

## NOTICE AND CALL OF PUBLIC MEETING

GOVERNMENTAL BODY: THE CITY COUNCIL OF CRESCO, IOWA  
DATE OF MEETING: APRIL 1, 2024  
TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING: 5:30 P.M. CITY HALL, 130 N PARK PLACE

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, FOSAAEN, McCONNELL, KRIENER

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. Minutes from March 18, 2024
4. Approval of Tree Surgeon License for Andera Tree Services LLC

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

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

COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE: *(This portion of the agenda is for comments that are not related to one of the items listed on the agenda. Comments can only be received. No formal action by the Council can be taken. Those making public comments will be asked to state their name and address, and to speak from the podium.)*

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

1. Set Public Hearing for Budget for FY24/25 Budget Adoption
2. Set Public Hearing for Budget Amendment #3 for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024
3. Resolution Approving Loan Agreement for Loan of Funds from the CUSB Historic Downtown Revolving Loan Fund and the City of Cresco to Steve and Mimi Stone D/B/A Stoltz, LLC and Atomic Pizza
4. Discussion on Snow Removal Ordinance
5. Discussion on 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue West Storm Sewer Project
6. Review Stump Grinding Quotes and Possible Award of Contract
7. Review Applications and Cresco Tourism Advisory Committee Recommendations and Award of Hotel/Motel Tax Grants
8. Discuss Personnel Committee
9. Review Water Shut Off Notice Fees and Reconnection Fees

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 MARCH 29, 2024.

Mayor Fortune called the Cresco City Council meeting to order on March 18, 2024 at 5:30 pm. Council Members Carman, Fosaaen, Bouska, McConnell, and Kriener were present. No council members were absent.

Carman made the motion to approve the consent agenda which included approval of the: agenda; claims; minutes from the March 4, 2024 meeting; Special Class B Native Wine License for Plantpeddler, Inc d/b/a Plantpeddler; Tree Surgeon Licenses for Uprooted Tree Service, LLC and Norby Tree Service, LLC. McConnell seconded and it passed all ayes.

Public Works Director Brenno reported: (a) working with Alliant on installing street lights on 4<sup>th</sup> Ave SW and 5<sup>th</sup> Ave SW; (b) Water Department is replacing some fire hydrants; (c) will be looking at lawn mowing procedures to be the most efficient and spraying the public areas; (d) will be hiring a full-time street laborer and summer help.

Police Chief Ruroden reported that one of the Durango's is now in service. Still waiting to get the other one outfitted with equipment. Two officers are at a training for narcotics this week. Due to some generous donations, the cost of the K-9 dog has been reached and will be talking to the facility to secure the K-9. Donations are still needed to cover the cost of training, equipment, and supplies.

City Clerk Hill reported: (a) monthly financials were included in the packet. We are 66% of the way into the fiscal year and revenues are at 77% and expenditures are at 68%; (b) working on a budget amendment; (c) had a rural housing grant workshop on March 12<sup>th</sup>. Will be attending their conference on April 10<sup>th</sup> in Ames; (d) the proposed tax hearing will be on April 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:00 pm with the regular meeting at 5:30 pm.

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

Josh Bourassa presented the 2023 IAMU Safety Group dividend check for \$12,927 and explained the program.

Airport Manager Clair Pecinovsky explained the runway improvement project to Council. The project was scheduled for FY25, but would like to move to FY24 to be completed this spring. The project will be paid out of the Airport Trust. Bouska made a motion to amend the FY24 budget to include the project. Carman seconded and it passed all ayes.

Bids were reviewed for the airport runway improvement project. Anthony Henry Sealcoating, LLC was for \$48,630 and D & M Asphalt Services, Inc for \$30,450 with up to 20 concrete repair areas for \$875. Any areas over 20 would be \$35 per 2' x 2' area. Carman made the motion to accept the low bid from D & M Asphalt Services, Inc. McConnell seconded and it passed all ayes.

