

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 9, 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 August 2016. In addition to Mayor Beck, those present were Councilmembers Jarrod Ogden, Derek Duran, Tony Bohrer, Joe Bird and John Ponikvar. Councilman W. Kent Nielson was absent. Staff present were Interim City Manager/Finance Director Bruce Nelson, City Attorney Sherman Romney, Road and Bridge Director Randy Call, Police Commander Jerry Delong, Parks/Recreation Director Dave Pike and City Clerk Kathy Larson.

All participated in the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

Councilman Bohrer moved with a second by Councilman Ogden to approve, as presented, the minutes from the July 26, 2016, and August 2, 2016 meetings. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Councilman Bird moved with a second by Councilman Ogden to approve the July 2016 bills in the amount of \$866,967.60. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

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

Councilman Bird moved with a second by Councilman Duran to table approval of a liquor license for Pizza Hut on the consent agenda until a representative from Pizza Hut is present. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Council reported on various meetings and events. They had many positive comments on the recent balloon festival, the veteran's charity ride and the classic car show.

Rich Sadvar appeared before Council requesting to be appointed to the Planning and Zoning Commission as an alternate member. Councilman Ponikvar moved with a second by Councilman Bohrer to appoint Rich Sadvar to the Planning and Zoning Commission board. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Paul James and John Milligan representing the Grow Craig committee appeared before Council to discuss an ordinance regarding retail marijuana. They felt that retail marijuana would have many benefits for the community and encouraged Council to consider passing an ordinance to allow it. A lengthy discussion ensued. Council reached a consensus to not vote on the ordinance at this time.

At this time, with a representative from Pizza Hut appearing, Councilman Ogden moved with a second by Councilman Duran to approve the renewal of a 3.2% beer license for Pizza Hut #4834 located at 1070 W. Victory Way. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Mayor Beck reviewed the history of the Veteran's Memorial Park sign. Following a brief discussion, Councilman Ponikvar moved with a second by Councilman Duran to approve placing a double-sided reflective sign at Veteran's Memorial Park in the amount of \$1,093. Ayes: 6. Nays:

0. Motion carried. Councilman Ogden volunteered to clean and paint the pole on which the sign will be attached.

Following a recent meeting to interview candidates for the Local Marketing District (LMD) board, Councilman Bohrer moved with a second by Councilman Ogden to appoint Dave Fleming to a three year term; Dave DeRose to a two year term; and, Tami Fager to a one year term representing the city of Craig on the LMD board. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried. The next meeting of the LMD is August 16, 2016.

There was a brief discussion on having city calendars made with all city and local events on them. It was decided not to pursue this at this time.

City Attorney Romney reviewed, with Council, Ordinance No. 1053 (2016) which amends the contractors' licensing ordinance. Following a brief update, Councilman Bird moved with a second by Councilman Ogden to approve, on first reading, Ordinance No. 1053 amending the contractors' licensing ordinance contained in Chapter 15.24 of the Craig Municipal Code. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

City Attorney Romney presented Resolution No. 4 opposing Amendment 69, a proposed government run single payer health care system. After reading the resolution, there was a lengthy discussion about the possible impacts of the amendment. Don Cook, a representative from The Memorial Hospital Board, spoke about the negative impacts on medical providers and the hospital if the amendment passes. Chuck Sadvar, a local physical therapist, also felt that it would have negative impacts. Following this discussion, Councilman Ogden moved with a second by Councilman Bird to approve Resolution No. 4 (2016) opposing Amendment 69 which proposes a government run single health payer system. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Under staff reports, the Council reviewed the monthly police report. Council also heard reports from Parks/Recreation Director Pike on the Breeze Street park project and from Road and Bridge/Solid Waste Director Call on the Lariat Lift station and sidewalk projects.

Under audience reports, citizen Ken Wergin reported that he has mowed around the entrances to the city. Council offered their thanks to Ken for his volunteering to do so many things around town.

Rich Sadvar approached Council and very generously offered to pay for all costs associated with the sign at Veteran's Memorial Park. Council thanked him for his generosity.

Eldon Holland appeared before Council to give them an update on Yampa Valley Data partners and the Senior Center.

Councilman Bird moved with a second by Councilman Ogden to approve sending a letter of thanks to Yampa Valley Electric for their help in upgrading the street lighting along Victory Way. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Councilman Bird moved with a second by Councilman Ogden to adjourn the meeting. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.