

The Cresco City Council met June 2, 2014, at 7:00 pm at City Hall. Council Members Carman, Bouska, McGee, McCarville and Loveless were present. No council members were absent.

McCarville made the motion to approve the consent agenda which included approval of the: agenda; claims; minutes of the May 19, 2014 meeting; Tree Surgeon License for Total Tree Care LLC; Cigarette/Tobacco Permits for Casey's General Store #2511, Fareway Store #815, Cresco Mart, Cresco Liquor Store, Hideaway Lounge, Kwik Star #428, Kleve's Pub; parade permit to display race cars and parade cars on June 8, 2014 from A&W to the race track at the Fairgrounds. Bouska seconded and it passed all eyes.

Public Works Director Rod Freidhof reported: (a) still filling potholes and utilizing the durapatcher. Working on a plan for chip sealing streets; (b) Fit for Life exercise equipment is installed on the bike trail. County Conservation guys will seed it. Thanks to all the donors and volunteers; (c) Sludge has been hauled. Technician will come and look at the UV system to try to fix the problems at the sewer plant; (d) Water department estimates we are losing about 60,000 gallons of water a day but we can't find the possible leak with our equipment. Municipal Management Corporation will charge \$2,000 to listen to every fire hydrant to try to locate the leak with their more sophisticated equipment; (e) Theatre roof inspection has discovered some issues that will need to be fixed. Moisture in the east wall is about 30% again after being below 16% a few months ago. We have no idea where the moisture is coming from or how to correct the problem especially since it is only one wall; (f) Fire Department is willing to fill swimming pools for citizens who don't want to pay the water/sewer bill for filling their pool for a minimum donation of \$150. The Fire Department will pay the water department for the water used and the remainder will be a donation for the Fire Department; (g) Nuisance letters were sent out without much response so they will be followed up by the Attorney.

Police Chief Tim Ruroden presented his monthly report. Officers busy doing STEP with traffic stops and several arrests. Burglary investigations are going good with fingerprints helping the investigation. Video was submitted by Patty Shaver of inappropriate behavior occurring in front of her business. The video is being reviewed by Attorney Braun to determine if there are criminal charges. Council may review the tape as well.

Fire Chief Neal Stapelkamp reported Alex Koenigs and John Andera passed Firefighter I training. The annual golf tournament will be this Wednesday.

City Clerk Michelle Girolamo reported: (a) Julie from the Howard County Auditors office is working on trying to get the law changed by changing City elections to coincide with general elections. This would be a significant cost saving measure and would also increase voter turnout; (b) Granger Road construction updates will be posted on Facebook, Mediacom and our website; (c) Life Insurance costs increased 12% just like all the other expenses that seem to be increasing; (d) there were two really high water/sewer bills this past month for customers due to toilets malfunctioning. Unfortunately, no credit can be given since it went down the sanitary sewer even though one was over \$450.

Jan Carman reported the Theatre Commission has a new lease agreement for the Council to review. They are still working on getting a boom truck so the marquee can be repaired.

Mayor Bohle opened the public hearing on the authorization of a Loan Agreement and the issuance of notes to evidence the obligation of the City thereunder. There were no oral or written comments. The public hearing was closed. Bouska made the motion to approve the resolution instituting proceedings to take additional action. Carman seconded and it passed all eyes.

Travis Squires from Piper Jaffray presented the true interest rate of the five bids that were received electronically at 1:00pm June 2nd: Robert W. Baird & Co 2.875802%; D.A. Davidson & Co 3.062310%; Hutchinson, Shockley, Erley & Co 3.053733%; BOSC, Inc 3.075996%; Bankers Bank (with C Us Bank) 3.092000%. He reported the City's A+ S&P Rating was affirmed. Robert W Baird was the winning bid and was re-sized down to \$2,950,000 because they had bid at a premium and because there was a lower cost of issuance. Cost of issuance was lower by about \$15,000 including Piper Jaffray's reduction of \$1,000 from their contract price. By using the level principal structure, it saved \$118,000. Interest rates are about .6% less than used in projections and resizing will save interest costs of \$170,000 reflecting in about \$.09 lower tax levy than projected. McCarville made the motion to approve the resolution directing sale of \$2,950,000 General Obligation Capital Loan Notes, Series 2014. McGee seconded and it passed all ayes.

Jami Schwickerath requested \$3,000 for fireworks on behalf of the Jaycees for the July 3rd fireworks after the motocross. The Jaycees had originally decided not to have fireworks this year but several community members convinced them to keep up the annual tradition. Carman made the motion to use reserves from the Tourism Fund to fund \$3,000 for the fireworks. Loveless seconded and it passed all ayes.

Paul Lovell reported that a committee met last week and agreed on new locations for the centralized box units (CBU's) downtown. There will be three small cement pads that need to be poured. The retail committee agreed to pay for the concrete and the City personnel will do the labor. Postmaster Mary Stivers reported that they hope to have them installed as soon as possible because many businesses are anxious to start using the secure locked boxes. She also explained that CBU's will eventually be installed in the residential areas of town in the future. She said it will not be immediately due to the backorder of CBU's. She said they will start with areas of town that have habitual problems with dogs.