Brenno explained that there are a few options to sell the maintainer such as sealed bids, a flat price, or an online auction. CAT estimates the value to be \$27,500. McConnell made a motion to accept sealed bids on the maintainer with a minimum bid of \$25,000. Kriener seconded and it passed all ayes.

A request from BDM Developers was received to allow time for compliance on the sump pump surcharge as they have recently purchased the property. A letter will be sent explaining what needs to be done to avoid the surcharge and to be inspected. Bouska made the motion to send a letter starting the 90 days to bring the property up to compliance. Kriener seconded and it passed all ayes.

A long discussion was held with Council, Tarzan Tree Service, and Walton Tree Service regarding the yard waste site. The following rules will now be in place for the yard waste site: all trees and branches will need to be 10 feet or shorter in length and trimmed; a new gate will be installed and locked after sunset; a fence will be installed this summer; only yard waste from City residents will be accepted. An updated sign and new, upgraded cameras will be installed

this summer. McConnell made a motion to accept the new rules for the yard waste site. Kriener seconded and it passed all ayes.

Discussion was held on the water shut off and reconnection fees. The current fees are \$50 for posting the notice for disconnection. If the service is disconnected, there is a \$50 reconnection fee during business hours and \$100 after hours. Concern was that the rate is not covering the City's expense for after hours reconnection. Carman made a motion to leave the fees the same. Bouska seconded. Carman, Bouska, and McConnell voted aye. Fosaaen and Kriener voted nay. The motion passed by majority vote.

Bouska made the motion to approve the resolution authorizing the Fitness Center membership benefit of \$7 per month and an additional \$5 for 24/7 access for full-time employees. McConnell seconded and it passed all ayes.

Carman moved to adjourn the Council Meeting at 6:47 pm. Kriener seconded and it passed all ayes. The next regular Cresco City Council meeting will be April 1, 2024, at 5:30 pm at Cresco City Hall.

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Mayor Alexander Fortune

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City Clerk Nicole Hill

Following is a list of claims approved for payment:

PAYROLL		82,808.25	MEDIACOM	Phone	331.04
ACCESS SYSTEMS	Copier	438.75	MIENERGY	Electricity	7,152.25
ALLIANT	Electricity	1,499.61	MISSISSIPPI WELDERS	Rental	200.00
ANDERSON, WILMARTH	Attny	696.00	NORTHERN BALANCE	Svcs	178.00
BAKER & TAYLOR	Books	1,101.83	O'HENRY'S	Supp	98.60
BIBLIONIX	Subs	1,870.00	PARAMOUNT	Movie	158.62
BC/BS	Ins	42,552.95	RELIANCE	Ins	162.00
BOB'S ELECTRIC	Svcs	7,844.42	RUPPERT	Supp	375.68
BORN, MICHAEL	Reimb	9.16	SANDRY FIRE	Supp	13,545.87
BRUENING ROCK	Supp	651.95	SCHUMACHER ELV	Svcs	175.66
CARDMEMBER SVCS	Supp	462.92	SOLUTIONS	Svcs	43.75
CITY LAUNDERING	Svcs	92.18	SQUARE	CC Fees	19.33
CITY OF CRESCO	Ins	4,584.57	ST HYGIENIC LAB	Testing	250.50
CITY OF CRESCO	Utilities	33.76	TEL-COMM	Svcs	243.75
CPU	Svcs	523.99	TREASURER, ST OF IA	Tax	7,429.23
COMPUTERSHARE	Fees	750.00	TRUCK COUNTRY	Svcs	2,657.04
CR SHOPPER	Ads	156.00	VISA	Svcs	3,668.38
CR TPD	Ads	338.65	WINDRIDGE	Svcs	1,292.98
CULLIGAN	Supp	46.87	ZARNOTH BRUSH	Supp	1,643.15
DAKOTA SUPPLY	Supp	13,270.14	ZIEGLER	Parts	118.78
DELUXE ECHOSTAR	Movie	120.00	ZORO TOOLS	Supp	<u>217.32</u>
DEPT OF INSPECTIONS	Svcs	80.00	GENERAL		192,149.71
DRIFTRUNNERS	Grant	3,750.00	HOTEL/MOTEL TAX		3,750.00
FAREWAY STORE	Concess	741.71	LOST PROJECT		82,000.00
FENCL OIL	LP	513.62	EV CHARGING		22.00
FORTE	Fees	297.20	NUISANCE HOUSE		276.00
GALLS	Supp	2,911.24	FIRE STATION BLDG		74.05
GOSCH'S INC	Svcs	653.24	CR COMMUNITY FIRE		3,760.29
HAWKEYE SAN	Fees	78,909.33	ROAD USE TAX		21,421.48
HAWKINS	Supp	70.00	EMPLOYEE BEN		8,909.51
HOLSTROM, JIM & BARB	Refund	438.75	FIRE EQUIP		9,996.40
HO COUNTY	SharedLEC	7,079.96	LIBRARY TRUST		6,226.10
HO COUNTY	Maintainer	82,000.00	DEBT SERVICE		750.00
IMFOA	Conf/Dues	225.00	SCENE SHOP PROJECT		2,981.30
KEEHNER, GATLIN	Reimb	1,529.08	WATER		29,145.95
KIRKWOOD	Training	545.00	SEWER OP		26,705.85
KWIK TRIP	Gas	3,800.32	CAP IMPROVE		14.86
LICKTEIG LAWN	Equip	1,479.96	YARDWASTE		<u>1,690.14</u>
LICKTEIG, STEVE	Svcs	450.00			
LT MECHANICAL	Svcs	1,604.00	TOTAL EXPENDITURES		389,873.64
MARTIN GARDNER	Architect	2,981.30	REVENUE 3/5-3/18/24		393,350.35

