

NOTICE AND CALL OF PUBLIC MEETING

GOVERNMENTAL BODY: THE CITY COUNCIL OF CRESCO, IOWA

DATE OF MEETING: MARCH 2, 2015

TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING: 7:00 P.M. AT CRESCO CITY HALL

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE ABOVE MENTIONED GOVERNMENTAL BODY WILL MEET AT THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE SET OUT ABOVE. THE TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR SAID MEETING IS AS FOLLOWS:

ROLL CALL: CARMAN, BOUSKA, McGEE, McCARVILLE, LOVELESS

ACT ON THE CONSENT AGENDA: All items listed under the consent agenda will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a request is made prior to the time council votes on the motion.

1. Approval of the Agenda
2. Approval of the Claims
3. Approval of Minutes from February 16, 2015
4. Approval of Class C Beer Permit (Carryout Beer) and Class E Liquor License (LE) and Class B Wine Permit with Sunday Sales to Ronald B. and Evelyn Kingsley d/b/a Cresco Liquor Store
5. Approval of Class C Liquor License (LC) (Commercial) with Outdoor Service and Sunday Sales to Thomas J. and Mary Kleve d/b/a Kleve's Pub
6. Street Closing Permit for Portion of South Park Place on March 21, 2015 for the Brew & Stew Fun/Run or 15k Bike Ride Sponsored by the FIT Running Club

STAFF REPORTS: There may be action taken on each of the items listed below.

1. Public Works
2. Police
3. Administration
4. Committee Updates

BUSINESS: There may be action taken on each of the items listed below.

1. Public Hearing for the Budget for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2016
2. Resolution Adopting the Budget and Certification of City Taxes for Fiscal Year July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016
3. Request from Phil & Kim Ollendieck for a Sewer Credit for Water not Entering the Sanitary Sewer System
4. Sara Kleve and Michelle Foltz to Discuss Outdoor Wood Burners
5. Set Date for Meeting and Formation of Committee for the 150th Celebration

COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE:

ADJOURN:

THIS NOTICE IS GIVEN AT THE DIRECTION OF THE MAYOR PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 28A, CODE OF IOWA AND THE LOCAL RULES OF SAID GOVERNMENTAL BODY.
POSTED FEBRUARY 27, 2015.

Public Hearing – The Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016 has an overall budgeted loss of \$96,479. However the General Fund has a budgeted profit of \$9,558. The tax levy will increase by 9.5% to \$18.76 due to the debt levy increase for the Granger Road Project. Major Purchases/Projects include: Police Car \$25,000; Airport Hangar Rehab \$30,000; Street Lights \$150,000; Parks Sidewalk Repairs \$12,500; Fire Turnout Gear \$81,000; Granger Road Project \$40,000; Pull Well \$25,000; Sump Pump Inspections \$50,000; Dissolved Oxygen Monitor \$20,000; Slip Lining Crescent Drive \$33,600; Replace Watermain \$216,000.

Ollendieck Sewer Credit Request – please read their enclosed letter. The water did not enter the sanitary sewer system. Based on the average sewer for the last 12 months the proposed credit allowed would be \$123.98.

Wood Burners – Sara Kleve 518 4th Ave W and Michelle Folz 514 4th Ave W will be here to discuss concerns regarding smoke from outdoor wood burners in the city limits. Sara has enclosed a letter to the Council along with some pictures. She also left a CD for each of you with video and pictures. You can pick the CD up at City Hall if you want to view it before the meeting. I will forward the pictures she left in a separate email to you.

150th Celebration – We have had several people ask about what date the 150th Celebration will be for the City of Cresco. This is a City celebration so it should be set by the City of Cresco or a Committee representing the City. Suggested dates include the same weekend of either the 3-in-1 day (August 7, 2016) or during Norman Borlaug Fest (September 17, 2016) so that those events could be incorporated into the celebration. It was suggested that a committee be formed to organize the event with two council members on it. If the committee had a meeting the week of March 23rd then the CIDC and Cresco Chamber would discuss it at their meetings and ask for volunteers to be on the committee.

