

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 13, 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 September 2016. In addition to Mayor Beck, those present were Councilmembers Jarrod Ogden, Derek Duran, Tony Bohrer, Joe Bird, John Ponikvar and W. Kent Nielson. Staff present were Interim City Manager/Finance Director Bruce Nelson, City Attorney Sherman Romney, Road and Bridge Director Randy Call, Chief of Police Walt Vanatta, Water/Wastewater Director Mark Sollenberger and City Clerk Kathy Larson.

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

Councilman Bird moved with a second by Councilman Duran to approve, as presented, the minutes from the August 23, 2016 meeting. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Councilman Ogden moved with a second by Councilman Bohrer to approve the August 2016 bills in the amount of \$690,496.22. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

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

Councilman Bird moved with a second by Councilman Ponikvar to approve the Consent Agenda for the following: 1) special events liquor permit for Yampa Valley NRA for an event to be held on October 1, 2016, at the Boys and Girls Club, 2) renewal of a 3.2% Beer License for Wal-Mart Store #4377 located at 200 W. Victory Way, and 3) renewal of a 3.2% Beer License for City Market Store #15 located at 605 W. Victory Way. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Council reported on various items and events at this time.

Diane Kruse owner of NEO Connect appeared before Council with Moffat Broadband co-chair Terry Carwile to update them on the local broadband grant project. They discussed at length the broadband assessment project they are conducting and encouraged everyone to take the broadband survey posted on different websites such as the county, city and others.

David Ulrich, new superintendent of the Moffat County School District, appeared before Council to introduce himself and to discuss challenges and goals for the school district.

Three members of the Augusta Wallihan Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) presented a proclamation honoring Constitution Day and Constitution week. Following the reading of the proclamation by Ann Dodd, Councilman Nielson moved with a second by Councilman Bohrer to proclaim the week of September 17th – 23rd as the week to honor the Constitution. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Moffat County Commissioners Frank Moe and John Kincaid appeared before Council to give some updates on the county commissioners' recommendations to the Local Marketing District (LMD) board of directors. They supported the LMD board in finding an economic champion to implement

the goals of the LMD board. The recommendations were a composite of some suggestions offered by the Better City group who conducted the local assessment of Moffat County.

City Attorney Romney presented Ordinance No. 1054 for first reading. This ordinance amends the current 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 the Craig city limits. Following a lengthy discussion, Councilman Nielson moved with a second by Councilman Bird to approve Ordinance No. 1054 on first reading. Ayes: 3. Nays: 4. Motion failed. Councilmen Bird and Nielson and Mayor Beck voted in the minority.

Councilman Bohrer moved with a second by Councilman Duran to leave Ordinance No. 1054 as originally stated and keep only the changes regarding the sound amplifying permits. Ayes: 6. Nays: 1. Motion carried. Councilman Nielson voted in the minority.

City Attorney Romney introduced Ordinance No. 1055 which is an ordinance establishing standards for control of backflow and cross-connection by water users. City Attorney Romney indicated that these are new requirements from the state of Colorado and we must be 100% in compliance within 5 years. Water/Wastewater Director Sollenberger offered more detail on these requirements. A lengthy discussion was held.

Chief Vanatta presented the August 2016 police report and answered questions from Council.

Parks/Recreation Director Pike updated Council on the progress at Breeze Street Park. He also reviewed with Council the final financial figures from the 2016 Whittle the Wood event held in June.

Acting City Manager Nelson informed Council that he is reviewing the annual lease for the Public Safety Center with Roy Tipton from Moffat County.

Citizen Ken Wergin offered comments on various items. Jerry May, a certified backflow prevention tester, asked questions about the proposed requirements for backflow prevention and testing.

Mayor Beck reminded everyone of a community meeting at Moffat County High School to be held at 6:30 p.m. regarding the closing of Unit 1 at the power plant.

There being no further business, Councilman Bird moved with a second by Councilman Ogden to adjourn the meeting.