**\$ 50.00**

No. 272

**Tree Surgeon License**

**April 1, 2024**

**To Whom It May Concern:**

That in consideration of FIFTY DOLLARS

License is hereby granted to Andera Tree Service LLC for the purpose

Of tree trimming in the municipality of CRESCO, IOWA, County of HOWARD.

This License to be in force from April 1, 2024, to December 31, 2024

**PROVIDED** that said Tree Surgeon attentively observes all limitations and restrictions to be found in Chapter 125 Code of Ordinances, City of Cresco, Iowa, relating to Tree Surgeon's License made by the Council of said municipality.

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City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION APPROVING LOAN AGREEMENT FOR LOAN OF FUNDS  
FROM THE CUSB HISTORIC DOWNTOWN REVOLVING LOAN FUND  
AND THE CITY OF CRESCO TO STEVE AND MIMI STONE D/B/A  
STOLTZ, LLC AND ATOMIC PIZZA

WHEREAS, the City of Cresco has established a CUSB Historic Downtown Revolving Loan Fund originally financed by donations from the John Scott Thomson and Stephanie C. Thomson Community Reinvestment Fund and the Thomson Charitable Foundation; and

WHEREAS, said revolving loan fund is administered under the terms prescribed in a written agreement between the Cresco Industrial Development Corporation and the City of Cresco, Iowa; and

WHEREAS, a loan application has been received from Steve and Mimi Stone D/B/A Stoltz, LLC and Atomic Pizza for a loan of ninety thousand dollars (\$90,000) at 0% interest rate over the first two years and 3% interest rate starting at year three for property renovations at 132 North Elm Street; and

WHEREAS, repayment shall be amortized over twelve years with monthly ACH payments with a balloon payment after five years; and

WHEREAS, the Cresco Industrial Development Corporation and the City, through the CUSB Historic Downtown Cresco Revolving Loan Fund Committee, have reviewed the loan application and have recommended to the City Council in favor of such loan.

