

NOTICE AND CALL OF PUBLIC MEETING

GOVERNMENTAL BODY: THE CITY COUNCIL OF CRESCO, IOWA
DATE OF MEETING: WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2020
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: BRENNON, McCARVILLE, FORTUNE, BOUSKA, CARMAN

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 January 20, 2020
4. Approval of Application for Tax Abatement under the Urban Revitalization Plan for Jessica Alber
5. Approval of Tree Surgeon License for Rogne Spray

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

1. Public Works
2. Police
3. Administration
4. Personnel Committee Update on Theatre Manager
5. Committee Updates

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

1. Set Public Hearing for Proposed Resolution Approving City Maximum Property Tax Dollars for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2021
2. Proclamation of Thursday, February 13, 2020 as Iowa Honey Bee Day
3. Discuss Proposed Telephone Service Changes for City Hall and Fitness Center
4. Discuss Proposed Changes to Ordinance Number 481 Pertaining to Golf Carts and Utility Trail Vehicles (UTVs)

COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE:

ADJOURN:

THIS NOTICE IS GIVEN AT THE DIRECTION OF THE MAYOR PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 21, CODE OF IOWA AND THE LOCAL RULES OF SAID GOVERNMENTAL BODY. POSTED JANUARY 31, 2020.

Mayor Bohle called the Cresco City Council meeting to order on January 20, 2020, at 7:00 pm at City Hall. Council Members Brenno, McCarville, Fortune, Bouska, and Carman 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 January 6, 2020 and January 15, 2020 budget worksession; Class C Beer Permit (BC) and Class B Wine Permit with Sunday sales for DOLGENCORP, LLC d/b/a Dollar General Store #2400. Bouska seconded and it passed all ayes.

City Clerk Girolamo reported: (a) a TIF training will be scheduled in March from 5:30 pm to 8pm; (b) initial budget cuts were recorded and by using some reserves, the property tax levy will be slightly lower than last year. Repaving of part of the bike trail will be added and a few other adjustments were discussed. The levy is the second lowest for the past 13 years.

Bouska reported on the Howard County Housing Committee. The City was fortunate to receive three demolition grants of \$5,000 each. The LMI program in Webster's is successful. While discussing housing in general, it was noted that Upper Iowa Beef in Lime Springs is bussing workers in from Postville. Oelwein charges \$500/year for vacant houses per their rental code.

Bouska reported for the Howard County Economic Development that Regional Health Services and City of Elma are building a Med Clinic. HCED is giving \$6,500 toward the bleacher project in East Park. Riceville will have two trail events in February. In 2021 the Minnesota bike trail will come to the Iowa border. The goal is to connect Cresco to Harmony and Decorah to Hesper/Prosper. New Hampton & Chickasaw County will no longer deliver babies.

Bouska reported for the Regional Housing Authority that Decorah had run a separate housing authority but have now become part of our Northeast Iowa Regional Housing Authority.

Fortune reported the Theatre Commission met and is planning a Murder Mystery in March. Unfortunately, Robert Ringoen will be resigning from the Commission after March. He has been heavily involved in the refurbishing and projects at the Theatre.

Carman reported the Library Board met and discussed the budget.

Carman made the motion to approve a resolution authorizing a Sign Replacement Program for cities with the Iowa Department of Transportation. Bouska seconded and it passed all ayes.

Bouska made the motion to approve a resolution authorizing Solutions Inc to create a VPN connection to allow network access. Brenno seconded and it passed all ayes.

Council discussed a request to change the Code of Ordinances by amending chapter 74.05 pertaining to hours of operation for utility trail vehicles (UTVs). Police Chief Ruroden suggested allowing UTV's to be operated from 5 am to 9 pm. This would allow users to drive them to and from work. Golf carts would still not be allowed to be operated after dark. The amendment would also include removing the requirement of slow moving signs and flags for UTV's. Bouska received complaints regarding noise from UTV's so was against the 5 am starting time. There was a lot of discussion regarding mufflers and other noisy vehicles. The discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

Mayor Bohle asked for comments from the audience and there were none.

Bouska moved to adjourn at 7:29 pm. Carman seconded and it passed all ayes. The next regular Cresco City Council meeting will be Wednesday, February 5, 2020, at 7:00 pm at Cresco City Hall.

