

Mayor Bohle called the Cresco City Council meeting to order on April 4, 2016, at 7:00 pm at City Hall. Council Members Carman, Bouska, McGee, McCarville and Brenno were present. No council members were absent.

Carman made the motion to approve the consent agenda which included approval of the agenda; claims; minutes of the March 21, 2016 council meeting; Cigarette and Tobacco Permit for Wemark22 d/b/a the Ox & Wren Spirits and Gifts. Bouska seconded and it passed all ayes.

Public Works Director Freidhof reported (a) the street sweeper has cleaned the town once but with the rain and snowstorms will need to be done again; (b) Water/Sewer Department attended a lab safety course; (c) will be flushing water hydrants this week; (d) accountability for water billing was 98% last month; (e) started repairing the curb and approach at the old Culligan parking lot.

Police Chief Ruroden presented the March police report. He reported 13 accident calls, 20 animal calls, and 40 arrests and charges filed including citations. Officers finished Hazardous Materials training.

City Clerk Girolamo reported (a) Utility Service Partners, also known as Service Line Warranties, will be merging with HomeServe USA and will be mailing flyers for the water service line warranty program on April 12<sup>th</sup>; (b) Mediacom announced a \$1 billion capital investment plan including wide-scale deployment of 1 gigabit per second broadband service to 3 million homes and businesses in their 22 state footprint, extension of residential video, Internet, and phone network and the launch of community Wi-Fi throughout commercial areas.

Bouska reported the Housing Committee met and reported the port-outs are way down to seven which may be a seasonal fluctuation. She also attended League of Cities training. They reported the best economic development plan starts with cleaning up the town.

Mayor Bohle opened the public hearing for proposed Ordinance #459 Designating the Urban Revitalization Areas for the Amended and Restated (2016) Cresco Urban Revitalization Plan. There were no written or oral comments and the hearing was closed. Mayor Bohle performed the second reading of Ordinance #459. Bouska made a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance #459. Carman seconded and it passed all ayes.

Hotel/Motel Tax received this quarter was \$4,361.21. Three requests for tourism grants of \$6,000 were received. Carman made the motion to approve the Cresco Tourism Advisory Committee's recommendation to grant \$2,500 to the Mighty Howard County Fair for advertising; \$1,000 to the Brew & Stew for advertising; \$1,000 to the Cresco Theatre Commission for Switchback Concert. Brenno seconded and it passed all ayes.

Mayor Bohle opened a Public Hearing for proposed Ordinance #460 amending the Code of Ordinances by adding new Chapter 101 pertaining to Prohibition on Discharge of Storm Water and Groundwater into the City sanitary sewer system. There were no written or oral comments and the hearing was closed. Mayor Bohle performed the second reading of the summary of proposed Ordinance #460. McGee made a motion to approve the second reading of the summary of Ordinance #460. Bouska seconded and it passed all ayes.

City Clerk Girolamo explained that it came to our attention that the City had inadvertently made an error in processing six applications for tax abatement that had applied after the original filing deadline but within a two year period. Upon receiving clarification from the State Legislature and Attorneys from Ahlers & Cooney, the City may allow late-filings to receive the full exemption schedule instead of losing the first year tax abatement as had been originally advised. By resolution, the Council may grant the full exemption schedule. The Howard County Assessor will add the first year exemption to the end of the exemption schedules for six properties.

Bouska made a motion to approve a resolution amending resolution no. 121001 under the Cresco Urban Revitalization Area. McGee seconded and it passed all ayes.

McGee made a motion to approve a resolution amending resolution no. 101101 under the Cresco Urban Revitalization Area. Carman seconded and it passed all ayes.

Bouska made a motion to approve a resolution amending resolution no. 101102 under the Cresco Urban Revitalization Area. Brenno seconded and it passed all ayes.

Carman made a motion to approve a resolution amending resolution no. 051203 under the Cresco Urban Revitalization Area. Brenno seconded and it passed all ayes.

Brenno made a motion to approve a resolution amending resolution no. 051207 under the Cresco Urban Revitalization Area. McGee seconded and it passed all ayes.

Carman made a motion to approve a resolution amending resolution no. 021501 under the Cresco Urban Revitalization Area. Bouska seconded and it passed all ayes.

Mayor Bohle performed the third reading of Ordinance #458 repealing Ordinance #375 Designating the Evans Home Assisted Living Urban Revitalization Area in the City of Cresco, Iowa. Bouska made a motion to approve the third reading of Ordinance #458. McGee seconded and it passed all ayes.

Bouska made a motion to approve Ordinance #458 repealing Ordinance #375 Designating the Evans Home Assisted Living Urban Revitalization Area in the City of Cresco, Iowa. McGee seconded and it passed all ayes.

