S	Supp	268.30
HOMETOWN ACCT	Dep Ref	14.18
HOVEY OIL	Supp	613.10
IA DEPT PUBLIC HLTH	Fee	70.00
IROC WEB DESIGN	Srvc	35.00
JOHN DEERE FIN	Supp	764.09
K & H COOP	LP	277.61
KNAPKE, MICHAEL	Dep Ref	80.00
KOENIGS, ALEX	Reimb tng	209.62
NAT ASSO TOWN WA	Dues	35.00
NE IA REG HSG	Hsng Rehab	5,000.00
PAYROLL		63,094.82
PEPSI-COLA	Concessions	991.81
PETTY CASH	Postage	69.16
POOL TECH	Supp	227.22
POSTMASTER	Postage	501.41
PRINCIPAL LIFE	Insur	77.22
RICOH	Copies/lease	1,391.83
SAM'S DISCOVER	Supp	4,033.31
SANDRY FIRE	Supp	272.38
SIGNS &DESIGNS	Supp	55.00
STOREY KEN	Supp	440.26
TASC	Fee	241.92
TREAS, ST OF IA	Sales Tax	4,621.00
U.S. POSTAL	Supp	1,778.55
WINDRIDGE	Supp	414.14
WINDSTREAM	Phone	1,102.66
WORLEY, JESSICA/JEREMIE	Dep Ref	80.00
YOUNG, SAMANTHA	Dep Ref	80.00
ZEE MEDICAL	Supp	36.15
	GENERAL	62,441.26
	LOST PROJECT	9,086.26
	FIRE STATION BLDG	873.95
	MEDIACOM	4,002.05
	CRESCO COMM FIRE	1,272.60
	ROAD USE	15,603.30
	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	296.26
	RECREATION	194.00
	WATER	13,893.62
	WATER DEP	254.18
	SEWER	10,572.84
	CAP IMPROVE	498.10
	YARDWASTE	498.11
	EXPENDITURES	119,486.53
	Revenues 2/18 to 3/3/14	132,431.57