

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 28, 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 June 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, Police Commander Jerry Delong, Road and Bridge/Solid Waste Director Randy Call and City Clerk Kathy Larson.

Councilman Bird moved with a second by Councilman Bohrer to approve, as presented, the minutes from the June 14, 2016, meeting. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

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

Councilman Duran moved with a second by Councilman Nielson to approve the Consent Agenda including the following: 1) the renewal of a Tavern Liquor license for Mathers' Bar located at 420 Yampa Avenue; 2) the renewal of a Hotel and Restaurant Liquor License for Galaxy Chinese Restaurant located at 524 Yampa Avenue; and, 3) approval of a 120 day temporary liquor license permit for Ocean Pearl Restaurant while they are proceeding through the transfer of ownership process. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Councilmembers reported on various meetings they attended and some upcoming meetings and events. All councilmembers had very positive comments on Whittle the Wood and the car show that were both held on June 17 – 19, 2016. Mayor Beck reminded everyone of the 13 Ways To Kill A Community presentation being held at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, June 30th at the high school. There will be a free community barbecue at 5:00 p.m. before the presentation. There will be another presentation at Moffat County Fairgrounds' Pavilion on July 1st from 8:00 am – 1:00 pm.

Councilman Bohrer suggested that there be an anonymous "Suggestion Box" placed on the city's home page for a few weeks. This would allow anyone to make suggestions or comments on cost savings ideas for the City.

Mayor Beck called Planning and Zoning (P&Z) member Jim Meineke to the podium. He then presented Jim with a plaque of appreciation for his many years of service to the City. Mr. Meineke has been a member of the P & Z commission for 42 years and is now leaving his position on the committee. Mayor Beck, Council and Staff wished him well and thanked him for his service.

City Manager Ferree presented a letter of interest from Ashly Shipman to be a new member on the P&Z commission. Following a brief statement by Ashly and a brief discussion by Council, Councilmember Ponikvar moved with a second by Councilmember Duran to appoint Ashly Shipman to the city of Craig's Planning and Zoning commission. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Chris Lehrman of SGM Engineering Services appeared before Council to update them and answer questions concerning the Lariat Lift Station project. A lengthy discussion was held.

Mr. Lehrman then presented a proposal for providing planning and zoning services to the City. He reviewed the process and what Council can expect from SGM. Following a brief discussion, Councilman Nielson moved with a second by Councilman Ponikvar to accept the proposal as presented by Chris Lehrman of SGM Engineering Services to provide Planning and Zoning services to the city of Craig. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

City Attorney Romney presented Ordinance No. 1051 (2016) for second reading. This is an ordinance amending the discharge of firearms ordinance. After the city attorney reviewed the history of this ordinance, Councilman Bohrer moved with a second by Councilman Nielson to approve Ordinance 1051 (2016) on second reading ~ an ordinance amending 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. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

City Attorney Romney introduced Ordinance 1052 (2016) which is an ordinance adopting a new cable franchise agreement with Charter Communications. Wendy Moser representing Charter Communications appeared before Council to review the terms of this agreement with Council and to answer any questions.

City Manager Ferree presented Council with details about the city employees' vacation policy. He gave a history of this policy and indicated that this proposed policy will have less of a financial impact on the City than the existing policy. Following a brief discussion, Councilman Ponikvar moved with a second by Councilman Duran to approve, as presented, the city's vacation policy for its full time employees. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

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

Finance Director Nelson gave a detailed review of the financials for May 2016.

City Manager Ferree reported on a Moffat County Emergency Management meeting he recently attended. He also indicated that Associated Governments of Colorado (AGNC) is holding grant funds normally awarded in the August funding cycle due to a lawsuit in which they are involved.

City Attorney Romney reported to Council that the committee to "Grow Craig" has picked up and is circulating their petitions for the marijuana initiative they are wanting to place on the ballot this November. The petitions must be returned to the city clerk by July 27, 2016.

Mayor Beck presented a plaque of appreciation to City Manager Ferree for his 18 years of service to the city of Craig. The mayor also indicated that there will be a workshop on Monday, July 11th at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the process of hiring a new city manager. Mayor Beck informed everyone that a representative from Better City will make a presentation on Phase III of the Moffat County assessment plan. The meeting will be held from 5:15 pm to 6:15 pm on July 12th right before the regular city council meeting.

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