Girolamo explained that by resolution the City of Cresco had committed \$40,000 to purchase turnout gear for the Fire Department. The City had transferred \$40,000 from the Local Option Sales Tax Fund to the Fire Trust Fund for the purpose of purchasing turnout gear. The Fire Department received a FEMA grant of \$85,143. The Cresco Firefighters did a fundraiser and received donations to pay the remaining \$5,953.54 for the turnout gear. Therefore, the committed balance is no longer needed for turnout gear. In the proposed resolution the \$40,000 will be released from the commitment and transferred back to the Local Option Sales Tax Fund. Bouska made a motion to approve a resolution releasing committed fund balances for Special Revenue Funds (GASB 54). Bouska added "that this is no way saying that I don't approve of what the Fire Department is doing or anything but it is just that they don't need the money right now because of the grant." McGee seconded the motion. Brenno asked if this was the only option since it was not used for turnout gear. Girolamo answered no that is not the only option. After the commitment is released, the Council has the option to transfer it back to LOST or leave the money in the Fire Trust Fund which is what the Fire Department has requested. The question is what the intention was when the Council by resolution committed the funds for turnout gear. By law, once it has been committed for a specific purpose by resolution then it either needs to be spent on that purpose or a new resolution must be passed releasing the committed funds. A roll call vote was conducted and the resolution passed all ayes.

Freidhof received quotes from Mehmert Tiling and Skyline Construction for watermain improvements on 4<sup>th</sup> Street SW. This would eliminate a deadend and allow us to abandon a 4 inch watermain. There were two options with one installing 387 feet of 8 inch watermain and replacing hydrants and the 2<sup>nd</sup> option to install an additional 378 feet to get to the intersection of 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave West. Quotes for option #1 were: Skyline \$45,999.99 and Mehmert \$45,953.62 for a difference of \$46.37. Quotes for option #2 were: Skyline \$25,999.99 and Mehmert \$24,524.93. It would be nice to be able to do both options at once but the remaining bond proceeds available are only about \$55,000. Bouska made a motion to approve the quote from Mehmert Tiling for option #1 for watermain improvements on 4<sup>th</sup> Street SW for \$45,953.62. Carman seconded and it passed all ayes.

Freidhof received rough quotes last fall from Blacktop Services and Heartland Asphalt to overlay the old Culligan parking lot and the Theatre parking lot. Heartland Asphalt was \$29,431 less than Blacktop Services. This spring Heartland came in and adjusted the quote for additional work that will be needed on the Theatre parking lot. The City's portion of the old Culligan lot is \$22,715 for a 3" overlay and \$62,176.25 for a 2" overlay for the Theatre lot. McCarville voiced

concerns that 2” was not thick enough if there would be truck traffic. Trucks will not be allowed on the overlaid parking lots. They have a good base so hopefully it will last. It was questioned why concrete was not considered until it was determined that the concrete would be significantly more expensive. Asphalt overlay was determined to be the most affordable option and if truck traffic is not allowed on the parking lots hopefully it will hold up because we can’t afford to spend more at this time. Both lots are in such poor shape that something needs to be done with them now. McCarville made a motion to approve a resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into a contract with Heartland Asphalt, Inc. for parking lot overlays. Bouska seconded and it passed all ayes.

The Farmer’s Market requested help from the Council in finding an alternative location for the Farmer’s Market. Several options were discussed including the parking lot just west of City Hall, the Southside parking lot and the old Culligan parking lot but the best option was determined to be the south end of the Theatre parking lot. The City will work with them to find a location.

Carman made a motion to approve a resolution accepting public improvements on the Cresco Theatre and Opera House. Bouska seconded and it passed all ayes.

Quotes for a truck body for a new tonner for the street department were reviewed. The truck will be purchased after July 1<sup>st</sup> but this would allow them to start building the truck body. Tri State Truck Equipment quote was \$9,089 and Michael’s Truck Equipment was \$8,095. Brenno made a motion to approve the quote from Michael’s for \$8,095. McGee seconded and it passed all ayes.

The Audit report was submitted for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015. There were two findings for Internal Control Deficiencies that were reported. The first was for segregation of duties at the Theatre. We have implemented better cash management practices. The second finding was that merchandise inventory purchases and sales are not closely monitored at the Fitness Center. We are working on reducing and monitoring the inventory more closely. There were no instances of noncompliance noted. A summary of the audited financial statements will be published in the Times Plain Dealer. The full audit report is available at City Hall and the Library.

Mayor asked if there were any comments from the audience. Karen Parks commented on eggs being thrown at her house and of cars speeding on 8<sup>th</sup> Street and 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Neighbors also commented that speeding was especially bad on Friday and Saturday nights with instances of cars drag racing on the street. The police have set up a radar sign to record the speed of traffic and patrols have been increased in that area.

