

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
AUGUST 23, 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 August 2016. In addition to Mayor Beck, those present were Councilmembers Derek Duran, John Ponikvar, Tony Bohrer, W. Kent Nielson, Jarrod Ogden and Joe Bird. Staff present were Interim City Manager/Finance Director Bruce Nelson, City Attorney Sherman Romney, Chief of Police Walt Vanatta, Road and Bridge/Solid Waste Director Randy Call and City Clerk Kathy Larson.

Councilman Ogden moved with a second by Councilman Bird to approve, as presented, the minutes from the August 9, 2016, meeting. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Councilman Bohrer moved with a second by Councilman Ogden to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Councilman Duran moved with a second by Councilman Bohrer to remove from the Consent Agenda item 5A which is the renewal of a liquor license for City Market. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Councilman Bird moved with a second by Councilman Ogden to approve the remaining items on the consent agenda which includes the renewal of a retail liquor store license for Jimmy Ds Inc dba Eastside Liquor and the approval of a special events liquor license for the NW Colorado Chapter of Parrotheads for an event to be held on September 17<sup>th</sup> at the SW corner of Tucker St. and Victory Way. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried. Councilman Duran abstained from voting on the renewal for Eastside Liquor only.

Under Council reports, Council Ponikvar reported that the Yampa Valley Regional Airport will have a guaranteed 120,000+ seats available for the 2016-2017 winter season. He also reported on the expansion of Atlantic Aviation the private fixed base operator (FBO) at the airport. Other reports included the Yampa Valley Young Professionals breakfast for new teachers, all the positive changes at CNCC, the visit from Colorado's Lt. Gov. Donna Lynne, upcoming Chamber of Commerce mixer and various other items.

Mayor Beck distributed information concerning the broadband planning and marketing for Moffat County. He and Terry Carwile, co-chair of the Moffat Broadband Committee, reported to Council and answered questions that Council presented. Mayor Beck indicated Diane Kruse of NEO Connect will attend the September 13<sup>th</sup> Council meeting with more information concerning this broadband project.

The Craig Beautification Committee consisting of Julie Hanna, Sally Smith and Rose Counts appeared before Council with a request to name the flower garden at Victory Way and Finley Lane in honor of our World War II veterans. Following a brief discussion, Council reached a consensus to name the beautiful garden at Victory Way and Finley as The Victory Garden and will give them a certificate stating this. Council thanked the committee for the wonderful efforts they have put into beautifying our community.

Steve Hinkemeyer, the city of Craig's representative on the Yampa/White/Green River Basin Roundtable, gave Council a detailed update on the projects of the roundtable. Council thanked Steve for representing the City on this panel.

City Attorney Romney gave Council the history on a request for a variance for a fence at 1255 Lecuyer Dr. owned by Keith Prescott. Councilman Bird offered comments about the Planning and Zoning meeting where this variance was discussed. Mr. Prescott appeared before Council to explain the situation to them. Following a brief discussion, Councilman Ponikvar moved with a second by Councilman Nielson to approve a variance for a fence located at 1255 Lecuyer Dr. owned by Keith Prescott. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried. Councilman Bird abstained from voting.

City Attorney Romney presented Ordinance No. 1053 for second reading. Councilman Ogden moved with a second by Councilman Bird to approve Ordinance No. 1053 (2016) which amends the contractors' licensing ordinance contained in Chapter 15.24 of the Craig Municipal Code. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

City Attorney Romney Chief of Police Vanatta introduced Ordinance 1054 (2016) which is an ordinance amending the noise ordinance as contained in Section 9.42.040 of the Craig Municipal Code to prohibit the use of engine compression brakes, or Jake brakes, within city limits. Ed Price, owner of the Craig KOA campground, offered comments on the noise from the semi-trucks and their brakes near the campground. There was a lengthy discussion concerning this issue. This ordinance will be presented for first reading on September 13, 2016.

Acting Public Works Director Call approached Council about a piece of property on which CDOT is wanting to place a traffic control box for the street light project at 6<sup>th</sup> and Yampa. Following a brief discussion, Councilman Ogden moved with a second by Councilman Ponikvar to accept Staff's recommendation to donate an 80 square foot piece of property to the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) for the street light project at 6<sup>th</sup> Street and Yampa Avenue. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Acting City Manager Nelson reported on the water and wastewater departments in Director Mark Sollenberger's absence. He then reviewed the July financials with Council.

City Attorney Romney reported that he is working on a Federal Transportation Grant from CDOT to adopt or update a local transportation plan. Even though we do not currently have local public transportation, this plan must still be in place to get the grant.

Citizen Ken Wergin appeared before Council to comment on a variety of issues. Council thanked Ken for all the hard work he does to help beautify Craig.

Roger Richmond, board member of the Local Marketing District (LMD), asked Council to consider attending the next LMD meeting on Tuesday, August 30<sup>th</sup> and some future meetings to give input while the LMD board gets established.

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