

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 22, 2016
MINUTES**

Mayor Ray Beck brought to order at 6:30 p.m. the second regular meeting of the Craig City Council for the month of March 2016. In addition to Mayor Beck, those present were Councilmembers Joe Bird, Derek Duran, John Ponikvar, Tony Bohrer and Jarrod Ogden. Councilman W. Kent Nielson was absent. Staff present were City Manager Jim Ferree, City Attorney Sherman Romney, Finance Director Bruce Nelson, Water/Wastewater Director Mark Sollenberger, Parks & Recreation Director Dave Pike, Chief of Police Walt Vanatta, Road and Bridge/Solid Waste Director Randy Call and City Clerk Kathy Larson.

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 March 8, 2016, meeting. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Councilman Duran moved with a second by Councilman Bird to approve the agenda as amended adding item "D" under Audiences to the agenda. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Councilman Ogden moved with a second by Councilman Bohrer to approve the consent agenda renewing a lease between Connections 4 Kids and the City of Craig for use of part of the Center of Craig which will expire on December 31, 2016. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0.

Various Council updates were given at this time. Several members commented on various meetings and community events they attended in the last few weeks. The councilmembers were reminded of an upcoming Local Marketing District (LMD) meeting that will be held on March 29th from 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm in the conference room at the Moffat County Courthouse.

A proclamation declaring "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans' Day" was presented by Ann Dodd, Dorcas Albaugh and Arloa Gerber, all members of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). Each lady spoke briefly about this proclamation before they read it. Councilman Ponikvar moved with a second by Councilman Bohrer to proclaim March 29, 2016, as "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans' Day". Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried. The audience then gave a standing ovation to those Vietnam veterans who were in attendance at the meeting.

The Moffat County Early Childhood Coalition presented a proclamation for approval regarding young children. After Mayor Beck read the proclamation, Councilman Ogden moved with a second by Councilman Duran to proclaim April 2016 as the "Month of the Young Child" in Craig, Colorado. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Chief of Police Walt Vanatta and Moffat County Sheriff K.C. Hume, in conjunction with the Colorado State Senate, presented a proclamation honoring first responders. Following a brief discussion and the reading of the proclamation, Councilman Ogden moved with a second by Councilman Bohrer to proclaim April 1, 2016, as "First Responder Appreciation Day" in both the state of Colorado and the city of Craig, Colorado. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried. The audience then stood and applauded all first responders that were in attendance at the meeting.

Alvin Luker and Jody Lee, 4-H Leaders in the shooting sports, appeared before Council with some 4-H members that participate in the shooting sports. Their sports practices takes place indoors at the Moffat County Fairgrounds. They were concerned that this might be a violation of the city's ordinance pertaining to firearm usage within the city limits. A brief discussion was held and City Attorney Romney said he would review the ordinance to see if it could be amended to allow this particular usage for 4-H within city limits.

Road and Bridge Director Call presented a bid recommendation for 2016 construction materials. After a brief discussion, Councilman Ponikvar moved with a second by Councilman Bohrer to award the bid for 2016 construction materials to Elam Construction in the amount of \$53,387.50. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Parks/Recreation Director Pike presented a bid recommendation to Council for the Ridgeview Trail project. Director Pike discussed with Council that this bid needs the approval of the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT). After a brief discussion, Councilman Ponikvar moved with a second by Councilman Ogden to award the bid for the Ridgeview Trail Project to Native Excavating in the amount of \$197,998.00 contingent upon the approval of CDOT. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

City Manager Ferree discussed with Council a change to the Personnel Policy Manual regarding the layoff policy. He gave a history of the city's layoff policy and discussed the reason for the change in wording of the policy. A brief discussion was held and Council agreed with the change.

Water/Wastewater Director Sollenberger presented his 2015 annual reports for both the water and wastewater departments. He then presented the February 2016 reports for both departments.

Finance Director Nelson gave his financial report for the month of February 2016.

Chief Vanatta reviewed his 2015 annual report with Council and answered questions about it.

City Manager Ferree reported that there will be a public hearing on April 14th with the Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) regarding the non-native fish program at Elkhead. He also discussed the outcome of a recent Planning and Zoning Commission meeting.

City Attorney Romney mentioned that he and Moffat County Attorney Becky Tyree have been developing the by-laws for the local marketing district (LMD). He also informed Council that the process to finalize acceptance of the piece of land donated to the city by William Sawyer has been completed.

Ken Wergin offered comments on a variety of issues. Ed Price, owner of the local KOA Campground, asked council if they had any jurisdiction over stopping the overnight campers from parking at the Wal-Mart and Kmart parking lots. A brief discussion was held.

Mayor Beck informed Council and the audience of an upcoming meeting on April 27th from 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm at the high school regarding the Clean Power Plan presented by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE).

Councilman Ogden moved with a second by Councilman Bird to adjourn the meeting. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.