

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MARCH 8, 2016  
MINUTES**

Mayor Ray Beck brought to order at 6:30 p.m. the first regular meeting of the Craig City Council for the month of March 2016. In addition to Mayor Beck, those present were Councilmembers Jarrod Ogden, Derek Duran, John Ponikvar, Tony Bohrer, W. Kent Nielson and Joe Bird. Staff present were City Manager Jim Ferree, Finance Director Bruce Nelson, City Attorney Sherman Romney, Road and Bridge Director Randy Call, Chief of Police Walt Vanatta, City Clerk Kathy Larson and Deputy City Clerk Liz White.

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

Councilman Bird moved with a second by Councilman Ogden to approve, as presented, the minutes from the February 23, 2016, meeting. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Councilman Bird moved with a second by Councilman Ogden to approve, as presented, the minutes from the March 2, 2016, special meeting. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Councilman Ogden moved with a second by Councilman Bird to approve the February 2016 bills in the amount of \$227,468.33. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Councilman Bohrer moved with a second by Councilman Ogden to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Councilmembers offered their reports at this time. Several council members commented that the March 2, 2016 special meeting was needed and were confident that it was a move in the right direction.

Mayor Beck opened a public hearing at 06:45 p.m. regarding an application for a Hotel and Restaurant Liquor License for Matthew Johnson dba Dad's Cookhouse located at 351 Ranney Street. Matthew Johnson introduced himself and his brother-in-law to council and the audience. Councilman Nielson suggested to Mr. Johnson that it would be a good idea for himself and his staff to attend TIPS training. After no further comments during the public hearing, Mayor Beck closed the hearing at 6:48 p.m. Councilman Ponikvar then moved with a second by Councilman Bird to approve the Hotel and Restaurant License for Matthew Johnson dba Dad's Cookhouse located at 351 Ranney. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried

Finance Director Nelson presented Ordinance No. 1049 (2016) for second reading regarding financial carryovers from 2015 into 2016. After a brief discussion, Councilman Bird moved with a second by Councilman Ogden to approve, on second reading, Ordinance No. 1049 (2016), a supplemental appropriation ordinance to carryover budgeted 2015 projects or commitments not accomplished in 2015 into the 2016 budget. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Mayor Beck discussed sending a letter in support of Trapper Mine to Senators Bennet and Gardner and Representative Tipton. After reading the letter to the audience and no further discussion, Councilman Ogden moved with a second by Councilman Bird to approve the letter. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Council reviewed the monthly police report and Chief of Police Vanatta answered questions regarding the report. He also introduced to council and staff the 2016 Strategic Plan for the Craig Police Department.

City Manager Ferree discussed with council the property the city owns by the river and the possibility of leasing the property to Elam Construction.

City Attorney Romney updated council on the Local Marketing District. He said the draft on the by-laws were in process and would keep them updated as to when they would be done. He stated that the Bears Ears Tea Party Patriots were having a meeting that focused on the Local Marketing District on Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, starting at 7:00 p.m. at the Bell Tower Building, room 201. The purpose of the meeting was to inform community members on the specifics of the plan and how the plan will affect the area. He also gave an update on the cable franchise agreement and the closing on the Bill Sawyer Soccer property donation to the city. He also answered questions regarding the city's property and mineral rights at the Moffat County airport.

Karli Bockleman introduced herself to council as the new Moffat County Director of Grand Futures Prevention Coalition.

Mayor Beck commended our city employees for all the hard work they do for the city and the community.

There being no further business, Councilman Bird moved with a second by Councilman Ogden to adjourn the meeting. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.