

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 24, 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 May 2016. In addition to Mayor Beck, those present were Councilmembers Joe Bird, Derek Duran, John Ponikvar, Tony Bohrer and Councilman W. Kent Nielson. Councilman Jarrod Ogden 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.

Councilman Bird moved with a second by Councilman Nielson to approve, as presented, the minutes from the May 10, 2016, meeting. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Councilman Bird moved with a second by Councilman Nielson to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Councilman Ponikvar moved with a second by Councilman Nielson to approve the Consent Agenda including the following: 1) approval of a Special Events Liquor Permit for the Downtown Business Assn. (DBA) for a community event to be held on June 3rd sponsored by the Yampa Valley Young Professionals group; 2) approve the renewal of a 3.2% beer license for Mini Mart, Inc., dba Loaf 'n' Jug at 2441 W. Victory Way; 3) approve the renewal of a Retail Liquor Store license for Gillam Inc., dba Stockmen's Liquor at 574 Pershing St.; and, 4) approve a modification of premises for Thunder Rolls Bowling Center to extend their liquor licensed area to include a new expansion adding a horseshoe pit area. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

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

Noelle Leavitt-Riley, Kirstie McPherson, Karli Bockelman and Ashly Shipman, representing the Yampa Valley Young Professionals, appeared before Council to invite them and the public to a free community barbecue on Friday, June 3rd. This event will help open the first farmer's market of the summer held downtown in Alice Pleasant Park. The ladies explained the focus and purpose of the YVYP group – friendship, community support and philanthropy.

Pat Pearce and others representing the Moffat County Humane Society appeared before Council to request a letter of support from Council for a grant that the humane society will pursue. This money will be used toward a future dog park hopefully to be located on the east side of Craig. Parks Director Pike and Community Service Officer Jill Nelson offered comments about having a dog park. Councilman Ponikvar moved with a second by Councilman Nielson to write a letter of support for the humane society to pursue a grant to use for a dog park. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Road and Bridge Director Call presented the bid recommendation for the 2016 asphalt bid. Following a brief discussion, Councilman Nielson moved with a second by Councilman Bird to award the 2016 asphalt bid to Elam Construction in the amount of \$176,140. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Water/Wastewater Director Sollenberger appeared before Council to present a bid award recommendation for repair projects at the West Barclay and Sandroock water tanks. After a brief discussion, Councilman Nielson moved with a second by Councilman Bird to award the modified bid for the West Barclay and Sandroock tank projects to Restruction Corporation in the amount of \$218,957.41. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

City Attorney Romney presented Ordinance No. 1050 for first reading. This is an ordinance amending 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. He explained the changes to the ordinance since its introduction at the May 10th meeting. Councilman Bird moved with a second by Councilman Duran to approve, on first reading, Ordinance 1050 which 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. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

City Attorney Romney introduced Ordinance 1051 which amends the discharge of firearms ordinance as contained in Section 9.68.090 of the Craig Municipal Code to allow for appropriate shooting sports activities within city limits. A brief discussion followed.

Resolution No. 3 (2016) was presented as a resolution consenting to participation by the Moffat County Local Marketing District (LMD) in the Colorado Intergovernmental Risk Sharing Agency (CIRSA). Following a brief discussion, Councilman Nielson moved with a second by Councilman Bohrer to approve Resolution No. 3 (2016) supporting the Moffat County LMD joining CIRSA. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Water/Wastewater Director Sollenberger reviewed the April 2016 reports with Council.

Finance Director Nelson reviewed the April 2016 financials with Council.

City Manager Ferree indicated that the broadband search committee had interviewed two finalists and will be making a recommendation at the June 14th meeting. Ferree also indicated that he is working on the renewal of the franchise with Charter Communications.

Vicki Burns and Ashly Shipman representing the realtors in Craig distributed some information to Council.

Moffat County Commissioner Frank Moe spoke briefly about some upcoming meetings regarding how a community can move forward in a declining economy. He spoke about the book 13 Ways to Kill Your Community. Doug Griffiths the author of the book will be in Craig to do a presentation to the public on June 30th starting at 6:30 p.m. at the high school. There will be a free community barbecue prior to the presentation. On Friday, July 1st, there will be another presentation from 8:00 am – 1:00 pm on community building.

There being no further business, Councilman Bohrer moved with a second by Councilman Duran to adjourn the meeting. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.