

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 27, 2016
MINUTES**

Mayor Ray Beck brought to order at 6:30 p.m. the second 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, John Ponikvar and W. Kent Nielson. Councilmen Tony Bohrer and Joe Bird were absent. 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 Ponikvar moved with a second by Councilman Ogden to approve, as presented, the minutes from the September 13, 2016 meeting. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Councilman Nielson moved with a second by Councilman Ogden to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Councilman Duran moved with a second by Councilman Ponikvar to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the renewal of a hotel and restaurant liquor license for Kona Corp. dba Gino's located at 572 Breeze St. and the renewal of a retail liquor store license for Irvin's LLC dba Loadout Liquor located at 1800 W. Victory Way. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Council reported on various items and events at this time.

Audrey Danner, co-chair of the Moffat Broadband Committee, reported that the broadband planning and assessment process is continuing. The committee indicated that a broadband survey is on several websites, including the city's, and encouraged everyone to take the survey to help determine broadband speed in the city and county. This data is critical for the future of broadband in the area. Audrey also requested a donation of \$300 to help in marketing this project. Following a brief discussion, Councilman Ponikvar offered to donate the \$300 for marketing. Audrey thanked him for his donation.

Michelle Balleck, executive director of CMEDP, appeared before Council to give an update on CMEDP and to discuss rural philanthropy days. Following an explanation of rural philanthropy days, Michelle is proposing to the Director of Rural Partnerships to hold the Northwest Colorado Rural Philanthropy Days in Craig in 2017. She asked Council for a letter of support for her proposal. After a brief discussion, Councilman Nielson moved with a second by Councilman Ogden to sign a letter of support for having Northwest Colorado Rural Philanthropy Days in Craig in 2017. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Michelle then briefly reviewed with Council some of the priority projects for CMEDP for the coming year. She also requested a \$35,000 contribution from the city for the 2017 fiscal year. The Mayor explained that her request will be discussed at the city's upcoming annual budget retreat.

Roger Richmond, board member from the Local Marketing District (LMD), appeared before Council to talk about the LMD's budget and goals for 2017. He also presented an operating/business plan worksheet for Council's review. The LMD is still wanting input from both the Council and Moffat County Commissioners and encouraged them to attend the LMD meetings held on the first and third Tuesdays of each month in the council chambers at city hall.

Wendy Moser, Senior Manager of Government Relations for Charter Communications, appeared before Council to present a \$1,000 donation to Dana Duran, executive director of Boys and Girls Club, for all the wonderful things that the club does for children. Dana expressed her appreciation to Wendy for the donation.

Wendy then presented some books, with extensive information, to each Council member regarding government owned broadband networks. She then offered some thoughts on this information.

Interim City Manager Nelson and City Attorney Romney presented a non-exclusive license agreement between the City and High Rapid Networks LLC for discussion and approval. This agreement is regarding a wireless internet system on tower structures located on city property. Following a brief discussion, Councilman Ponikvar moved with a second by Councilman Nielson to approve, as amended, a non-exclusive license agreement between the City of Craig and High Rapid Networks, LLC, for the installation, maintenance and operation of a wireless Internet system on existing tower sites. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

City Attorney Romney presented Ordinance No. 1054 (2016) for first reading. This ordinance amends the noise ordinance and reflects changes made since the last Council meeting. Danny Griffiths, owner of JW Snacks, spoke against the ordinance as presented. Following a lengthy discussion, Councilman Nielson moved with a second by Councilman Ponikvar to approve, on first reading as amended, Ordinance 1054 (2016) which amends the noise ordinance pertaining to noise permits as contained in Section 9.42.060. Ayes: 3. Nays: 2. Motion carried. Councilman Ponikvar and Councilman Ogden voted in the minority.

City Attorney Romney presented Ordinance No. 1055 (2016) for first reading. No changes have been made to this ordinance since introduction. Councilman Nielson moved with a second by Councilman Ogden to approve, on first reading, Ordinance No. 1055 adopting section 13.36.055 of the Craig Municipal Code to establish standards for control of Backflow and Cross-Connection by water users. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

City Attorney Romney introduced Ordinance No. 1056 (2016) which is an ordinance amending section 2.04.010 of the Craig Municipal Code concerning the time of regular city council meetings. A brief discussion was held.

Water/Wastewater Director Sollenberger reviewed the monthly water and wastewater reports with Council. He indicated that the fish net has been installed at Elkhead Reservoir as part of the non-native fish program. He also commended Carl Ray, the IT/Facilities Maintenance/Wastewater Manager for his outstanding work on the Lariat Lift Station.

Interim City Manager Nelson reviewed the August 2016 financials with Council. He also reminded Council and Staff of the annual budget retreat on October 6th at 8:30 a.m. at the school administration building.

City Attorney Romney discussed with Council the process to fill Mayor Beck's position when he assumes his position as Moffat County Commissioner.

Citizen Ken Wergin offered comments to Council particularly thanking the Solid Waste department for helping with the tree limbs on 4th street.

There being no further business, Councilman Ogden moved with a second by Councilman Duran to adjourn the meeting. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.