THEREFORE, Council Person \_\_\_\_\_ moved the adoption of the Resolution as follows:

- A. The loan application of Stoltz, LLC, Atomic Pizza, Steve and Mimi Stone is hereby approved.
- B. The City Council of the City of Cresco hereby authorizes the release of funds in the amount of \$90,000 to Stoltz, LLC, Atomic Pizza, Steve Stone, and Mimi Stone upon the execution of the proper loan agreements, promissory note, and any other accompanying documents. The Mayor, City Clerk, and the Cresco Industrial Development Corporation are authorized to sign and execute any necessary loan agreements or other documents that may be required to accomplish the said loan.

Council Person \_\_\_\_\_ seconded said motion. A roll call vote was requested by the Mayor and said roll call vote resulted as follows:

Ayes: \_\_\_\_\_  
Nays: \_\_\_\_\_  
Absent: \_\_\_\_\_

Thereupon, the Mayor declared said Resolution duly passed and announced that the agreement dated \_\_\_\_\_ between the City of Cresco and Stoltz LLC, Atomic Pizza, Steve Stone, and Mimi Stone is approved and that the Mayor and City Clerk are authorized to execute the agreement on behalf of the City of Cresco.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor Alexander Fortune

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk Nicole Hill

**CUSB HISTORIC DOWNTOWN CRESCO  
REVOLVING LOAN FUND REQUEST  
CIDC/CITY REVIEW BOARD**

February 5, 2024 RLF Summary

- Present:** Brendon Kacher (Cresco Bank & Trust), Amy Bouska (City of Cresco), Austin Hrdlicka (CUSB Bank), Mike Drees (CIDC), Scott Thomson (Thomson Charitable Foundation)
- Absent:** None
- Attendees:** Steve and Mimi Stone, Alex McCabe (CUSB Bank), Jason Passmore (HCBT)
- Applicant:** Stoltz LLC, Steve and Mimi Stone, Owners
- Summary:** Steve and Mimi Stone, owners of Stoltz LLC and Atomic Pizza are seeking a loan for \$90,000 to go towards the renovations of their properties at 132 and 134 North Elm Street, in downtown Cresco. The Stone's are represented by Alex McCabe of CUSB Bank, their primary financial agent, and propose to add three residential upper-story units above the two locations while also renovating the main level at 132 North Elm Street to allow for a future commercial opportunity. The residential units will be moderate to upper scale, with a larger 2-bedroom unit above Atomic Pizza, and two units above 132 North Elm St. The amount being requested is at or below the limits of the Historic Downtown Loan Fund parameters which is \$90,000 and less than 50% of the total project cost. The loan application and supporting documents were reviewed by the loan review board. The Stone's offered a second position behind CUSB Bank for the respective commercial property at 132 North Elm Street, along with a personal guarantee. The proposed term length was acceptable amortized over 12 years with a 5 year balloon, and monthly ACH payments would be established as detailed in the program guidelines, which is 0% interest rate for the first 2 years and 3.0% interest rate for years 3-5.
- Motion:** Moved by Drees, Second by Bouska
- To recommend to the Cresco City Council the approval of a \$90,000 loan to Stoltz LLC amortized over 12 years with a 5-year balloon with ACH monthly payments, securities in the form of a personal guarantee and a second position on the commercial property at 132 North Elm Street, Cresco.
- Unanimously Approved

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provisions of this section shall not apply to pickup, light delivery or panel delivery trucks.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.236 [1])*

1. **Business District.** Excepting only when such vehicles are actually engaged in the delivery or receiving of merchandise or cargo, no person shall park or leave unattended such vehicle on any streets within the Business District. When actually receiving or delivering merchandise or cargo such vehicle shall be stopped or parked in a manner which will not interfere with other traffic.
2. **Residential District.** No person shall park a semi-trailer on any street within a residential district in the City for longer than twenty-four (24) hours.
3. **Noise.** No such vehicle shall be left standing or parked upon any street, alley, public or private parking lot, or driveway of any service station between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. with the engine, auxiliary engine, air compressor, refrigerating equipment or other device in operation giving off audible sounds excepting only the driveway of a service station when actually being serviced, and then in no event for more than thirty (30) minutes.
4. **Livestock.** No such vehicle containing livestock shall be parked on any street, alley or highway for a period of time of more than thirty (30) minutes.