Monday night the boys' basketball team plays in Cedar Rapids at 6:30 pm. There is a very good chance that I will miss the council meeting to go to the game.

Michelle

The Cresco City Council met February 16, 2015, at 7:00 pm at City Hall. Council Members Carman, Bouska, McGee, Loveless and McCarville were present. No Council Members were absent.

McGee made the motion to approve the consent agenda which included approval of the agenda; claims; minutes of the February 2, 2015 meeting and February 5, 2015 special session. Bouska seconded and it passed all ayes.

Public Works Director Rod Freidhof reported (a) Bob's Electric will give us an estimate for replacing the lights in the City Hall sign with LED lights; (b) the oil tank was removed and taken to LeRoy. We netted about \$244 after the crane and trucking expenses were paid; (c) Street Department has been hauling snow out and cleaned out around the school for which we have received a lot of compliments; (d) Maintainer has a bad cylinder which costs \$5,400 for a new one so we are looking at rebuilding the old one. We are borrowing a cylinder from Howard County until we get it fixed; (e) Sewer: replaced a pipe in the big tank. It did not turn out very good so we may look at new piping in the 16/17 budget; (f) Water Department still has not found the watermain leak. It has been too windy to hire Steve again to try to listen to find the leak; (g) everyone has been busy with the snow.

Police Chief Ruroden had nothing to report this time.

City Clerk Michelle Girolamo reported they have been very busy. We are getting server quotes because our server is a 2003 which will not be supported after this summer. Quotes are ranging from \$4,000 to \$10,000. Last week our port that operates the network crashed so our computers were not working for a day. Jim Murphy from the REC loaned us one that we are currently using. We will need to purchase a new one but we may possibly have to install new cables throughout City Hall because of old cables that we have.

Bouska reported that she attended the CIDC meeting where the housing study was discussed. She also attended the Library meeting. The Energy Management meeting had an enthusiastic response for its members. There is a webinar on natural gas vehicles.

Carman attended the Chamber meeting. The Theatre Commission met and discussed the updating they are doing. An open house will be in April. The movie The Rise of the Sea Urchins will be June 12th which some local residents were involved with. Freidhof reported that Riehle Decorating looked at the Theatre wall and the moisture was low. However, it was low at this time last year as well. They will have a guy come with an infrared camera to look at it. We may have to fir out the wall and sheetrock over the whole wall with a vapor barrier.

Loveless made the motion to set March 2, 2015 as the date for the Public Hearing for the Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016. McGee seconded and it passed all ayes.

Loveless made the motion to approve a resolution changing the term for the Planning and Zoning Commission to run from July 1st through June 30th. Carman seconded and it passed all ayes.

Freidhof reported that a group met last fall to look at the train. It was suggested maybe we could sell the boxcar to get some money to repair the engine. Because the price of iron is down, it looks like we would not make very much money. However, it would save us the cost of repairing the boxcar which several years ago was estimated to cost \$8,500. Girolamo reported she received a phone call from Donna Thomas representing Cresco Bank & Trust. They would like to donate to a community project and would like to promote a community project for the City of Cresco Parks. If the public wants to keep the train, they will look into different options for the train. They would head up a fundraising campaign to help fix up the parks and the train. A committee will be formed to find someone to fix up the train and to get a cost estimate. John Loveless, Steve McCarville, Rick McCarville, Matt Miner and Rod Freidhof will work with Donna Thomas, Allyn Billmyer and John Mullen to come up with some ideas and a business plan. Willard Balk pointed out that the boxcar was

not part of the original train that was moved in. It was moved in later and was in tough shape when we received it.

