

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 26, 2016
MINUTES**

Mayor Ray Beck brought to order at 7:30 p.m. the second regular meeting of the Craig City Council for the month of April 2016. In addition to Mayor Beck, those present were Councilmembers Joe Bird, Derek Duran, John Ponikvar, Tony Bohrer, Jarrod Ogden and Councilman W. Kent Nielson. 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.

Logan Duke, a member of a Craig Boy Scout troop, led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence.

Councilman Bird moved with a second by Councilman Ogden to approve, as presented, the minutes from the April 12, 2016, meeting. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Councilman Nielson moved with a second by Councilman Duran to approve the agenda as amended adding item "D" under Audiences to the agenda. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

At this time, councilmembers reported on various meetings they attended and some upcoming meetings and events.

Chief of Police Walt Vanatta asked citizen Rich Sadvar to come forward to receive a Citizen's Meritorial Service Award for helping out in an assault situation he encountered. All present expressed their appreciation for his actions.

Renee Campbell, Randy Looper, Len Browning and Shannon Moore appeared before Council representing the Craig Rotary Club. Each of them explained a different facet of Rotary and the many and varied projects in which they are involved.

Neil Folks representing the Fuller Center for Housing appeared before Council to inform them of two cross country Bike Adventure Rides that will be coming to Craig in July. The riders stop in towns and cities and perform one day of volunteer work for low income people who need help. Mr. Folks asked Council and others for names of anyone they might know that could use some volunteer help. He has the forms for people to fill out for these events. Council thanked Neil for his continued involvement in our community.

Kathy Bockelman, representing Advocates Crisis Support Services (ACSS), appeared before Council to read a proclamation and discuss April as sexual assault awareness month. After the reading of the proclamation, Councilman Ogden moved with a second by Councilman Ponikvar to proclaim April 2016 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried. Ms. Bockelman also discussed "Denim Day" on April 27th as a day to ask people to wear denim to help raise awareness about abuse and violence against women and children.

Doyle O'Neil from the Grand Olde West Days committee and Rand Selle of Selle Rodeo Productions appeared before Council to follow up on their prior request for a \$5000 contribution to Grand Olde West Days to help sponsor the Yampa Valley Ranch Rodeo. After a brief discussion, Councilman Nielson moved with a second by Councilman Bohrer to contribute \$5000 to Grand Olde West days for partial sponsorship of the rodeo. Ayes: 6. Nays: 1. Councilman Ponikvar voted in the minority.

Road/Bridge and Solid Waste Director Call appeared before Council to discuss his recommendation for a bid award for the re-roofing of the road and bridge shop at 1710 N. Yampa Ave. Following a lengthy discussion, Councilman Ogden moved with a second by Councilman Duran to award the bid to re-roof the road and bridge shop to APH Construction in the amount of \$73,370. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Parks Director Pike appeared before Council with a bid award recommendation for a 1-ton pickup for the Parks department. Following a brief discussion, Councilman Bohrer moved with a second by Councilman Ogden to award the bid for a 1-ton pickup for the parks department to Victory Motors in the amount of \$26,495.00. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried. Councilman Bird abstained from voting.

Parks Director Pike discussed with Council a previous bid award for a rotary turf mower. Director Pike spoke with the US Tractor and Harvest about negotiating a lower price for the mower. He indicated that the company was not willing to do that. After a brief discussion, Councilman Bohrer moved with a second by Councilman Ogden to approve the purchase of a Zero Radius Commercial Rotary Turf Mower from US Tractor and Harvest in the amount of \$17,130.00. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

City Manager Ferree discussed with Council a significant problem with turkey vultures in the area of 6th and Taylor Streets which is creating a health issue. He gave a history of the problem and talked about recent discussions with the Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) and the CPW's ensuing discussion with the Dept. of Agriculture (USDA). From these discussions, a contract was written allowing for some mitigation of the problem. After a lengthy discussion and reports from several of the neighbors in the area, Councilman Ogden moved with a second by Councilman Ponikvar to approve a contract between the City of Craig and the USDA, not to exceed \$3200, to cooperate in a wildlife damage management project for the turkey vulture problems within the city limits of Craig. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Water/Wastewater Director Sollenberger reviewed his monthly reports with Council.

Finance Director Nelson reviewed the March financial reports with Council.

City Manager Ferree said that he has received 4 proposals for the broadband planning project. The broadband planning committee is hoping to make a recommendation for approval at the May 10th Council meeting. He also met with CDOT who indicated that there will be a major highway project on Highway 40 in the city but not until 2021. City Manager Ferree and Mayor Beck reported that the City recently received a grant from Associated Governments of Northwest Colorado (AGNC) for \$7,950. This money, among other funds, will be put toward sidewalk projects.

City Attorney Romney has been working on a Fall election calendar. He is also working on an ordinance for introduction at the May 10th meeting regarding charges that can be filed in municipal court. He also informed Council that there is a citizen committee that may bring an initiative to a citizen's vote regarding retail marijuana. Romney explained the initiative process to Council. Finally, he gave Council an update on the Local Marketing District (LMD).

Jim Bohrer of 708 Yampa Avenue appeared before Council to offer his comments on shared services with the Moffat County School District and Moffat County government.

Councilman Bird mentioned that some citizens were asking how the city was going to spend the \$15,000 donation from Colowyo Coal. Council indicated that they will spend the money wisely and stretch it as far as it can go.

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