**69.10 SNOW REMOVAL.** On odd number calendar days beginning at 5:00 p.m., parking is allowed only on the odd numbered side of the street (east side) or avenue (south side) until 5:00 p.m. of the next day. On even number calendar days beginning at 5:00 p.m., parking is

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allowed only on the even numbered side of the street (west side) or avenue (north side) until 5:00 p.m. of the next day. This parking regulation is enforced whether it snows or does not snow during the period beginning November 15 through April 15.

**69.11 CONTROLLED ACCESS FACILITIES.** Parking restrictions on controlled access facilities are as specified in Chapter 140 of this Code of Ordinances.



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Para. 1. That Chapter 10.76 – Snow Emergency Procedures is hereby amended by deleting Sections 10.76.010, 10.76.020, and 10.76.030 and inserting the new Sections in lieu thereof as provided below.

**10.76.010 – Declaration of snow emergency.**

Whenever the city experiences a snowfall which accumulates to a depth of ~~one~~<sup>two</sup> inch or more, a snow emergency shall automatically be in effect and all procedures prescribed by this chapter shall be observed by all persons. A snow emergency shall also be in effect whenever the street commissioner or designee, in exercise of sound judgement and discretion, determines that a snow or ice emergency exists or is expected to occur, requiring the removal of snow or ice from the public streets and alleys.

**10.76.020 – Notice to the public.**

- A. *Notice.* The street commissioner or designee shall declare such emergency in writing, file the same with the city clerk, and cause notice of such emergency to be given to the public by social media, press, radio, or television. Failure of a person to receive such a notice shall not constitute a defense to any prosecution for violation of the rules, regulations and procedures prescribed by this chapter.
- B. *General duration.* A snow or ice emergency shall be in effect starting a minimum of four (4) hours after the earlier of either: i.) the accumulation of snow or ice to a depth of ~~one~~<sup>two</sup> inch or more within a 24-hour period; or ii.) such emergency is declared by the street commissioner or designee; and such snow or ice emergency shall continue for forty-eight (48) hours. The duration of the snow or ice emergency may be extended at the discretion of the street commissioner or designee. Notice for such an extension shall be given in the manner prescribed in section 10.76.020.A.

**10.76.030 – Alternate parking of motor vehicles.**

- A. While a snow emergency is in effect, curbside parking of motor vehicles shall be permitted only as follows: On even-numbered calendar days between the hours of 12:01 AM and 8:00 PM, all vehicles shall be parked on the side of the street where buildings bear even numbers. On odd-numbered calendar days between the hours of 12:01 AM and 8:00 PM, all vehicles shall be parked on the side of the street where buildings bear odd numbers.
- B. Alternate side parking during a snow emergency shall not supersede existing parking restrictions except in areas where posted.

Para. 2. That Chapter 12.44 – Snow, Ice, and Accumulations is hereby amended by deleting Sections 12.44.010.D and 12.44.050 and inserting the new Sections in lieu thereof as provided below.

**12.44.010 – Removal of snow, ice, and accumulations.**

- D. Any property owner, causing or desiring snow, ice, or accumulations to be removed from inside or adjacent to the property lines of the property and deposited or placed on city streets is required to complete a "Snow Removal Agreement", which must be reviewed and approved by the City. The Agreement will specify fees, rules, and regulations governing snow, ice, or accumulations placed on city streets. The City has sole discretion whether to approve and execute a "Snow Removal Agreement." The Agreement must be approved prior to depositing

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The City replaced one block of storm sewer on 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave West last summer. We have the remaining 3 blocks left to replace and connect it to 7<sup>th</sup> St West. This has been televised and some of the pipe is broken up, and partially collapsed. We estimated \$100,000 for that and it is in our next budget starting in July, 2024. We reached out to Mehmert's and they believe that it will cost more than \$100,000 to complete. Anything over \$65,000 we are required to take out to bid.