Mayor Mark Bohle

City Clerk Michelle Girolamo

Following is a list of claims approved for payment:

ALLIANT	Elect	1,732.66
BAKER&TAYLOR	Books	634.35
BC/BS	Ins	112.71
BODENSTEINER	Parts	210.72
BRUENING ROCK	Sand	275.67
CAFFREY,MIKE	Sub	75.00
CARDMEMBER SRVC	Supp	617.78
CARGUEST	Parts	3.31
CARRICO	Srvc	1,437.20
CENTER POINT LG PRT	Books	270.00
CITY OF CRESCO	Util	35.35
CITY OF CRESCO	Ins	3,308.33
CITY LAUNDERING	Srvc	65.27
CPU	Supp	85.98
CORRIDOR TECH	Srvc	352.00
COURTNEY LAWN	Srvc	120.00
CR CHAMBER	ACH Promo	2,505.00
CR HEAT VENT	Srvc	305.20
CR INS AGENCY	Ins	10,561.00
CR SHOPPER	Ads	805.13
CR TPD	Notices	307.63
DEMCO	Supp	536.13
DISNEY	Movie	706.15
ELM USA	Supp	30.75
ELWOOD TRUST	RealEst	2,498.98
ENVIRO RES	Supp	135.52
FAREWAY	Concess	261.82
FENCO	Parts	194.53
FILLMORE CO JOUR	Ad	345.00
FIRE SRVC BUREAU	Cert	50.00
GORDON FLESCH	Maint	291.58
GOSCH'S	Supp	6.00
GROUP SRVC	Fee	194.25
HAWKEYE SAN	Garb/Rc	50,252.14
HEALTHY CONTR	Fee	35.75
HEWETT	Concess	566.95
HO CO BUS&TOUR	Dues	15,000.00
HO CO ECON DEV	Tourism	500.00
IA DOT	Supp	1,329.19
IROC	Website	45.00
KEYSTONE	Lab	1,384.55
KWIK TRIP	Gas	2,814.73
LICKTEIG,STEVE	Srvc	210.00
LOPEZ,AL	Srvc	165.00
LT MECH	Srvc	1,045.00
MEDIACOM	Phone	279.55
MEHMERT TILING	Srvc	18,461.53
MIDLAND GIS	Srvc	3,600.00
MIENERGY	Elect	8,507.61
MISS WELDERS	Supp	167.46
MK SRVC	Supp	154.50
MURRAY RADIATOR	Srvc	55.00

NE IA MOTORS	Srvc	242.72
PAYROLL		72,420.31
PETTY CASH	Postage	186.36
POWERPLAN	Rprs	1,712.28
QUILL	Paper	126.96
RACOM	Radlos	7,343.75
RILEY'S	Supp	9.89
ROGNE SPRAY	Srvc	1,825.75
RUPPERT	Supp	469.43
SOLUTIONS	Equip	3,716.43
SONY	Movie	350.00
SPORTSMITH	Parts	235.37
SPAHN&ROSE	Tools	1,783.91
SQUARE	CC fees	61.30
STATE HYGIENIC	Analys	114.00
STOREY KEN	Supp	9.18
STX	Movie	250.00
TREAS,ST OF IA	Tax	6,452.00
UHC	Ins	27,917.64
UNIVERSAL	Movie	500.00
UPPER EXP RPC	Fee	485.49
VISA	Supp	1,673.39
VOBR,RHONDA	Mileage	70.15
WEBER PAPER	Supp	66.30
WHKS	Engr	1,211.42
WILSON,MIKE	Srvc	150.00

GENERAL		163,312.30
HOTEL/MOTEL		500.00
LOST		3,179.46
NUISANCE		2,498.98
FIRE STATION BLDG		97.61
MEDIACOM		208.19
CR COMM FIRE		97.12
ROAD USE		18,742.44
EMPLOYEE BENE		7,101.77
REHAB HOUSE		485.49
WATER		18,719.38
WATER EQUIP		17,554.13
SEWER OP		28,017.34
CAP IMPR		341.97
YARDWASTE		2,172.81

