

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 12, 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 April 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, Parks/Recreation Director Dave Pike, Water/Wastewater Director Mark Sollenberger 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 22, 2016, meeting. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Councilman Ogden moved with a second by Councilman Duran to approve the March 2016 bills in the amount of \$451,827.31. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Councilman Duran moved with a second by Councilman Bohrer to approve the agenda as amended with the addition of item 7D under audiences. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Councilman Ogden moved with a second by Councilman Nielson to approve the Consent Agenda as amended renewing a hotel and restaurant liquor license for Brett and Stephanie Etzler dba Carelli's located at 465 Yampa Avenue and approving a special events liquor permit for Grand Olde West Days at the Moffat County Fairgrounds from May 27 – May 30, 2016. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Councilmembers offered their reports at this time. Several councilmembers had positive comments about the recent "State of the Community" dinner/presentation and the recent Bridges Out of Poverty graduation. The mayor reminded everyone of an upcoming Local Marketing District (LMD) meeting to be held on Thursday, April 28th at 6:00 pm in the City Council Chambers. There will be a short presentation at 4:00 pm prior to the start of the LMD meeting.

Doyle O'Neil, Rand Selle and Kyler Scott appeared before Council to update them on the upcoming Grand Olde West Day festivities, in particular, the Yampa Valley Ranch Rodeo. They asked the city to be a sponsor of the rodeo. Council briefly discussed giving a donation but decided to table this until the April 26, 2016, meeting.

Audrey Danner, executive director of CMEDP, appeared before Council to update them on CMEDP and offer some information on Moffat County ACTS – a collaboration between CMEDP, Chamber of Commerce and Moffat County Tourism. Audrey is leaving her position and several council members thanked her for her service to the community.

Scott Cook from Cook Chevrolet/Ford, Steve Maneotis from Victory Motors and Kevin Willbanks from Power Sports appeared before Council to discuss bringing back the use tax on vehicles. They encouraged Council to consider putting the use tax on the ballot along with a sales tax for revenue enhancement purposes. A long discussion was held. Council thanked them for their suggestions and input.

Trish Snyder, Betsy Overton and Carol Taylor appeared before Council to read the proclamation declaring April as the Month of the Young Child. This proclamation was approved at the March 22nd meeting. They discussed several events and upcoming events that support young children.

City Manager Ferree presented a memorandum regarding the bid award for a new digital copier for the administration department. After a brief discussion, Councilman Ponikvar moved with a second by Councilman Nielson to award the digital copier bid to the Copy Shop in the amount of \$6,989.00. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Parks Director Pike appeared before Council to discuss the bid award for a Zero Radius Commercial Riding Rotary Turf Mower. He recommended awarding the bid to US Tractor & Harvest in the amount of \$17,130.00. After a lengthy discussion, Council asked Director Pike to gather more information on this particular equipment and Council will discuss it at the April 26th meeting.

Director Pike also presented, for Council approval, a bid award recommendation to purchase a Multi-Deck Rotary Mower. After a brief discussion, Councilman Ponikvar moved with a second by Councilman Duran to award the bid for purchase of a Multi-Deck Rotary Mower to US Tractor and Harvest in the amount of \$34,034.00. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Water/Wastewater Director Sollenberger appeared before Council to request approval of a bid award for Lariat Lift Station improvements. He discussed the project and the bids received with Council. Then, Councilmember Nielson moved with a second by Councilman Bohrer to award the bid for the Lariat Lift Station improvements to Mueller Construction Services, Inc., in the amount of \$298,394.00. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

City Manager Ferree and City Attorney Romney discussed various aspects of the Local Marketing District (LMD) process, e. g., board appointments, process of choosing board members, etc. More discussion will be held regarding these questions at the next LMD meeting on April 28th.

Chief Vanatta answered questions regarding his monthly report. He reminded Council of the annual fundraiser for the Substance Abuse Prevention Program (SAPP) at McDonald's restaurant on April 16th and 23rd. He also mentioned the DARE graduation which will be held on May 3rd.

City Manager Ferree mentioned that the Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) will hold a meeting on April 14th regarding the non-native fish program. He also said the AGNC Grant presentation will be held in Palisade on April 15th. Broadband proposals will be discussed this upcoming week.

City Attorney Romney discussed some ideas regarding shooting sports as being a possible violation of a city ordinance. A consensus was reached to have the city attorney work on an amendment to that ordinance. Romney is also working on the upcoming renewal for our cable franchise.

Steve Smith, retired citizen, appeared before Council to encourage Council to not support or promote the upcoming CPW fishing tournament at Elkhead Reservoir regarding the non-native fish program.

Ken Wergin offered various comments to Council. Neil Folks gave Council an update on the Fuller Housing project.

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