I believe that we have the following options:

1. Take the whole project out to bid and complete it.
2. Start at 7<sup>th</sup> St W. (which appears to be the worst part of the existing sewer) and do a third to half of it now, and the rest later.
3. Not fix it and see how things work with what has already been replaced.

WHKS estimates \$5,000-\$15,000 for their fees should we go out to bid.

**One important part of this project would be to stub out the connection from 7<sup>th</sup> St before they finish pouring concrete.**

We will talk about this at the April 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. Feel free to call or email with any questions.

Thanks.

**Dave Brenno**  
Public Works Director  
130 N. Park Place  
Cresco, Iowa 52136  
563-547-3101

**Travel and tourism is defined as:**

Advancing the economic welfare of Cresco by promoting and competitively marketing ourselves as a visitor and tourism destination.

**Available funds: \$8,650.79    Funds requested: \$8,250.00**

I. Present: Amy Bouska, Bootie Kapler (via phone), Jan Carman  
 HCBT: Jason Passmore, Spiff Slifka

II. Recommendations

1. Family Fun Nights
  - a. Requesting \$2,000
  - b. The committee scores this application favorably. Family Fun Nights bring residents and visitors together offering unique experiences throughout the year.
  - c. **Committee recommends awarding \$2,000**
2. MIGHTY Howard County Fair
  - a. Requesting \$4,250
  - b. The committee scores this application favorably as it markets Cresco and brings in visitors from at least three states using our hotels and campgrounds.
  - c. **Committee recommends awarding \$4,250**
3. Steve McCarville Memorial Softball Tournament
  - a. Requesting \$2,000
  - b. The committee scores this application favorably. The tournament offers activities throughout the 3-day event for residents and visitors helping to fill our hotels and campgrounds.
  - c. **Committee recommends awarding \$2,000**

**Tourism Advisory Committee Evaluation & Recommendation**

Application	Time Sensitive or Need	Application meets Tourism Definition	Lodging	Qtr 1 Funds recommendation
Family Fun Nights	H	M	L	\$2,000
MIGHTY Howard County Fair	H	H	H	\$4,250
Steve McCarville Memorial Tournament	M-H	M-H	M-H	\$2,000
<b>Recommended</b>				<b>\$8,250.00</b>
Available 1st Qtr Funds				\$8,650.79
Surplus				\$400.79
H=high, M=medium, L=low				

Project: Family Fun Nights

Date: 3/11/2024

Organization/Agency Requesting Funding: Cresco Area Chamber of Commerce

Contact Person and Title: Spiff

Address: 101 2nd Ave SW, Cresco, Iowa 52136

Phone: 563.547.3434

Email: [spiff@cedausa.com](mailto:spiff@cedausa.com)

Amount Requested: \$2,000

Total Cost of the Project: \$4,000

Event Date (if applicable):

Project Completion Date:

Q: Describe the project. Provide details of the project and the budget, other fundraising efforts, and the who, what, where, why and how of the project.

A: The Cresco Area Chamber of Commerce is excited to announce two Family Fun Nights scheduled for this year. These unique community gatherings offer a safe space for families to come together and enjoy free entertainment for both children and adults. Bouncy houses and free activities will be available for our youth as well as local food vendors. Additionally, Family Fun Nights provide valuable opportunities for local organizations and vendors to engage with the community and attract visitors to Cresco. Continuing with the resounding success of our first Family Fun Night in May, thanks to our collaboration with the Fitness Center, we will host a 'Free Day' at their facility, drawing more people to experience the improvements they've made and continue to make. This year, we're excited to introduce a new partnership: on Friday, July 5th, Family Fun Night will join forces with the Cresco Country Club for a special 'Family Day' culminating in fireworks at the Club. To bring this unique and enjoyable experience to families, we've allocated an approximate budget of \$4,000. Our generous Chamber Members have committed \$1,500 in sponsorships to support the costs. Leveraging free advertising channels, including Facebook, our website, monthly newsletter and school posters, we aim to spread the work. Additionally, we'll utilize paid advertising in local publications such as the Times Plain Dealer, The Cresco Shopper and KCZQ Radio. Cresco Travel & Tourism funds will contribute to the cost of providing free community entertainment and enhancing our marketing efforts. Any remaining expenses will be absorbed by the Chamber's general budget after factoring in grants and sponsorships.

