

Elma City Council

Elma City Council Meeting 3/9/2026

The Elma City Council meeting was opened at 7:00 PM by Mayor Thoren in the Elma Community Complex meeting room. The meeting was opened with roll call. Laura Schroeder-Smith, present, Emily Ptacek, present, Myron Head, present, Judy Acker, present, Tony Helfter, present. Laura moved the agenda be approved, seconded by Emily, carried unanimously. Laura moved the minutes of the February 9th meeting be approved, seconded by Tony, carried unanimously. Laura moved the building permit for Bryce Larsen be approved, seconded by Tony, carried unanimously. Laura moved the claims be approved, seconded by Myron, carried unanimously. The personnel policy handbook was on the agenda because it had not been updated since 2016. Not all of the council members had been able to go through all of the handbook so see if there were updates needed. We will table updates to the handbook until the April meeting. Due to timing requirements for budget publishings and meetings, we will need to have our public hearing for the property tax levy on March 23rd. We will also have a special meeting at 6:00 PM, after the

public hearing with Rustin, our engineer for the lagoon project. He will be giving an update on where we're at in the planning and will have information for the EDA grant application submission. Laura moved to set a public hearing for the property tax levy for March 23, 2026, at 5:30 PM in the Community Complex meeting room, seconded by Emily, carried unanimously. Mayor Thoren discussed with the council a request that was made to him. The parking area in front of the old bowling alley, ProEdge Building Solutions offices, is in need of repair. They inquired if they had someone do the work to fix it, the City would reimburse them. No, the City will not do that. We are aware that that area does need fixing. We will look at that section to decide whether that would be a patch job or if that would be part of a street resurfacing job. The City has been looking into resurfacing streets in town and coming up with a plan to do so in phases. Part of that plan is to also make sure that water and sewer lines under the streets are good too. They do not want to lay down a new street and have to dig it back up to fix something underneath. Mayor Thoren had no further comments. Laura moved the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Tony, meeting adjourned.

Income		
Property Tax	\$1,271.59	
Local Option Tax	\$6,770.76	
Licenses/permits	\$383.12	
Interest/rent	\$1,599.92	
Road Use Tax	\$4,586.70	
County Contrib.	\$1,274.25	
Miscellaneous Rev	\$34,961.79	
Total Income	\$60,486.98	
Expense		
Public Works	\$26,128.45	
General Gov.	\$40,106.26	
Water	\$2,257.25	
Sewer	\$797.59	
Enterprise Debt.	\$3,814.00	
Total Expense	\$54,155.10	
Net Income	\$6,331.88	

Claims Paid & Summary of Receipts, Feb 11 through March 10, 2026

Windstream, phone	-314.85
Deposit	2,428.68
Deposit	4,973.22
Deposit	2,406.11
Deposit	2,979.38
Howard County Treasurer, Property Tax	1,271.59
Leaf, copier lease	-153.89
Alliant Energy, electric	-6,258.36

Deposit	2,602.53
Deposit	8,211.86
Deposit	545.00
Deposit	239.55
Wellmark BC/BS, health insurance	-1,648.45
Treasurer - State of Iowa, Road Use Tax	4,586.70
Deposit	437.35
Sigler, Brian D.	-1,483.15
Dockendorf, Nickolaus J.	-107.58
Dundee, Linda M.	-70.19
Weber, Marlene F.	-103.49
Crawford, Alyssa	-263.07
Burke, Renee	-682.07
Gebel, Shannon	-1,091.09
United States Treasury	-2,266.72
Deposit	682.60
Deposit	70.00
Capital One, phone	-287.34
Dons Tire Repair, truck	-11,200.00
Deposit	530.95
Deposit	150.00
Post Office, po box	-122.00
Deposit	290.00
Treasurer - State of Iowa, Local Option Sales Tax	6,770.76
Deposit	9,090.00
Interest	224.92
Deposit	913.26
Deposit	672.00
Deposit	4,265.21