Girolamo reported that the City received a \$2,561 royalty check from Utility Service Partners for the City's 10% royalty on premiums collected for their service line warranty program. There are currently 216 policies for water and 272 policies for sewer line warranties. There have been 72 claims of which 69 were for sewer line claims since 2011. Decorah Heating and Plumbing is the local plumber they use. Another company called HomeServe has been mailing letters soliciting business in the Cresco area that appears to offer a similar warranty service but is not endorsed by the National League of Cities nor the City of Cresco.

Utility Service Partners will begin their spring campaign and would like to offer an in-house warranty program for water and sewer lines inside the house. This program is endorsed by the National League of Cities. McCarville made the motion to deny the request to endorse an in-house warranty campaign. McGee seconded and it passed all ayes.

Northeast Iowa Community Action Transit System requested permission to use the Southside Parking Lot as an "EARL" bus stop. After looking at different options, it was decided that the City parking lot west of City Hall would make a better location. Bouska made the motion to allow Northeast Iowa Community Action to have an "EARL" bus stop in the parking lot west of City Hall. Loveless seconded and it passed all ayes.

Mayor asked if there were any comments from the audience. Ernie Martin said he appreciated the efforts of the Council to keep as much of the train as possible. He suggested putting a roof over the train to help protect it from the elements.

Patty Shaver reported that she is still experiencing issues with people urinating and vomiting on the sidewalk and step of the Howard County Abstract Office. She believes they are patrons leaving the M&M Lounge and requested that the City enforce public intoxication laws and patrol around this bar more. The Council and Police Chief sympathize with her frustrations but could not come up with a legal solution. The Police Chief has contacted many agencies to see what options the City has. The Hideaway owner is very pro-active in cleaning around his bar every morning. This would be appreciated if all bar owners took this positive approach. The police will continue to patrol the area just as they do the rest of the City and try to catch perpetrators in the act.

Carman made the motion to go into closed session at 7:46 pm pursuant to Iowa Code 20.17 to discuss strategy for Collective Bargaining Negotiations. Bouska seconded and it passed all ayes.

The closed session was closed and the Council went back into open session. Carman moved to adjourn at 9:40 pm. McGee seconded and it passed all ayes. The next regular Cresco City Council meeting will be at 7:00 pm on March 2, 2015 at Cresco City Hall.

Mayor Mark Bohle

City Clerk Michelle Girolamo

Following is a list of claims approved for payment:

ADVANCED SYS	Maint	78.95
ALLIANT	Elect	454.68
AM WATER WKS	Trng	40.00
BAKER&TAYLOR	Lib books	936.27
BLAZEK CORP	Pipe stands	560.00
BC / BS	Insur	29,576.16
BOB'S ELECT	Supp/Srvc	716.27
BOHR, WENDY	Reimb supp	272.00
BROWN	Supp	1,247.00
BRUENING ROCK	Srvc	888.50
CANOE RDGE KENNEL	Srvc	84.50
CARD CENTER	Postage	109.44
CARDMEMBER	Equip	124.75
CITY OF CRESCO	Insur,util	2,731.42
CO-OP THEATRES	Fee	200.00
COURTNEY SERVICES	Srvc	520.00
COURTNEY, TIM	Ref vis	10.18
CRESCO SMALL ENG	Supp	17.65
CRESCO TPD	Advert	100.00
DALCO	Supp	167.58
DEMCO	Supp	51.99
DRIFTRUNNERS	Tour grant	2,000.00
FASTENAL	Supp	53.30
FENCO PROD	Rprs	408.65
FIRE SERVICE TRNG	Trng	1,007.00
FOLEY'S CONST	Srvc	453.91
GROUP SRVC	Fee	338.25
HACH	Supp	290.19
HANSON TIRE	Rprs	526.00
HAWKEYE REC	Elect	7,952.77
HAWKEYE SAN	Grbg/Rcyl	46,097.64
HEARTLAND THEATR	Srvc	120.00
HOW CO	Shared LEC costs	5,903.97
HYDRITE CHEM	Srvc	3,494.82
IA MUNIC UTIL	Dues	648.66
IA NACOTICS OFF	Trng	185.00
IA PRISON INDUST	Supp	53.25
JIM'S AUTO	Supp	172.64
K & H COOP	Supp	141.00
KEYSTONE LABS	Analys	761.85
KUBIK	Rprs	364.72
KWIK TRIP	Gas	3,302.14
LIBRARY STORE	Supp	66.77
LICKTEIG, STEVE	Srvc	115.00
MARCO	Shipping	500.00
MERCHANT SRVC	Fees	110.71
NE IA MOTORS	Rprs	510.89
NE IA TELEPHONE	Rprs	340.00
O'HENRY'S	Supp	79.00
PAYROLL		59,653.50
PECINOVSKY,CLAIR	Phone	19.40
PEPSI-COLA	Concessions	858.89
POSTMASTER	Postage	75.00
PRECISION OVRHD	Srvc	1,868.00
RILEY'S	Supp	550.16