Q: How does this project promote Cresco tourism and how does it increase lodging use within the community?

A: Family Fun Nights encourage tourism in Cresco by providing a welcoming experience for new residents and visitors to our community. Current community residents utilize these events to invite friends and family to get together and learn more about Cresco. These events lay the foundation for a

return visit and stay in Cresco. The outstanding attendance every year and continued business community sponsorships attest to the popularity and demand for these events. This safe and free entertainment can improve our residents' overall health and well-being while showcasing Cresco's community assets.

Project: Mighty Howard County Fair

Date: 2/8/2024

Organization/Agency Requesting Funding: Howard County Agricultural Society

Contact Person and Title: Tom Barnes, Secretary of the Board

Address: P.O. Box 83, Cresco, IA 52136, US

Phone: 641-220-4408

Email: [tbarnes@mhcfair.com](mailto:tbarnes@mhcfair.com)

Amount Requested: \$4,250.00

Total Cost of the Project: \$529,350 budget income; \$521,050 project expenses

Event Date (if applicable): 6/26/2024

Project Completion Date: 6/30/2024

Q: Describe the project. Provide details of the project and the budget, other fundraising efforts, and the who, what, where, why and how of the project.

A: Funds requested will be used to promote the Mighty Howard County Fair in outside markets including La Crosse WI, Waterloo/Cedar Falls, Rochester/Austin MN and Cedar Rapids/Iowa City. Other sources of funding are sponsorships, ticket sales, food & beverage sales and commercial vendor fees.

Q: How does this project promote Cresco tourism and how does it increase lodging use within the community?

A: The Mighty Howard County Fair is the area's largest community event. Over the 6 days of the Fair, estimated attendance is 39,000 persons. By doing parking lot surveys of license plates approximately 30% of the fairgoers are from Minnesota and 25% are from 60 plus miles away from Howard County. The two musical concerts typically draw from several states. Depending on the entertainer, concert goers have traveled to the Fair from Missouri, Illinois, Tennessee, Kentucky, Kansas, the Dakotas, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Nebraska.

Project: Steve McCarville Memorial Softball Tournament

Date: 3/11/2024

Organization/Agency Requesting Funding: McCarville Family

Contact Person and Title: Ryan McCarville

Address: 623 3rd Street SE, Cresco

Phone: 563-380-5288

Email: [ryan@campsiterv.com](mailto:ryan@campsiterv.com)

Amount Requested: 2000

Total Cost of the Project: 3000

Event Date (if applicable): 7/19/2024

Project Completion Date: 7/21/2024

Q: Describe the project. Provide details of the project and the budget, other fundraising efforts, and the who, what, where, why and how of the project.

A: The Steve McCarville Tournament was established to continue the legacy of our father who was greatly involved in the community, especially through the Park & Rec department and the City of Cresco. The three day event is held at East Park and will include a men's and co-ed softball tournament, along with a bean bag tournament, basketball, live band, concession stand hosted by the park & rec department, and other giveaways'. The McCarville Family will operate the tournaments and festivities and will finance all remaining expenses. Expenses will include the live band, stage and tent rental, electrical, and local marketing.

Q: How does this project promote Cresco tourism and how does it increase lodging use within the community?

A: Last year's inaugural event brought in several families from the tri-state area that stayed in our hotels and also camped in our campgrounds and parks. This weekend helped the local economy with all funds coming back to Cresco and we expect an even bigger crowd this year.