Loveless made the motion to approve the recommendation by the Planning & Zoning Commission to re-appoint Kevin Weinacht to the Commission for a term ending April 2019. McGee seconded and it passed all ayes.

Carman made the motion to approve the recommendation by the Planning & Zoning Commission to re-appoint Willard Balk to the Commission for a term ending April 2019. Bouska seconded and it passed all ayes.

Mayor Bohle performed the third reading of proposed Ordinance 450 pertaining to water rates. Loveless made the motion to approve the third reading. Bouska seconded and it passed all ayes. McGee made the motion to approve Ordinance 450 pertaining to water rates. Carman seconded and it passed all ayes.

Mayor Bohle performed the third reading of proposed Ordinance 451 pertaining to sewer service charges. Loveless made the motion to approve the third reading. Bouska seconded and it passed all ayes. Carman made the motion to approve Ordinance 451 pertaining to sewer service charges. McGee seconded and it passed all ayes.

Mayor Bohle performed the third reading of proposed Ordinance 452 pertaining to trees. Loveless made the motion to approve the third reading. Carman seconded and it passed all ayes. Bouska made the motion to approve Ordinance 452 pertaining to trees. Carman seconded and it passed all ayes.

Carman made the motion to approve a resolution establishing a fund within the City's accounts for Fund 177 – Police Forfeitures Fund. Bouska seconded and it passed all ayes.

Girolamo reported that there were no uncollectible accounts to be written off this fiscal year. Seven accounts were assessed to property taxes for a total of \$2,500.

Freidhof reported that the City was a defendant in a lawsuit last week from a trip and fall on a downtown sidewalk five years ago. After a two day trial, the Jury deliberated and

the City won the trial. Afterwards, a Cresco citizen gave a pile of probably 100 pictures and addresses of sidewalks to Rod. The Ordinance book states that even though the City owns the property that sidewalks are on, it is still the responsibility of the property owner abutting the sidewalk to maintain the sidewalk. If the property owner does not fix the sidewalk, the City may repair the sidewalk and assess the cost to property owner. The Public Works Committee will review the pictures and addresses to determine if letters need to be sent. McCarville pointed out that tree roots are causing a lot of the problems. The issue becomes whether the City will force them to replace their sidewalk or allow them to remove it if they request it. There are portions of town that don't have any sidewalks. After a lengthy discussion, the Public Works Committee agreed to review the pictures and will decide how to move forward.

Mayor asked if there were any comments from the audience. Jason Passmore reported that Family Fun Nights will be June 20th, July 18th and August 5th. Casablanca will be a free movie this Sunday at the Theatre. June 18th will be the Hospital ribbon cutting and open house.

Carman moved to adjourn at 8:06 pm. McGee seconded and it passed all ayes. The next regular Cresco City Council meeting will be at 7:00 pm on June 16, 2014 at Cresco City Hall.

Mayor Mark Bohle

City Clerk Michelle Girolamo

Following is a list of claims approved for payment:

ALLIANT	Elect	14,825.14
BLACK HILLS	Nat gas	4,741.82
CARQUEST	Supp	207.38
CITY LAUNDERING	Srvc,supp	369.35
CITY OF CRESC	Util	1,320.00
CPU	Supp	216.95
CRESCO TPD	Publ	393.27
CROELL	Concrete	1,148.00
CULLIGAN WATER	Supp	156.42
DES MOINES STAMP	Supp	27.30
DIGITAL ALLY	Supp	40.00
ELWOOD,O'DONOH...	Fees	1,325.00
FAREWAY	Supp	19.17
GALLS	Unif	69.99
HACH	Supp	207.67
HELPING SRVC	Dep ref	80.00
HOW CO ENGR	Equip	609.59
IA DEPT OF TRANS	Oil	774.00
IA DIV OF LABOR	Srvc	150.00
KEYSTONE LAB	Anayls	1,205.80
LEUCHMACHTER, JOHN	Dep ref	80.00
NATL ASSOC TOWN WAT	Supp	201.00
PAYROLL		59,948.88
PLUNKETT'S	Srvc	369.91
POSTMASTER	Postage	455.12
PRINCIPAL LIFE	Insur	77.22
SALSMAN, JAMES	Dep ref	80.00
SAM'S DISCOVER	Supp	2,896.49
SPAHN & ROSE	Supp	27.12
STOREY KEN	Supp	63.30
TASC	Fees	241.92
WENTHOLD, GENE	Dep ref	15.77
WILLIS, DESIRAE	Dep ref	80.00
WINDSTREAM	Phone	1,000.37
	GENERAL	53,842.90
	LOST PROJECT	4,444.07
	NUISANCE	37.50
	FIRE STATION BLDG	260.75
	MEDIACOM	253.53
	CRESCO COMM FIRE	474.94
	ROAD USE	11,199.10
	EMPLOYEE BEN	296.26
	FIT FOR LIFE	822.00
	STREET ASSESS	52.59
	WATER	11,035.12
	WATER DEP	335.77
	SEWER	9,294.94
	CAP IMPROVE	101.57
	YARDWASTE	972.91
	EXPENDITURES	93,423.95
	Revenues 5/20 to 6/2/14	114,105.85