Carman moved to adjourn at 8:07 pm. McGee seconded and it passed all ayes. The next regular Cresco City Council meeting will be April 18, 2016 at 7:00 pm 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:

ACES	Dues	15.00
AHLERS&COONEY	Legal Srvc	5,679.25
ALLIANT	Elect	13,542.58
BECKER, KIM	DepRefApp	47.88
BLACK HILLS	Nat gas	4,620.07
BOUSKA, JASON	DepRefApp	80.00
BRENNO, DAVE	DepRef	80.00
BRETTHAUER, BRITTANY	DepRef	80.00
BRONNER, JULIA	DepRefApp	50.25
BRUENING ROCK	Rock	878.13
CARD CENTER	Trng,Equip,Post	1,632.92
CARMAN, JUDY	DepRefApp	57.34
CARQUEST	Supp	75.07
CHIEF/ LAW ENFOR	Car gate	404.18
CINTAS FIRST AID	Supp	225.87
CITY LAUNDERING	Srvc	516.45
CITY OF CRESCO	Util	1,135.20
CPU	Copies, supp	119.23
CONNIE'S CARPET CL	Srvc	260.10
CREGER, SEPTEMBER	Ref FCmbr	80.00
CRESCO HEAT&VENT	Rplc filters	273.45
CRESCO RAILWAY	HCC grant	3,000.00
CRESCO TPD	Advert	269.28
CRICCET	Tickets	38.90
CULLIGAN	Supp	108.99
DALCO	Supp	542.91
DELUXE ECHOSTAR	Fee	79.90
ELECTRIC PUMP	Equip	780.01
ENVIRO RESOURCE	Lab supp	274.83
FELD FIRE	Srvc/supp	864.20
FIRE SRVC TRNG BUR	Trng	270.00
FISHER, JUDY	DepRefApp	43.45
GALLS	Equip	131.03
GESELL, COREY	Ref FCmbrshp	220.00
GODMAN, DAVID	Remb unif	42.86
GRIFFIN, CHRIS	DepRefApp	80.00
HEALTHY CONTRIB	Fees	92.00
HEWETT WHOLESA	Concessions	852.45
HO CO RECORDER	Fees	77.00
IOWA MUNICIPAL UTIL	Dues	1,043.29
JOHN DEERE FIN	Supp,equip	971.96
KENNISON, TIMOTHY	DepRef	80.00
KEYSTONE LABS	Analys	1,441.30
KID POWER PEDAL	150thEnter	325.00
KLENNERT, KRISTINE	DepRefApp	43.58
KLOMP, PHOEBE	DepRefApp	80.00
MARCO	Lease	495.00
MCCARVILLE, KELLY	Dep Ref	80.00
MCNEW, CURT	DepRefApp	49.93
MEHMERT TILING	Excavating	6,302.20
MOHAWK ELECT	Rprs	609.89
MYERS, DUSTIN	DepRefApp	70.37
NE IOWA MOTORS	Rprs	65.93
O'HENRY'S	Supp,srvc	225.90
OLLENDIECK, CRAIG	Ref FCmbr	433.12
PAULSON LAW	Srvcs	2,035.00
PAYROLL		74,177.71

PEPSI-COLA	Concessions	780.69
POSTMASTER	Postage	450.01
PRINCIPAL LIFE	Insur	89.64
PUSH PEDAL PULL	Srvc	853.59
RICOH	Rent,supp	711.99
RIEHLE DECORAT	Paint/Rpr	50,000.00
RIVER CITY PAVING	Cold mix	149.46
RUPPERT	Supp,tools	584.43
SAM'S CLUB	Trng,concessions	4,309.10
SHEA, JESSICA	DepRefApp	74.51
SHROYER, LARRY	Ref FCmbrshp	460.00
SONY PICTURES	Movie rent	250.00
SPAHN & ROSE	Supp,150thTabl	4,044.02
STAR EQUIP	Equip	592.59
STOREY KEN	Supp	41.39
TECH GEEK 2.0	Maint	39.98
UNIVERSAL PUBLICA	Advert	220.00
UNIVERSAL STUDIOS	Movie rent	250.00
WALT DISNEY STUD	Movie rent	200.00
WARNER BROS	Movie rent	250.00
WINDSTREAM	Phone	1,083.75
ZIEGLER	Supp	33.36
	GENERAL	79,051.49
	LOST PROJECT	61,817.88
	FIRE STATION BLDG	531.36
	MEDIACOM	469.63
	DRUG DOG	16.80
	CRESCO COMM FIRE	11,685.81
	ROAD USE	12,578.13
	EMPLOYEE BEN	16.60
	PARK TRUST FUND	3,000.00
	STREET ASSESS	93.00
	150TH CELEBRAT	1,455.41
	WATER	8,256.64
	WATER DEP	997.31
	SEWER	11,213.87
	SEWER REPL	38.88
	CAP IMPROVE	181.90
	YARDWASTE	214.76
	EXPENDITURES	191,619.47
	Revenues 3/22-4/4/16	137,083.37