RUPPERT'S	Supp	324.23
SCHUMACHER ELEV	Srvc	141.06
SONY PIC CLASS	MovieRent	333.60
STATE HYG LABS	Analys	146.50
STOREY KEN	Supp	1,118.99
TECHNICOLOR	Fee	5.12
TREAS, ST OF IA	Sales Tax	6,507.00
TRUCK COUNTRY	Supp	18.62
U.S. POSTAL	Supp	568.60
UNITYPOINT CLNC	Srvc	124.00
UP AND RUNNING	Supp	29.98
USAQUATICS	Engr	2,190.00
WARNER BROS	MovieRent	350.00
WEBER PAPER	Supp	244.35
WINDSTREAM	Phone	139.82

GENERAL	102,003.67
HOTEL/MOTEL	2,000.00
LOST PROJ	754.22
MEDIACOM	602.86
DRUG DOG	90.34
CRESCO COMM FIRE	1,179.60
ROAD USE	11,942.25
EMPLOYEE BEN	24,955.28
FC TRUST	2,190.00
WATER	17,337.45
SEWER	25,927.14
CAP IMPROVE	958.62
YARDWASTE	210.86

EXPENDITURES	190,152.29
Revenues 2/3 to 2/16/15	147,322.84

Applicant License Application (LE0000330)

Name of Applicant:	<u>Rear & Kingsley, Ronald B. &</u>		
Name of Business (DBA):	<u>Cresco Liquor Store</u>		
Address of Premises:	<u>708 2nd Ave SE</u>		
City	<u>Cresco</u>	County:	<u>Howard</u> Zip: <u>52136</u>
Business	<u>(563) 547-3900</u>		
Mailing	<u>708 2nd Ave SE</u>		
City	<u>Cresco</u>	State	<u>IA</u> Zip: <u>52136</u>

Contact Person

Name	<u>Evelyn Kingsley</u>		
Phone:	<u>(563) 547-3900</u>	Email	

Classification Class E Liquor License (LE)

Term: 12 months

Effective Date: 04/01/2015

Expiration Date: 03/31/2016

Privileges:

- Class B Wine Permit
- Class C Beer Permit (Carryout Beer)
- Class E Liquor License (LE)
- Sunday Sales

Status of Business

BusinessType:	<u>General Partnership</u>		
Corporate ID Number:		Federal Employer ID	<u>42-1292042</u>

Ownership

Evelyn Kingsley

First Name: Evelyn **Last Name:** Kingsley
City: Ridgeway **State:** Iowa **Zip:** 52165
Position: Owner
% of Ownership: 50.00% **U.S. Citizen:** Yes

Ronald Rear

First Name: Ronald **Last Name:** Rear
City: Decorah **State:** Iowa **Zip:** 52101
Position: Owner
% of Ownership: 50.00% **U.S. Citizen:** Yes