3. Bills Payable. Bills for combined service accounts shall be due and payable at the office of the Clerk by the 12<sup>th</sup> day of each month.
4. Late Payment Penalty. Bills not paid when due shall be considered delinquent. A one-time late payment penalty of ten percent (10%) of the amount due shall be added to each delinquent bill.

**92.05 SERVICE DISCONTINUED.** Water service to delinquent customers shall be discontinued in accordance with the following:

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 384.84)*

1. Notice. The Clerk shall notify each delinquent customer that service will be discontinued if payment of the combined service account, including late payment charges, is not received by the date specified in the notice of delinquency. Such notice shall be sent by ordinary mail to the customer in whose name the delinquent charges were incurred and shall inform the customer of the nature of the delinquency and afford the customer the opportunity for a hearing prior to the discontinuance. In the event that the City tags doors of delinquent customers prior to discontinuance of service, as final notice of shutoff, a \$50.00 service fee shall be charged.
2. Notice to Landlords. If the customer is a tenant, and if the owner or landlord of the property or premises has made a written request for notice, the notice of delinquency shall also be given to the owner or landlord. If the customer is a tenant and requests a change of name for service under the account, such request shall be sent to the owner or landlord of the property if the owner or landlord has made a written request for notice of any change of name for service under the account to the rental property.
3. Hearing. If the customer requests a hearing before the date of the shut off, the Council shall conduct an informal hearing at the next scheduled Council meeting and the Council shall make a determination as to whether the disconnection is justified. If the Council finds that disconnection is justified, then such disconnection shall be made, unless payment has been received.
4. Service Discontinued. The Superintendent shall shut off the supply of water to any customer who, not having contested the amount billed in good faith, has failed to make payment by the date specified in the delinquent notice.
5. Fees. A fee of \$25.00 shall be charged for shutting the water off and a fee of \$25.00 shall be charged before service is restored to a delinquent customer. No service fees shall be charged for the usual or customary trips in the regular changes in occupancies of property.
6. Replenishment of Deposit. Delinquent customers shall also pay a deposit equal to the customer's past due bill prior to restoration of service to replenish the customer's deposit.

**92.06 SERVICE AFTER HOURS.** All water services will be conducted during normal business hours, Monday through Friday. Requests after normal business hours for services, including (but not limited to) repairs, water on requests, or water off requests shall be billed a minimum fee of \$100.00.



# Water Shut Off Procedures

## Month 1

Bill goes to the customer by the 1<sup>st</sup>.

Bill is due the 13<sup>th</sup> and 10% late fee is applied.

## Month 2

Bill goes to the customer by the 1<sup>st</sup>.

Bill is due the 13<sup>th</sup> and 10% late fee is applied.

On the 15<sup>th</sup>, a shut off notice is posted on the door by the water department. \$50 shut off notice fee is applied.

Around the 21<sup>st</sup> of the month, all unpaid shut off notice accounts are scheduled to be shut off at 9 am. Balance in full is required to be paid prior to reconnection. \$25 turn off fee and \$25 turn on fee is included in the amount to be paid during business hours (\$50 total). After hour reconnection (after 4 pm) is \$100.

From January 1, 2015 to March 1, 2024, we shut off 205 people, so an average of 2 per month. For the same period, we charged 5 after hours reconnections.

If a customer is posted for shut off (\$50 fee), and is reconnected after hours (\$100), they pay \$150 total (plus their bill) which completely covers the 2 hour call back on wages.

When a customer comes in after 4 pm but before 4:30 pm, we explain that the water department is gone for the day. They are given the option to pay the after-hours (\$100) reconnection for the same day or the \$50 fee to have it turned on the next business day.

Assistance programs have previously been used to help these customers in time of need.

Northeast Iowa Community Action is out of crisis funds, so they can not assist customers. They have been without funds since prior to September. They have also stated that the food banks are not getting donations like previously.

Salvation Army has very limited funds to assist customers, and when they do, they can only pay a small portion of it, which is typically not enough to keep the water on.