

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MAY 10, 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 May 2016. In addition to Mayor Beck, those present were Councilmembers Jarrod Ogden, Derek Duran, John Ponikvar and Tony Bohrer. W. Kent Nielson and Joe Bird were absent. Staff present were City Manager Jim Ferree, Finance Director Bruce Nelson, City Attorney Sherman Romney, Road and Bridge Director Randy Call, Police Commander Bill Leonard, 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 Duran moved with a second by Councilman Bohrer to approve the minutes from the April 26, 2016, meeting as presented. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Councilman Ponikvar moved with a second by Councilman Bohrer to approve, as amended, the minutes from the special meeting on May 5, 2016. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Councilman Ogden moved with a second by Councilman Bohrer to approve the April 2016 bills in the amount of \$434,336.36. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Councilman Duran moved with a second by Councilman Ogden to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Councilman Duran moved with a second by Councilman Ogden to approve the Consent Agenda approving a Special Events Liquor Permit for the Craig Chamber of Commerce for an event to be held on May 21<sup>st</sup>; renewing the Hotel and Restaurant Liquor License for the Clarion Inn & Suites of Craig located at 300 So. Hwy. 13; and, renewing a Tavern Liquor License for the Popular Bar at 24 W. Victory Way. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The mayor and councilmembers reported on various meetings and recent and upcoming events in the community. Council was reminded that there will be a Colorado Municipal League (CML) outreach meeting at Craig Council Chambers on May 24<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Council was encouraged to register ahead of time if they are interested in attending this meeting.

After Mayor Beck read a proclamation regarding higher education, Councilman Bohrer moved with a second by Councilman Ogden to declare the month of May 2016 as Higher Education Month. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried. This proclamation encourages all to seek higher education and supports our local community college – Colorado Northwestern Community College.

Police Commander Leonard read a proclamation honoring police officers nationwide. Following a few brief comments by Mayor Beck, Councilman Bohrer moved with a second by Councilman

Duran to proclaim the week of May 15 – 21, 2016, as National Police Week and May 15<sup>th</sup> as National Peace Officers' Memorial Day. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Road and Bridge/Solid Waste Director Call appeared before Council to review the bids for installation of chain link fencing on a city owned lot. Following a brief discussion, Councilman Ponikvar moved with a second by Councilman Ogden to accept the bid from Steamboat Asphalt in the amount of \$16,562.50 for installation of chain link fencing at 220 ½ 16<sup>th</sup> St., Craig. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Water/Wastewater Director Sollenberger approached Council to request that they table the award of bid for the Barclay Street and Sandrock tank repairs. He is hoping to have a new recommendation ready for the May 24, 2016, council meeting.

City Attorney Romney introduced Ordinance No. 1050 (2016). He explained that this ordinance amends Chapter 9 of the Craig Municipal Code entitled "Public Peace, Morals and Welfare" by adding certain provisions to amend and add to the criminal charges that can be filed in municipal court. Following a detailed review of this ordinance, Attorney Romney indicated that it will be presented for first reading at the May 24<sup>th</sup> council meeting.

The April 2016 police department report was reviewed at this time. There were no questions for Cmdr. Bill Leonard.

City Manager Ferree indicated that the committee for the Broadband Assessment has narrowed the field to two companies that may conduct this assessment. After the committee interviews them, they will make a final decision and recommendation on whom to use for this project.

City Manager Ferree asked everyone to submit names to him to contact for a city wide meeting to discuss a possible sales tax or sales/use tax ballot question. Everyone agreed it would be beneficial to include as many citizens as possible in a broad discussion about a possible increase in sales tax or implementing a use tax and increasing the sales tax.

City Attorney Romney indicated that he will have a cable franchise extension to present for approval at a future meeting. He also indicated there may be an initiative question for the ballot related to retail marijuana. He will have further information on that at a later date.

Council was reminded of the local marketing district meeting (LMD) on May 12, 2016, at 6:30 p.m. in Maybell.

City Manager Ferree indicated that the turkey vulture mitigation is going well.

There being no further business, Councilman Ogden moved with a second by Councilman Bohrer to adjourn the meeting. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.