Deposit	800.00
Dockendorf, Nickolaus J.	-556.36
Sigler, Brian D.	-1,800.35
Dundee, Linda M.	-43.02
Gebel, Shannon	-1,091.09
Zweibohmer, Paula M.	-274.52
Weber, Marlene F.	-153.53
Burke, Renee	-474.71
Crawford, Alyssa	-116.41
Deposit	2,025.43
Visa, library supplies	-1,549.85
Mediacom, internet	-156.95
Deposit	3,404.27
Hartford Fire Insurance Company, flood insurance	-1,840.00
Howard County Treasurer (v), property taxes	-1,262.00
Short Elliott Hendrickson, Inc, engineering	-5,050.00
JCDW Investments LLC, solar february	-663.75
Microbac Laboratories, Inc, testing	-4,416.50
ProEdge Building Solutions, cold patch	-272.15
lowa Prison Industries, signs	-69.00
Shannon Gebel (v), supplies	-8.75
MARC, supplies	-600.00
GPM Environmental Solutions, LLC, sewer supplies	-190.00
Times Plain Dealer, publishing	-283.48
LJP Waste Solutions, garbage	-3,772.63

Blackhawk Automatic Sprinklers, inspection	-325.00
USA Blue Book, sewer supplies	-625.50
Knecht Electric, depot museum	-105.93
Signs and Designs, signs	-90.00
Elma Express (v), fuel	-137.41
Farmland Hardware, supplies	-97.88
Auto Value Parts Store, parts	-80.08
FiveStar Coop, diesel tank supplies	-35.00
Center Point LP, books	-49.14
National Geographic Kids, magazine	-83.74
Renee Burke (v), supplies	-78.00
Modern Marketing, supplies	-276.50
Innovative Ag Services (v), LP	-4,361.03
H&M Underground Solutions, sewer main work	-1,575.00
Deposit	4,505.74
Mead Creek IA, LLC, solar	-1,516.98
Operating Checking	4,067.92
Total	4,067.92

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Public Hearing

CITY NAME: NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - CITY OF CRESCO - PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY CITY #: 45-421
CRESCO Fiscal Year July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027

The City Council will conduct a public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year City property tax levy as follows:
Meeting Date: 4/6/2026 Meeting Time: 05:00 PM Meeting Location: Cresco City Hall 130 N Park Pl Cresco, IA 52136
 At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of the proposed tax levy. After the hearing of the proposed tax levy, the City Council will publish notice and hold a hearing on the proposed city budget.

City Website (if available) www.cityofcresco.com City Telephone Number (563) 547-3101

Iowa Department of Management	Current Year Certified Property Tax 2025 - 2026	Budget Year Effective Property Tax 2026 - 2027	Budget Year Proposed Property Tax 2026 - 2027
Taxable Valuations for Non-Debt Service	135,255,941	148,196,476	148,196,476
Consolidated General Fund	1,150,352	1,150,352	1,223,700
Operation & Maintenance of Public Transit	0	0	0
Aviation Authority	0	0	0
Liability, Property & Self Insurance	231,488	231,488	228,651
Support of Local Emergency Mgmt. Comm.	0	0	0
Unified Law Enforcement	0	0	0
Police & Fire Retirement	0	0	0
FICA & IPERS (If at General Fund Limit)	557,250	557,250	240,277
Other Employee Benefits	0	0	318,489
Capital Projects (Capital Improv. Reserve)	0	0	0
Taxable Value for Debt Service	137,996,358	150,882,394	150,882,394
Debt Service	386,430	386,430	386,040
CITY REGULAR TOTAL PROPERTY TAX	2,325,520	2,325,520	2,397,157
CITY REGULAR TAX RATE	17.13674	15.64572	16.12916
Taxable Value for City Ag Land	683,310	721,819	721,819
Ag Land	2,053	2,053	2,169
CITY AG LAND TAX RATE	3.00375	2.84420	3.00375

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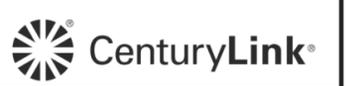
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Probate/Will

Case No. ESPRO12473
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTORS, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the Iowa District Court in and for Howard County In the Matter of the Estate of

IRVEN J. REICKS, Deceased.