Insurance Company Information

Insurance Company: Western Surety Company

Policy Effective Date: 04/01/2015

Policy Expiration 01/01/1900

Bond Effective 2

Dram Cancel Date:

Outdoor Service Effective

Outdoor Service Expiration

Temp Transfer Effective

Temp Transfer Expiration Date:

Applicant License Application (LC0030493)

Name of Applicant: <u>Kleve, Thomas J. & Mary</u>		
Name of Business (DBA): <u>Kleve's Pub</u>		
Address of Premises: <u>110 N. Elm</u>		
City <u>Cresco</u>	County: <u>Howard</u>	Zip: <u>52136</u>
Business	<u>(563) 547-2516</u>	
Mailing	<u>110 N Elm</u>	
City <u>Cresco</u>	State <u>IA</u>	Zip: <u>52136</u>

Contact Person

Name <u>Thomas Kleve</u>
Phone: <u>(563) 547-2166</u> Email

Classification Class C Liquor License (LC) (Commercial)

Term: 12 months

Effective Date: 04/01/2015

Expiration Date: 03/31/2016

Privileges:

Class C Liquor License (LC) (Commercial)

Outdoor Service

Sunday Sales

Status of Business

BusinessType: <u>Sole Proprietorship</u>	
Corporate ID Number:	Federal Employer ID <u>Applied For</u>

Ownership

Thomas Kleve

First Name: Thomas **Last Name:** Kleve
City: Cresco **State:** Iowa **Zip:** 52136
Position: Owner
% of Ownership: 50.00% **U.S. Citizen:** Yes

Mary Kleve

First Name: Mary **Last Name:** Kleve
City: Cresco **State:** Iowa **Zip:** 52136
Position: Owner
% of Ownership: 50.00% **U.S. Citizen:** Yes

Insurance Company Information

Insurance Company: <u>Tekia Marine Specialty Insurance Company</u>

Insurance Company: TOKIO Marine Specialty Insurance Company

Policy Effective Date: 04/01/2015

Policy Expiration 04/01/2016

Bond Effective

Dram Cancel Date:

Outdoor Service Effective

Outdoor Service Expiration

Temp Transfer Effective

Temp Transfer Expiration Date:

STREET CLOSING/PARADE PERMIT

DATE 2/18/15

NAME Brew & Stew 5k Fun/Run or 15k Bike - FIT Running Club

PERMISSION TO CLOSE: S. Park Street from the intersection of S. Park and Elm Street east to the driveway of the courthouse and Elm Street from the intersection of 1st Ave N. to the intersection of S. Park and 1st Ave N from the intersection of Elm Street east to 1st Ave East.

REASON FOR CLOSURE: Brew & Stew event which is held at the American Legion, Burke Auction, Kleve's, The M and in a tent in front of The M on S. Park Street

DATE: 3/21/15

Elm Street: Saturday 11:00 am - 11:30 pm

TIME: (from) S. Park: Saturday 7:00 am (to) Sunday 11:00 am

APPROVED: _____

SIGNATURE *Diane M. Henry*
Diane Henry, FIT Running Club

PLEASE INCLUDE A MAP MARKING THE STREET OR STREETS YOU WISH TO HAVE CLOSED. PARADE REGULATIONS ARE LISTED BELOW.

****Proceeds to benefit Cresco Fire Fighters,
Cresco Police THOR Fund, NEICAC,
Dollars for Scholars

60.09 PARADES REGULATED. No person shall conduct or parade on any street except as provided herein:

1. "Parade" Defined. "Parade" means any march or procession of persons or vehicles organized for marching or moving on the streets in an organized fashion or manner or any march or procession of persons or vehicles represented or advertised to the public as a parade.
2. Permit Required. No parade shall be conducted without first obtaining a written permit from the City Council. Such permit shall state the time and date for the parade to be held and the streets or general route therefor. Such written permit granted to the person organizing or sponsoring the parade shall be permission for all participants therein to parade when such participants have been invited by the permittee to participate therein. No fee shall be required for such permit. Permit forms are available at City Hall. (Ord. 289)
3. Parade Not A Street Obstruction. Any parade for which a permit has been issued as herein required, and the persons lawfully participating therein, shall not be deemed an obstruction of the streets notwithstanding the provisions of any other ordinance to the contrary.
4. Control By Police and Fire Fighters. Persons participating in any parade shall at all times be subject to the lawful orders and directions in the performance of their duties of law enforcement personnel and members of the fire department.