EXPENDITURES		263,028.99
Revenues 1/7-1/20/20		240,629.19

**APPLICATION FOR TAX ABATEMENT UNDER THE
URBAN REVITALIZATION PLAN FOR
CRESCO, IOWA**

Date \$ 1-28-2020

 Prior Approval for
Intended Improvements

 Approval of Improvements
Completed

Address of Property: 118 3rd Ave W Cresco IA 52136

Legal Description: Lot 13 Blk 3 Cresco Plat

Title Holder or Contract Buyer: Jessica Alber

Address of Owner (if different than above):

Phone Number (to be reached during the day): 563-380-6500

Property Use: X Residential Multi-Residential Commercial

Nature of Improvements: X New Construction Rehab/Addition General Improvements

Specify: 36 x 48 shop built

Estimated or Actual Cost of Improvements:

Estimated or Actual Date of Completion: October 2019

If applicable, the name(s) of the tenants (if different than the owner) that occupied the property on November 3, 2008:

Signed: Jessica Alber

Tax Exemption Schedule:

Residential: 100% exemption on the first \$75,000 of actual value added for 3 years.

Multi-Residential/Commercial: 100% exemption of actual value added for 3 years.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, honey bees and native insects are important as pollinators for a third of the food we eat and honey bees are vital in production of over 90 crops grown across the nation, many of which are in Iowa. Honey bees contribute to a healthy Iowa environment by assuring availability of fruits, vegetables, nuts, and flowers for wildlife and all Iowans.

WHEREAS, Iowa's 45,000 or more honey bee hives produce about 4 million pounds of honey valued at over \$8 million and honey bees provide an estimated \$92 million economic value to Iowa crops from their pollination.

WHEREAS, Iowa has over 4,500 beekeepers representing hobbyists, sideliners as part time businesses and full time commercial beekeepers. Hobby beekeepers have as few as one hive to commercial operations with thousands of hives.

WHEREAS, traditionally beekeeping occurred in rural areas of Iowa. Now beekeeping increasingly occurs in urban areas with the rising interest of hobby beekeepers for keeping beehives in Iowa cities and towns.

WHEREAS, the State of Iowa has an active apiary inspection program to protect honey bees and beekeepers from introduction and spread of apiary diseases and pests.

WHEREAS, honey bees face serious threats from invasive pests, decreasing bee friendly forage, variable climate and increasing pesticide and herbicide pressure.

WHEREAS, our State and County roadsides comprise a total of almost 115,000 miles. Providing native plantings and reducing the mowing and spraying of herbicides on the roadsides are helping bee survival.

THEREFORE, Kim Reynolds, Governor of the State of Iowa, along with cities and counties, do hereby proclaim, Thursday February 13, 2020 as

IOWA HONEY BEE DAY

and encourage all citizens, residents and visitors to join in observing this day and focusing on the importance of honey bees to our state economy, to enjoy the honey and other products of honey bees, to recognize the honey bees' role in maintaining our Iowa environment, and to assist in reducing the threats to honey bee survival in our state.

Honorable Mayor of Cresco
Mayor Mark Bohle
130 N. Park Place
Cresco, IA 52136

Dec. 18, 2019

Dear Mayor Bohle,

The Iowa Honey Producers Association (IHPA) is sponsoring Iowa Honey Bee Day on Thursday, February 13, 2020 at the State Capitol to promote the importance of pollinators and in particular honey bees. On this day, we are hosting a Legislative Reception/Breakfast in Room 116 of the Capitol. Legislators, beekeepers, elected Iowa officials, interested individuals and the public are invited to this reception. There is no charge to attend. It will start at 7 AM and go until 9 AM.

The IHPA is requesting that the City of Cresco proclaim this day as Iowa Honey Bee Day and issue a proclamation for it. We are also asking Governor Kim Reynolds to sign a state wide proclamation at least two weeks before Iowa Honey Bee Day as well.

For your convenience a sample proclamation like what we are asking the Governor to sign is attached.

This is the third year we have promoted pollinators by hosting Iowa Honey Bee Day at the Capitol. Last year we had many Iowa cities participate for which we are truly grateful. This year we hope to increase participation in Iowa Honey Bee Day with more cities and, in addition, County Board of Supervisors proclaiming the day.

This is a win-win for all the citizens of Iowa and Cresco to be aware of the value of honey bees and pollinators.

Let us know if there is any more information that you may need to proceed. Thank you!!

Please send email responses to esj178@gmail.com. Mail address is 1642 Oak View Dr. NE, Solon, IA 52333



Edward St. John,
IHPA District 3 Director