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of IRVEN J. REICKS, Deceased, who died on or about March 30, 2025:

You are hereby notified that on April 21, 2025, the Last Will and Testament of Irvan J. Reicks, deceased, bearing date of May 11, 2021, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that Randy W. Reicks and Brenda K. Valley were appointed Executors of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred. Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.

Dated: 4/21/2025

/s/ Randy W. Reicks, Co-Executor of Estate 3780 46th Ave. NW Rochester, MN 55901

/s/ Brenda K. Valley, Co-Executor of Estate 5226 Highgrove Lane NW Rochester, MN 55901

/s/ Nicholas T. Larson Nicholas T. Larson, ICIS#: AT009361 Attorney for Executor Larson Law Office, PLLC 500 MAIN STREET OSAGE, IA 50461

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Probate/Will

Case No. ESPRO12517
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTORS, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the Iowa District Court in and for Howard County In the Matter of the Estate of

DEAN MACKENBURG, Deceased.

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of DEAN MACKENBURG, Deceased, who died on or about January 5, 2026:

You are hereby notified that on February 12th, 2026 the Last Will and Testament of Dean Mackenburg, deceased, bearing date of May 9, 2024, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that Kayla Mackenburg was appointed Executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred. Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above-named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.

Dated: 2/17/2026

/s/Kayla Mackenburg, Executor of Estate 20213 125th St Cresco, IA 52136

/s/Kevin E. Schoeberl, ICIS#: AT006991 Story, Schoeberl & Seebach, LLP 126 N. Elm St., PO Box 89 Cresco, IA 52136

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Howard County Sheriffs Office - Dispatch Activity

The following calls are just a snapshot of calls handled by our local Howard County Officers.

Date	Time	Call Description	Address	City	Agency
3/6/26	13:13	SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY	200 BLK 5TH AVE E	CRESCO	CRESCO POLICE
3/7/26	0:24	NATURAL GAS LEAK	100 BLK DONALDSON COURT	CRESCO	DISPATCH
3/8/26	3:44	SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY	100 BLK W MAIN STREET	LIME SPRINGS	SHERIFFS OFFICE
3/8/26	15:23	NATURAL GAS LEAK	300 BLK 2ND AVE SE	CRESCO	DISPATCH
3/8/26	18:30	CIVIL MATTER	200 BLK 4TH AVE SE	CRESCO	CRESCO POLICE
3/9/26	9:17	FRAUD	11000 BLK VERNON ROAD	CRESCO	SHERIFFS OFFICE
3/9/26	9:37	CIVIL MATTER	300 BLK 5TH AVE E	CRESCO	CRESCO POLICE
3/9/26	13:32	CIVIL COMPLAINT	700 BLK S ELM STREET	CRESCO	CRESCO POLICE
3/10/26	15:00	PARKING COMPLAINT	200 BLK 8TH AVE W	CRESCO	SHERIFFS OFFICE
3/11/26	16:50	HARASSMENT	600 BLK ELM STREET	ELMA	SHERIFFS OFFICE
3/11/26	16:59	FIGHT	300 BLK WOOD STREET	ELMA	SHERIFFS OFFICE
3/12/26	7:49	ASSAULT	400 BLK 9TH STREET	ELMA	SHERIFFS OFFICE
3/12/26	12:41	CIVIL MATTER	CRESCO	CRESCO	CRESCO POLICE
3/12/26	15:18	HIT/RUN	1100 BLK CANTERBURY	CRESCO	CRESCO POLICE
3/12/26	22:49	HARASSMENT	200 BLK 4TH AVE SE	CRESCO	CRESCO POLICE
3/13/26	0:24	DOMESTIC	500 BLK 1ST AVE E	CRESCO	CRESCO POLICE
3/13/26	4:02	ACCIDENT	WILLOW AVE AND 190TH	PROTIVIN	SHERIFFS OFFICE
3/13/26	9:32	COUNTERFEIT MONEY	100 BLK N ELM	CRESCO	CRESCO POLICE
3/13/26	16:12	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	100 BLK N ELM	CRESCO	SHERIFFS OFFICE
3/13/26	21:17	HARASSMENT	400 BLK S ELM	CRESCO	CRESCO POLICE

FROM: 3/6/26 - 3/13/26
TOTAL DISPATCHES: 220

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