PHIL & KIM OLLENDIECK

903 Third Street East
Cresco, IA 52136
(563) 419-6518
pkrollendieck@mchsi.com

February 24, 2015

Cresco City Council
130 N Park Place
Cresco, IA 52136

Cresco City Council Members,

On Friday, February 13th, we were notified around 1:00pm of a high water bill by Cresco City employee, Jason Miller from the Cresco Water Department. He along with another Water Department employee came over to our home to investigate and they found an outside water faucet was turned on due to snow melting away from the house. The faucet was turned off. We ask that the City Council forgive the sewer portion of the water bill in excess of our normal usage. We sincerely thank the Water Department in bringing this to our attention and assisting us in resolving this issue. We asked the city employees how to rectify this issue and it was recommended to us to write this letter in order to notify the Cresco City Council.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Phil & Kim Ollendieck

Phillip Ollendieck

Kim Ollendieck

ACCOUNT NUMBER 7262001 STATUS Active
 NAME PHIL & KIM OLLENDIECK (563) 547-9997
 PROPERTY 903 3RD ST E

SV SERIAL # MULTIPLIER DIGITS INS DATE SERV DATE LOCATION NOTE
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 WA 34580970 1.00000 6 10001 D1

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2/01/2015	SE 1/20/2015	369125	365546	3579	26.84
1/01/2015	SE 12/19/2014	365546	360952	4594	34.46
12/01/2014	SE 11/20/2014	360952	356262	4690	35.18
11/01/2014	SE 10/20/2014	356262	351174	5088	38.16
10/01/2014	SE 9/19/2014	351174	345900	5274	39.56
9/01/2014	SE 8/20/2014	345900	342732	3168	23.76
8/01/2014	SE 7/21/2014	342732	340130	2602	19.52
7/01/2014	SE 6/20/2014	340130	332625	7505	56.29
6/01/2014	SE 5/20/2014	332625	326142	6483	46.03
5/01/2014	SE 4/21/2014	326142	321197	4945	35.11
4/01/2014	SE 3/20/2014	321197	318030	3167	22.49
3/01/2014	SE 2/19/2014	318030	312969	5061	35.93

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February 25, 2015

Dear Mayor Bohle and City Council Members,

I am writing you in reference to city ordinances and regulations on outdoor wood burners (OWB), outdoor wood furnaces, outdoor wood boilers and any other free standing unit used to burn wood in residential areas. It is my understanding there are no ordinances for these appliances other than they must burn dry wood. These types of "furnaces" have many ill effects if used improperly. I, myself, have been subject to these effects and would like to ask you to look into the impacts wood burning has on the community.

Cresco has an ordinance regarding the burning of leaves due to health concerns of the community. Leaf burning season is only a few weeks long. OWB's smoke from October – April. Six months of continuous, unnecessary smoke, invading, pollution in your own home. We have the right to breathe clean air, especially in our homes and we have the right to enjoy our property. I have checked into what can be done to stand up for my rights and there is nothing in the books. If my neighbor is playing their radio too loud, I can call the PD who will address the noise ordinance, yet my neighbors can expose me to fine particles of smoke that cause major health issues and ruin my quality of life and I have to just deal with it.

