

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
DECEMBER 08, 2015  
MINUTES**

Mayor Ray Beck brought to order at 6:08 p.m. the first regular meeting of the Craig City Council for the month of December 2015. In addition to Mayor Beck, those present were Councilmembers Jarrod Ogden, Derek Duran and John Ponikvar. Councilman W. Kent Nielson was absent. Staff present were City Manager Jim Ferree, City Attorney Sherman Romney, Police Commander Jerry Delong, City Clerk Kathy Larson and Deputy City Clerk Liz White.

All participated in the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

Councilman Ogden moved with a second by Councilman Ponikvar to approve, as presented, the minutes from the November 24, 2015 meeting. Ayes: 4. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Councilman Ogden moved with a second by Councilman Duran to approve the November 2015 bills in the amount of \$651,103.49. Ayes: 4. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Councilman Duran moved with a second by Councilman Ogden to amend the agenda to include item 6D – a special events permit for Saint John’s Greek Orthodox Church. Ayes: 4. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Councilman Ogden moved with a second by Councilman Ponikvar to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the renewal of a tavern liquor license for JW Snack’s LLC, renewal of a hotel & restaurant liquor license for Qi Lin Wu dba as Ocean Pearl and a special events permit for Saint John’s Greek Orthodox Church. Approval of the renewal for a 3.2% beer license for Kum & GO LC was tabled until January 12, 2016 for lack of representation from licensee. Ayes: 4. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

At this time, Council discussed various events and meetings they attended.

Mayor Beck discussed various meeting he attended and will be attending in the future. He also reiterated the importance of council reports so that the community knows what our elected officials are doing.

Councilman Bohrer entered the meeting at 6:19 p.m.

Councilman Bird entered the meeting at 6:28 p.m.

Brad McCloud from EIS Solutions along with Alden Vanden Brink, Utilities Supervisor with the Town of Rangely, discussed the White River Storage Feasibility Study. He discussed the various reservoir sites and how the proposed storage project would bring in tax revenue into the surrounding counties. At this time he was looking for a letter in support for the facility and may be back at a later time to ask for funding. Councilman Ogden moved with a second from Councilman Ponikvar to provide a letter of support from Craig City Council regarding the White River Storage Feasibility Study. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Councilman Bird abstained from the vote. Motion carried.

Dan Davidson, Director of the Museum of Northwest Colorado, discussed with council the agreement for items that were loaned from the city to the museum. These items were given to the city from the Union Pacific Railroad. After further discussion, Councilman Ponikvar moved with a second from Councilman Bird to donate the items to the Museum of Northwest Colorado. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Dan Davidson from the museum also discussed the status of the WWII memorial and its placement. Audience member Jim Meineke commented on the establishment of the VFW Post by the VFW Women's Auxiliary and its importance to the community as a place for our veterans to go. Audience member Johnny Garcia, Commander of the VFW, commented on the WWII memorial placement at the Veterans Memorial Park and that due to the lack of signage surrounding the park, citizens coming into our town do not know the Veterans Memorial Park exists. Upon further discussion by council members regarding the memorial site, Councilman Bird moved with a second by Councilman Ponikvar to place the statue on VFW property and to improve signage around the memorial. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Council members gave various comments regarding the change in time for the Craig City Council meeting time from 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. After further discussion, Councilman Bohrer moved with a second from Councilman Duran to change the meeting time to 6:30 commencing on the January 12, 2016 meeting. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried

Police Commander Delong reviewed the police department monthly report with council.

City Manager Ferree communicated to all that there would be no other council meeting this month. He said the Planning and Zoning Board would be meeting on December 21<sup>st</sup> to discuss the Kum & Go plat and the results would be added to the January 12<sup>th</sup> agenda. He also stated that the 2016 City of Craig budget would be posted to the website.

City Attorney Sherman discussed the Local Marketing District and that it was in full compliance to move forward.

Audience member Neil Folks gave council an update on the Fuller House Project and commented on the Vocational Education Departments at the high school and college and the need to bridge the gap between schools and businesses in Craig.

Councilman Bird moved with a second by Councilman Ogden to retire to executive session for the sole purpose of discussing a personnel matter pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(f). Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Councilman Bird moved with a second by Councilman Ogden to return to open session. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried. No formal action was taken at this time.

There being no further business, Councilman Bird moved with a second by Councilman Ogden to adjourn the meeting. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.