Over the past 2 years I have had health problems because of my neighborhood use of OWB. I have 3 burners less than 130 feet NW of my house. As you know the winds love to come from the NW in the winter pushing the smoke and particulates into my house. If you read up on the effects this has on a person you would see it is not a good thing to be subjected to. These burners do not smoke for a few minutes, it is hours on end. It takes many, many hours after the burning is done to have clean air in my house. By this time, it's time to stoke the fire again. I lie in bed at night and can tell when the wind changes or if they are loading the stove. This means a sleepless night for me as I cannot breathe. There have been many nights I have had to leave my house and stay elsewhere because the stench from the burners was so heavy I couldn't even be in my own home. You may wonder what type of reactions I have from the smoke they are: red burning eyes, sore throat, cough, headache, nausea, rapid heart rate and a deep feeling of helplessness that I cannot even live in my own home. Other effects of the smoke is not being able to do laundry when they are burning, it seeps into my dryer line and sticks to my clothes. The smell is stuck in my hair, clothes, car, and even to my dog.

The last two years I have become more sensitive to scents to the point of having asthmatic attacks when I am exposed to them. These scents include lotions, perfumes, laundry detergent, and hair products along with many other products people use on a daily basis. Being around these scents make my throat close, sinuses pound, instant headache, my face turns red and I break out in a rash which itches and burns. I went to see an allergy specialist to see if they could do anything for me. I have been put on oral asthma medication to help with the reactions to these products. This fall I had a biopsy taken from my neck, of the rash to make sure that it isn't another issue that is making me react. It came back from the pathologist as an allergic reaction to an inhaled irritant. This, rash like, reaction happens every place I go when in contact with an irritant, including work. I have to carry a rescue inhaler with me at all times in case of an attack. There have been many, many nights when the OWB are going, I have woke up gasping for air and coughing so hard I almost pass out. This is very scary and I do not wish it on anyone.

I have talked with my neighbors that have OWB and let them know of my health issues. I explained of the many doctor visits, all the testing I have had and the biopsy results. The day I received my pathology report is the day I talked with the neighbor whose burner affects my health the most. He was very receptive and knew there were things he could do differently. Such as burn different, wood as in dry hard wood, and add extra stacks to his burner. None of which has been done. I do know that he is not being compliant with burning of dry wood. There is no way the smoke coming from his stove is dry hard wood. (See pictures) There have been 2 other occasions I have brought up my health issues and concerns to him and how I was ill from the emissions he was sending my way and how I was displaced from my home because of his choice to burn wood. My other neighbor understood my issues as he has lung problems himself. Another thing to bring up is I did not have any of these reactions until the last few years. Ironically, a few years ago, my neighbor installed and started using his OWB. All 3 OWB in my area have their particulate matter enter my home.

Along with this letter is a CD of videos I have taken over the past year or so. The name of the file is the date they were taken. These videos are to show you the location of the OWB, the emissions the project and how intrusive they are. Please note that when the smoke is the worst I cannot be outside to record it and it is dark out. There are also pictures that show the same images as the videos. Since finding out, in the fall of 2014, my health issues are directly related to the emissions of my neighbors OWB, I have been doing research on this subject and my rights. I have been in contact with the DNR and they directed me to contact my city council as this is a city issue. This is a very sensitive issue and it has taken me a long time to build the courage to address the city. I do not want my quality of life continue to be compromised because of someone else's choice.

This is why I am coming to you to see what you can do for me and the people of Cresco. Some OWB emissions can cause major health issues that lessen your quality of life and there are no regulations. A person does not need to register that they have and use an OWB. There is no way to monitor use or make sure they are compliant. There are no repercussions if a person were to file a complaint against the neighbor who uses one. Many communities are banning use or having strict restrictions of locations and emissions allowed. I would like to see regulations and fines regarding residential use of OWB.

Feel free to call me if you have any questions.

Thank you for your time and I look forward to seeing you on Monday night.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sara Kleve". The letters are fluid and connected, with a prominent loop at the end of the word "Kleve".

Sara Kleve
518 4th Ave West
Cresco, IA 52136
Phone: 563-379-1345